

## Citrix WorkspacePod Powered by DataON Storage and HGST Delivers the First 12Gb/s Platform for Modern Mobile Workspace Services

*DataON Hyper-Resilient Architecture Standardizes using HGST SAS SSDs for High Availability and Enterprise-grade Storage in Virtual Desktop Applications*

**Anaheim, CA May 12, 2015** -- DataON Storage, the leading provider of OS-agnostic storage platforms, unveils the next generation hyper-converged Cluster-in-a-Box (CiB) appliance, featuring the HGST Ultrastar® family of 12Gb/s SAS SSDs, to power the Citrix WorkspacePod—a pre-defined software stack on validated platforms for delivering workspace services including apps, desktops and data. In collaboration with technology partners, Citrix is developing turnkey appliances that include integrated compute, storage and hyper-resiliency to reduce the cost and complexity for deploying virtualization infrastructures. The DataON CiB-9224 V12 Cluster-in-a-Box is the first end-to-end 12Gb/s SAS WorkspacePod available in the mobile desktop marketplace, leveraging the industry's most reliable and ultra-high performance SAS SSDs from HGST.

This growth oriented architecture integrates Citrix workspace infrastructure software with DataON's Cluster-in-a-Box platform to deliver rich apps and desktops with exceptional price, performance and flexibility. DataON's performance-tuned dual-node appliance can be deployed as standalone single WorkspacePod appliance furnishing beyond 150 XenDesktop or 750 XenApp sessions. As growth occurs, the WorkspacePod can be swiftly stacked with additional units via high speed 12Gb/s SAS interconnects to provide linear scale-out growth exceeding 750 XenDesktop or 3,750 XenApp sessions, while offering terabytes of tiered scalable shared storage.

"As the market leader in VDI, we've taken the reins to simplify session, app and desktop delivery management. With WorkspacePod we're helping the market reduce the infrastructure cost and complexity for workspace delivery," said Eva Helen, senior director of business development, storage technologies, Citrix. "The Citrix WorkspacePod powered by DataON offers an easy to scale modular footprint that is well-suited to accelerate workspace deployments and bring unfettered performance metrics in excess of 2.5 million IOPS at a very attractive per-user price."

As server and software licensing costs are well documented, one remaining barrier for VDI and application delivery adoption is storage due to its cost and complexity of deployment. The Citrix WorkspacePod addresses this issue by validating a simplified scalable converged infrastructure at a breakthrough price per user ratio in the mobile workspace market, consolidating existing on-premise or cloud storage infrastructure and dramatically reducing the time-to-value for workspace deployments.

"The Citrix WorkspacePod architecture answers the challenge of nebulous disjointed virtual desktop deployments by delivering a vetted and validated complete turnkey appliance while taming storage cost overruns prevalent in hyper-converged infrastructures," states Trenton R. Baker, vice president business development, DataON Storage. "As a Citrix Ready partner, DataON Storage is pleased to furnish the Cluster-in-a-Box hyper-resilient storage appliance featuring HGST flash storage for WorkspacePod deployments. Our solution provides the building block required to build a highly resilient and cost-efficient software-defined data center."

As the leader in SAS SSDs, HGST, a Western Digital company was selected as the flash storage building block to help drive the performance, capacity and reliability in the Citrix WorkspacePod powered by DataON. The HGST enterprise-class Ultrastar SSDs deliver cutting-edge technology yielding predictable and sustained performance necessary to deploy workspace solutions scaling to thousands of users. This solution partnership helps Citrix maintain a high-quality intuitive end user experience, which has become its hallmark.

"As the global leader in enterprise-class HDD and SSD, we are pleased to be included as the de facto drive platform for the Citrix WorkspacePod powered by DataON," said Ulrich Hansen, vice president of product marketing, HGST. "We have had a long history with DataON and with the development of the pre-integrated WorkspacePod appliance for virtual desktop infrastructures, HGST and DataON can enable CIOs to quickly embrace the benefits of Citrix XenDesktop and XenApp deployments, while leveraging the most advanced SAS SSDs for enterprise infrastructure."

### Availability

Citrix WorkspacePod powered by DataON will be available through Citrix channel partners and will be shipping in 2H 2015, targeting branch and regional office deployments with plans of effortlessly scaling into 1000s of VDI and application deployments without stressing cost constraints. This joint solution will be made available for viewing in the DataON booth #611 at the annual Citrix Synergy, May 12–14, 2015 in Orlando, FL.

### About DataON

DataON Storage is a leading provider of OS-agnostic storage platforms, including scale-out JBOD enclosures and converged storage cluster-in-a-box appliances. DataON offers resilient, scalable and high-performance solutions tailored to snap into any cluster-aware software-defined storage environment. The DataON tiered storage CiB design enables SMBs and enterprises to achieve million IOPS performance with petabyte scalability; tuned for software-defined data centers, VM and storage convergence, desktop virtualization (VDI), database, and private cloud deployments. DataON is the storage division of Area Data Systems; information is available at [www.DataONstorage.com](http://www.DataONstorage.com), call +1 (888)726-8588 or comment via [@DataON](https://twitter.com/DataON).

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