

Miami Marlins IT Team Gains Productivity Boost with Ivanti

**Profile:**

The Miami Marlins professional baseball franchise joined Major League Baseball as an expansion team in 1993 and has two World Series titles.

Location:

Miami, FL

Industry:

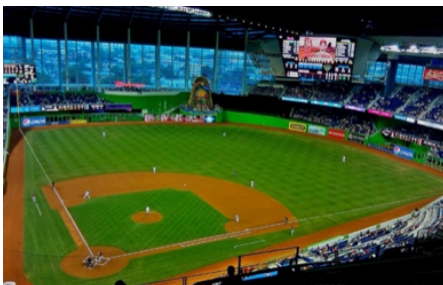
Professional Sports Club

Solutions:

Ivanti Workspace Control

Benefits:

- Reduced logon times
- Reduction in gold images
- Centralized, simplified environment management
- Personalized user workspaces
- Support for roaming users



The Miami Marlins organization is a Major League Baseball franchise based in Miami, Florida. In 2012, the Marlins moved into its new home at Marlins Park, which provided an opportunity for the Marlins' IT group to make some key changes to the desktop infrastructure to enable always-on system availability for the Marlins' workforce.

Additionally, the IT group wanted flexible and easy access for their workforce while centralizing and streamlining user workspace management. To maintain productivity through the move, the IT team also wanted to ensure minimal disruption and a good user experience before, during, and after the move to the new ballpark.

Situation

IT identified VDI as the best solution to meet their goals and selected Citrix XenDesktop to allow the team to move end users' workspaces quickly and efficiently to the new park. However, as IT added users, apps, and services to the infrastructure, IT began to experience performance issues managing the workspace, which inevitably led to long logon times – seven minutes or longer in some cases.

While investigating the cause of those long logons, IT discovered inefficiencies in their implementation. As problems surfaced, IT was forced to build more complex environments for individual users, multiple profiles, and other workarounds that addressed the immediate problems but made end-user personalization difficult to manage and maintain and that prolonged logon times.

“With Ivanti, we are able to centrally manage a single golden image yet personalize the desktop. So, IT is able to manage our enterprise environment more easily, yet users get a more personalized workspace with the right access levels.”

David Enriquez, Sr. Director, IT, Miami Marlins L.P.

Benefits of Ivanti Workspace Control for Miami Marlins:

- Improved speed and performance of virtual environments
- Better management and scalable personalization of virtual images and user settings
- Increased overall quality of IT service delivered to the business
- Reduced logon time by over 30%
- Allowed IT to be in a position to support BYOD and other strategic initiatives

Solution

The Marlins' IT team wanted to upgrade their Citrix environment and ensure fast logons and end-user personalization to improve end users' experience, reduce service desk tickets, and cut the workload of the members of the IT team responsible for centrally managing user workspace settings. The team turned to Choice Solutions, who introduced them to Ivanti Workspace Control that allows IT to centrally manage and control the user workspace across physical, virtual, and hybrid environments. With the solution, the Marlins' IT team enhanced user workspace management in their virtual desktops. Plans are underway to extend Workspace Control to physical desktops to unify user workspace management of all staff members, including field staff who need specific access privileges.

“Ivanti gives us the ability to be more dynamic. We can improve how we support our users. Printer mapping, changing signatures, and overall administration is so much easier. No one needs to log off for needed changes to be put in place.”

Alexis Farres, Network Services Manager, Miami Marlins, L.P.

With Ivanti, IT is able to personalize settings and have those settings move as Marlins employees move, regardless of when or where they log in from.

The Marlins organization transformed its traditional desktop into a centralized and secure user workspace based on user context, providing a personalized experience for each user without scripting, plus centralized user workspace management. Post implementation, logon

times dropped from seven minutes to 30 to 35 seconds, and reboots, which could normally take 15 minutes or more, are now down to 35 seconds.

The positive outcomes made possible by Ivanti did not go unnoticed by Marlins' senior management. David Enriquez, Miami Marlins Senior Director, said, “With Ivanti, the difference has been night and day. Since implementing, our IT team has received great feedback from our users.”

The IT group's future plans include implementation of a BYOD program, made possible by Workspace Control, which will enable IT to better manage a mix of devices while giving end users a great experience.

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