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CLOUD SERVER FROM IGNITE

Boost your business with Ignite's **Cloud Infrastructure Solutions**



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CLOUD-BASED TECHNOLOGY THAT ENABLES YOUR BUSINESS

Increased business performance, agility and convenience at a fraction of the cost

The Cloud has gone from being a disruptive technology to a business imperative at lightning speed – and the reasons for this are more than obvious. With the many business benefits it offers, it's no wonder that IT teams are trading dusty server rooms for agile, Cloud-based solutions that help organisations perform at their optimum.

Virtual machines are fast replacing costly-to-maintain physical servers that were once the backbone of big and small companies. Ignite's Cloud Server takes the concept of server virtualisation to the next level with a suite of solutions that caters for companies of all shapes, sizes, industries and niches.

By allowing you to virtualise legacy server investments and expand your back-end investments at a fraction of the traditional cost, we're making it possible for your organisation to perform at the speed of now.

Why choose Ignite's Cloud Server solutions?

- Our infrastructure enables you to provide proactive support for high-demand, business-critical applications with fewer human and hardware resources.
- Substantially reduce the total cost of ownership on your IT investments and refocus from maintenance costs to proactive investments.
- Leverage superior computing, storage and processing capabilities.
- Less complex infrastructure with fewer administrative overheads means better resource utilisation across the board.
- Simplify infrastructure expansion, upgrades and integration with superior integration capabilities that are intrinsic to virtual technologies.

Ready to lock up the server room for good? Great, let's get started.



ONE PORTAL TO RULE THEM ALL

Launch your new server In virtually no time

The Ignite online portal allows you to configure your virtual servers according to the CPU capacity, operating system, RAM, disk space and other configuration parameters you need. Configuration takes less than a few minutes and once you've made your selections, your virtual servers are up in a matter of minutes.

Security, OS updates and other post-installation tasks are automated so you don't have to spend hours configuring menial administrative tasks. Choose between the most popular server operating systems such as MS Windows, Linux, Mac Server OS and more.

Let's look at the steps you will take when building your new virtual server.



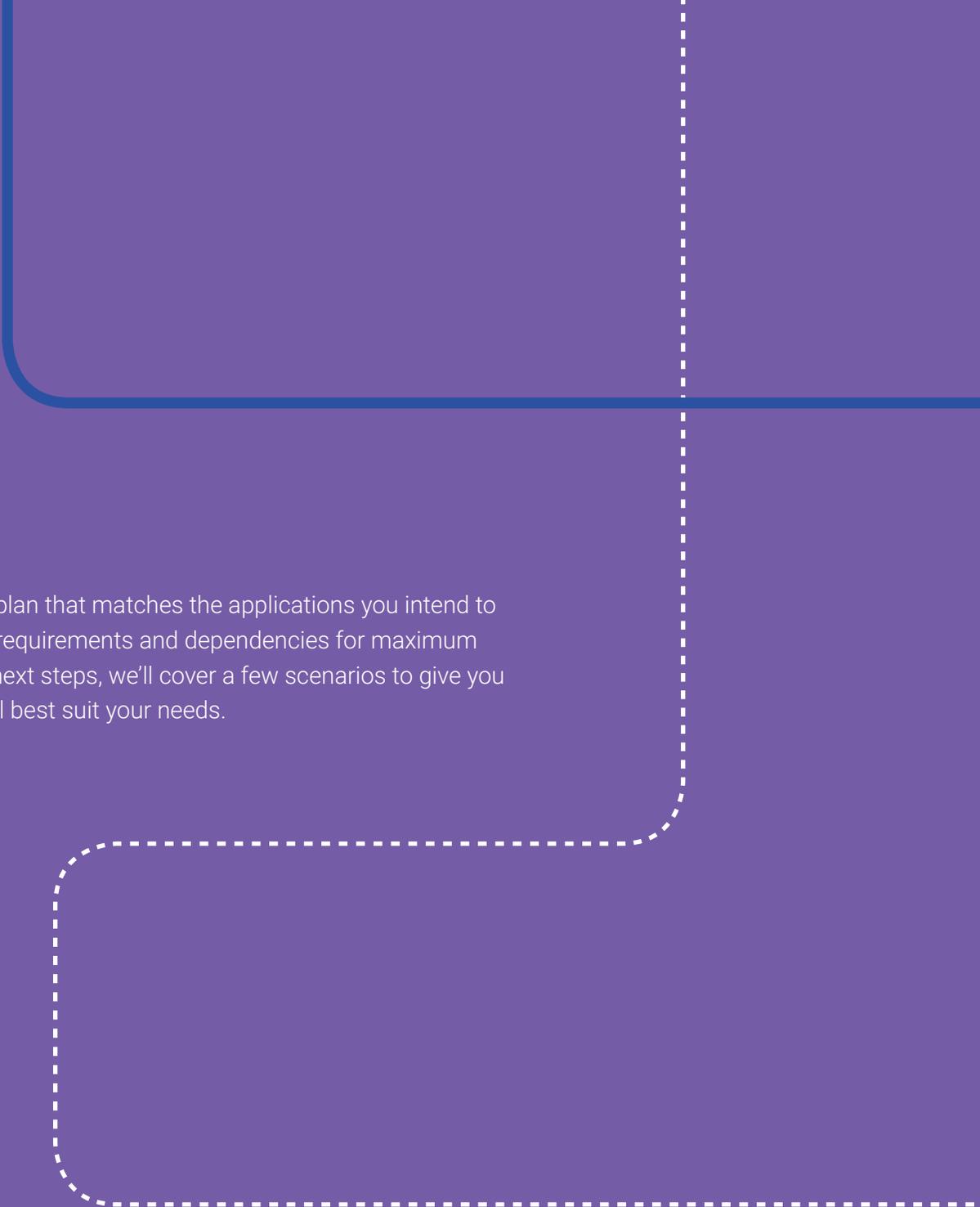
CHOOSE THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Ignite offers you the most robust and reliable virtual IT infrastructure in SA

Every virtual machine consists of four key components:

- The underlying hardware supporting the VM(s).
- The virtual central processing unit (CPU).
- Storage space in the form of virtual hard disks (VHD).
- The virtual operating system.

The above-mentioned components can be specced according to your requirements. We do not charge extra for operating system licences as this is included in the total cost of each virtual server. Windows and a wide range of Linux solutions are the popular operating systems deployed in our data centres.



You will need to choose the ideal plan that matches the applications you intend to run with the associated resource requirements and dependencies for maximum performance and stability. In the next steps, we'll cover a few scenarios to give you a better idea of which VM plan will best suit your needs.



MATCHING THE RIGHT VM TO YOUR BUSINESS REQUIREMENT

What plan is right for my business?

No two companies are alike. That's why we developed a suite of VM solutions that cater for practically every business requirement. Whether you're a WordPress guru who builds breathtaking websites for a range of small businesses or a fast-moving accounting firm with clients who have serious security and data integrity demands – if you need it, you can build it in minutes, thanks to our pioneering VM solutions.

Scenario 1: A small accounting firm of about 10 staff members that uses a Windows-based financial application will typically require an MS Server with 1-2 virtual CPUs. For added application performance and database responsiveness, we recommend about 8GB of RAM. If your staff count doubles in a year, simply add additional resources to accommodate the demands placed on your VM.

Scenario 2: A single-person, web-hosting company that hosts websites for several small business clients will sign up for a Cloud server with about four CPUs and 4 Gigs of RAM and select one of the many Linux operating system solutions that best suits his/her needs.

Once purchased, the VMs are available for configuration immediately with no delays to your business.



GET YOUR VM UP AND RUNNING IN ONLY A FEW MINUTES

Forget install disk and progress bars, spin up your VM in minutes

Once you've got your requirements specced out, its time to order and configure your first Ignite-powered virtual server. Ignite's Premier Virtual Servers allow you and your IT team to configure your CPU, RAM and hard drive requirements on industry-leading VMWare and Dell Datacenter hardware.

Take these steps to get started with Ignite Premier Virtual server:

- Choose between the Ignite Premier Cloud Starter or Cloud Advanced plans.
- Customise your server for best performance. Here, you'll specify the number of CPUs, the RAM allocated and hard drive space.
- Select the appropriate operating system for your new server resource.
- Provide the server with a logical name that follows your company's naming convention.
- Spin up your server and start configuring it.

Once you've configured your first VM, you can deploy as many servers as you want to build your back-end resources. You can also upgrade your Virtual Hard Drive (VHD) space to up to 2TB. Depending on your requirements, make your selection on one or a combination of the following. Select one or more of the following popular operating systems:

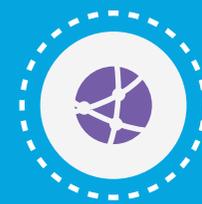
CentOS, Debian-Wheezy, Fedora, FreeBSD, Ubuntu OS, Ubuntu Server, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012

Next, we'll cover a few important considerations you need to factor in before choosing the right VM for your business.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING THE RIGHT VM FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Choose the right VM for your business needs

Virtualisation technology gives IT teams and the businesses they support a huge injection of flexibility compared with the days when server deployments were complex, angst-ridden and expensive affairs. With that said, identifying the right solution for your business needs is a crucial part of getting the best performance, stability and functionality from your chosen server.





Here are a few important factors to keep in mind:

- You'll need a stable, high-speed Internet connection to get the best response times from your VM. This doesn't relate to the speed of the actual machine, but the on-screen feedback you'll receive over your line – the faster the line, the faster the on-screen feedback.
- Consider an Ignite back-up solution to ensure that all your VM data is secured.
- While it's not a high-performance solution, you can perform certain upgrades to your VMs. Make sure you understand the full range of available post-installation upgrades.
- You can change the operating system of your VM at a later stage, so if you haven't fully decided on the right OS, don't let this be a deal breaker.
- While Ignite provides a certain level of security for all the VMs in our data centres, you are required to implement suitable security measures to keep your resources safe.

If you want to find out more, or discuss any of the above-mentioned considerations in more detail, feel free to get in touch with one of our technical or sales consultants at any time.



BUSINESS AND CONTRACT RULES

The fine print

- All contracts are on a month-to-month basis with no lockdowns in place.
- Pro-rata billing, so no nasty surprises on your first bill.
- No set-up fee. We've made configuring your VM so simple that we just can't charge for it!
- Every client receives three free snapshots of the VMs after which they will be billed per snapshot.
- Ignite will take care of your licensing requirements.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you need any additional information,
get in touch.

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