

TECHNOLOGY TIP

“VIRTUALISATION”

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Over the past couple of years we have been keeping a careful eye on the development of System Virtualisation. We believe that this technology has truly come of age and we shall see significant adoption in the coming years.

What is System Virtualisation? It is a framework that allows the functions of more than one computer system to run the same computer hardware.

No clearer? Below I outline a couple examples where this technology can be used:

- 1) Small & Medium sized businesses often find the need to have more than one computer server in their computer room. With virtualisation we will see the consolidation of multiple servers to one computing hardware platform.
- 2) In the home environment many home users have been put off purchasing an Apple computer because they use software applications that do not run on the Apple. With virtualisation it is possible to run Windows on the Apple computer at the same time as running the Apple software.

What are the benefits?

In example one, having less computer hardware means savings on hardware purchases, electricity costs as well as reducing floor space.

In example two we see that the choice of software applications and operating systems may become hardware independent with virtualisation technology.

If you would like to know more about this exciting technology please call me on 01483 238260.

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