



Enable Single Namespace for VMware Horizon with View Deployments

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- BIG-IP® Local Traffic Manager™
- BIG-IP® Global Traffic Manager™
- BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager®
- F5® iApps® for VMware Horizon with View
- VMware Horizon with View

Managing user access to a globally distributed virtual desktop infrastructure supported by multiple data centers presents several unique challenges. One of those challenges is supporting a single namespace (for example, <https://desktop.example.com>) for all users independently from their geographical locations or their respective business units. Providing a single namespace to end users lessens the burden on IT staff by reducing administrative tasks. It also cuts costs for companies' IT help desks by lowering incoming support calls. The F5 solution for VMware Horizon with View offers a single namespace and streamlined access to clients such as Apple iPad, Microsoft Windows 7, and even zero- or thin-client platforms.

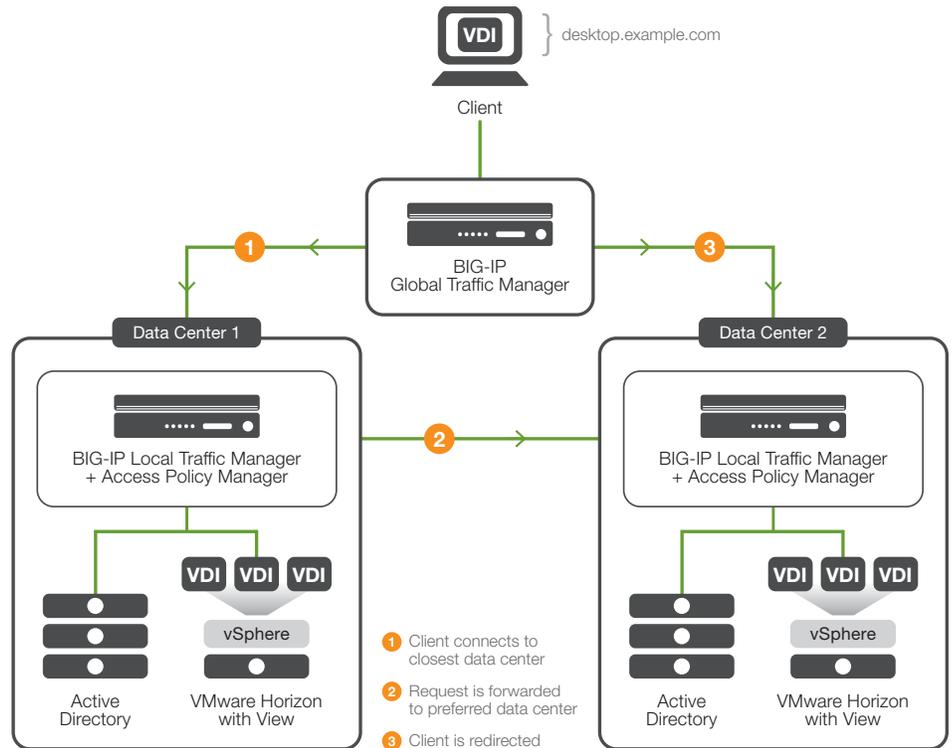
Global Access, Single Domain Name

VMware Horizon with View virtual desktop clients connect by domain name. A common scenario is to provide a specific domain name to users either based on a user's geographical location (for example, <https://europe.example.com>) or a user's business unit (for example, <https://finance.example.com>). If an end user is not being connected to the most appropriate data center, the user's overall experience might be sub-optimal.

By deploying BIG-IP Global Traffic Manager (GTM), a single namespace (for example, <https://desktop.example.com>) can be provided to all end users. BIG-IP GTM and BIG-IP Local Traffic Manager (LTM) work together to ensure that requests are sent to a user's preferred data center, regardless of the user's current location. Furthermore, BIG-IP Access Policy Manager (APM) validates the login information against the existing authentication and authorization mechanisms such as Active Directory, RADIUS, HTTP, or LDAP.

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Example of a simplified single namespace architecture for VMware Horizon with View.

Seamless Global and Local Coordination

As shown in the diagram, the single namespace solution for VMware Horizon with View is enabled by BIG-IP GTM, BIG-IP LTM, and BIG-IP APM working together seamlessly and transparently to the end user.

BIG-IP GTM sends the initial user request to the geographically closest data center. However, after BIG-IP APM validates the user's credentials and determines that the preferred desktop for this user resides in a different data center, BIG-IP LTM communicates with BIG-IP GTM to redirect the request to the user's preferred data center.

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