



## TIP SHEET

# TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE CITRIX WORKSPACE AND IGEL OS

The Citrix Workspace and Workspace app, along with IGEL OS, comprise an unbeatable combination to enable people to work from anywhere, using almost any device. Here are the top reasons Citrix and IGEL are ideal for work-from-home and remote endpoint access to virtual apps, desktops, and cloud workspaces:

- 1. Leaders in remote desktop and application access: Citrix** “wrote the book” on enabling people to access their desired apps and desktops from virtually anywhere and has been the leader in enabling remote access for over two decades. Based on Linux, **IGEL OS** provides both a time-tested operating system for on-premises and remote “off-network” endpoints and serves as the **ideal next-gen edge OS for cloud workspaces**.
- 2. The Citrix Workspace and IGEL OS are flexible and great for work-from-home** Citrix digital workspaces give your people a flexible and secure platform to connect, collaborate, and innovate – on any application, any device, any cloud, at any time. IGEL OS runs on any compatible x86-64 device, and the IGEL UD Pocket thumbnail-size USB device can instantly turn any home or personal device into an IGEL OS-powered Citrix workspace. IGEL OS firmware licenses are portable, so they can be assigned to other devices in the future. When work-from-home and remote work are desired or required for business continuity reasons, Citrix and IGEL can quickly keep your people productive from almost anywhere.
- 3. Citrix software and IGEL OS are hardware agnostic.** The Citrix Workspace App can be installed on virtually any client device, and IGEL OS converts any x86-64 device, regardless of manufacturer or form factor, into a highly secure, standardized endpoint.
- 4. Citrix and IGEL OS save money** by minimizing capital expenditures (CAPEX). The Citrix Workspace App allows users to access their desired apps, desktops, and cloud workspaces from any device they wish. By extending the life of existing hardware, IGEL OS delays or eliminates the dreaded “hardware refresh” and the disruption and cost of investing in new devices.
- 5. Citrix and IGEL OS are simple!** The Citrix Workspace gives people access to all the apps they use for work – web, virtual, mobile, and SaaS – from one **easy-to-use** portal on any of their devices. IGEL OS is easy to install and use, as its no-touch deployment and drag-and-drop profiling make any IT pro’s life much easier.
- 6. The Citrix Workspace and IGEL OS help protect the enterprise** by moving desktop PC workloads from hundreds or even thousands (up to 100,000) of endpoints into a secure data center or cloud environment. IGEL OS is read-only and modular to minimize “footprint” to further help protect the edge from digital attacks.

7. The Citrix Workspace and IGEL OS deliver seamless, **enterprise-level security**. The Citrix Workspace is able to lock down screen sharing, local drive access, and USB access with precision, all while keeping your data safe within the data center or cloud. Data is stored centrally instead of on physical endpoints. IGEL OS supports two-factor authentication, smart card readers, and trusted execution, along with IGEL's end-to-end "chain of trust" from device start-up to application execution.
8. The Citrix Workspace and IGEL OS are **efficient**. The Citrix workspace enables highly efficient access to virtual apps as "pooled" digital resources, as well as dedicated virtual desktops. It also supports access to popular cloud platforms, including Windows Virtual Desktop (WVD), from the Azure cloud. This includes multi-session Windows 10. With its modular design, IGEL OS can turn off unused features, giving resources back to the system.
9. The Citrix Workspace and IGEL OS are **highly customizable**. The Citrix Workspace app supports brand personalization, which allows organizations to customize not only the name of the Citrix Workspace app, but also the application icon, color, and theme. IGEL OS also enables corporate branding and unique screensavers for corporate messaging that can make endpoint devices look and perform exactly as desired based on organizational requirements. IGEL custom partitions enable support of networks, protocols, and peripherals not supported in the current IGEL OS release.
10. Citrix and IGEL OS have a lot of friends! Both companies offer integrated solutions with a **broad technology partner ecosystem**. Citrix has the vast, global Citrix Ready program, which includes the online Citrix Ready Marketplace of technology partners that reaches over 400,000 customers and 10,000 resellers. IGEL works with over 90 leading technology partners to ensure integration of the latest technologies: authentication, dictation, e-signature, unified communications, printing, USB management, and many more.
11. The Citrix Workspace App and IGEL OS **bring people and teams together**. By supporting leading tools for unified communications and collaboration, Citrix and IGEL enable widely distributed teams to work seamlessly together. Organizations may choose between Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Cisco WebEx and Teams, Jabra, and Avaya.
12. The Citrix Workspace and IGEL OS are **popular!** As of mid-2019, Citrix virtual apps and desktops are in use by **more than 100 million users**. IGEL has a **vast installed base** of over three million IGEL OS-powered clients used by over 17,000 customers. Together, Citrix and IGEL have a rapidly growing community of joint customers around the globe.
13. The Citrix Workspace app and IGEL OS **stay current!** IGEL OS is updated with new firmware updates continuously via four feature releases per year, including the latest version of the Workspace app, with intermediate releases available as needed.

For the above reasons, Citrix and IGEL can help organizations of any size to better connect your people to their desired apps, desktops, and cloud workspaces – from anywhere. And almost on any device. When your people need non-stop access to their key digital resources to remain productive from anywhere, Citrix and IGEL are the answer.

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