How smart is your hybrid workspace?

Discover an unexpected way to keep your workforce securely and reliably connected anywhere they choose to work

Hybrid work is here to stay. According to the latest Gallup survey on hybrid work, 91% of workers want remote work flexibility going forward.[1]

Providing the appropriate devices to those workers is the responsibility of already overwhelmed IT teams. According to Foundry's State of the CIO report, 74% of CIOs say the move to hybrid work continues to increase stress on their IT teams and systems.[2]

IT decision-makers (ITDMs) can turn these challenges into opportunities by adopting smarter devices — improving the employee experience while streamlining their own processes.

59% of CIOs said their IT budget increased this year, up from just 37% last year.[2] The opportunities exist. The budget increases exist. So, how will your IT team make the most of those funds?

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Work deserves a smarter foundation

The heart of the hybrid workspace is the dock. Often overlooked, the humble dock may offer the greatest return for your hybrid workspace investment. Smart docks offer:

- Remote device updates and management

- Universal connectivity

- Advanced security features

- Reporting for a smoother support experience

How much time and money could you save your organization with greater visibility into your fleet? Let's take a deeper look into the heart of your hybrid strategy to find out.

The ThinkPad® Universal Smart Dock is the world's first smart dock powered by Microsoft Azure Sphere, enabling firmware updates and maintenance without the need for a connected laptop.

The cloud-based Lenovo Smart Dock Console makes scheduling and implementing updates and support much simpler. Connect it all to the cloud confidently with the enterprise-level security of Microsoft Azure Sphere.

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How smart are your docks?

Are you offering your remote employees a smart bridge between workspaces? Complete the following checklist to find out.

☐ **Are you able to update firmware remotely?**
Docks are as reliable and secure as their last update. IT professionals must ensure firmware updates and maintenance can happen remotely — preferably on a schedule and without the need for a connected laptop.

☐ **Do your docks provide universal connectivity?**
Do you know how many monitors, peripherals, and devices are connected to your docks? Ensure your smart dock has the appropriate ports for the needs of your workforce.

☐ **How much visibility do you have into your fleet?**
Do you know where your docks are? How many are actively used? How many need updates? Make sure your smart dock is smart enough to give you that level of transparency.

☐ **Are your docks secure?**
67% of business cyberattacks target remote workers.[3] Ensure your smart docks are protected with built-in enterprise-level security.

The ThinkPad® Universal Smart Dock is the foundation of your smarter hybrid strategy.

Learn more at **www.lenovo.com/Smart-Docks**

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