

Citrix® XenServer Express Edition

Get started with Xen!

Download your free copy of Citrix XenServer Express Edition today and get started enjoying the benefits of server virtualization.

What is Xen?

The Xen hypervisor is a unique open source technology invented by a team led by Ian Pratt at the University of Cambridge (who subsequently founded XenSource) and developed cooperatively by the world's best engineers at over 20 of the most innovative data center solution vendors. With Xen virtualization, a thin software layer (known as the Xen hypervisor) is installed directly on the hardware, or "bare metal," and is thereby inserted between the server's hardware and the operating system. This provides an abstraction layer that allows each physical server to run one or more "virtual servers," effectively decoupling the operating system and its applications from the underlying physical server. Xen's paravirtualization technology is widely acknowledged as the fastest and most secure virtualization software in the industry, and is enhanced by taking full advantage of the latest Intel VT and AMD-V hardware virtualization assist capabilities. Xen is exceptionally lean-- less than 50,000 lines of code -- which translates to extremely low overhead and near-native performance for guests.

Citrix XenServer Express Edition

Citrix XenServer Express Edition is a free, production-ready virtualization platform that enables everyone to quickly get started with Xen virtualization. Easily installed and seamlessly upgradeable, Citrix XenServer Express Edition is your on-ramp to Xen and the Citrix XenServer product family.

Citrix XenServer Express Edition offers all of the base performance, tools, and easy to use features of Citrix XenServer Enterprise Edition and is built to run on the broadest range of standard server hardware. It supports dual socket servers with up to 4GB of RAM and can host up to four virtual machines on each system.

Citrix XenServer Express Edition can be quickly upgraded to the richer capabilities of Citrix XenServer Standard Edition or Citrix XenServer Enterprise Edition by the simple addition of a license key, with no need to reinstall software or convert guests.

	Citrix XenServer Express Edition
Administrative Model	Single Server
Physical Memory	1GB - 4GB
CPU Sockets	2
Simultaneously Active Guests	4
RAM per VM	4GB
Resource Pools	N/A*
Shared Storage	N/A*
Live Relocation	N/A*
VLAN Configuration	N/A*
Resource QoS (CPU, disk, network)	N/A*

* Features available in Citrix XenServer Enterprise Edition

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