



Business Systems Group

## The BSG Platform Test Centre

The BSG Platform Test Centre is a brand new demonstration and evaluation facility available for all BSG customers and vendor partners to use for product demonstrations, application porting and proof of concept testing.

The Platform Test Centre has a range of fully integrated server, storage and software applications available at short notice – the average required notice period is only 3 days.

BSG is also happy to work with a customer or vendor who has a specific hardware product or software application that requires demonstration or evaluation – the Platform Test Centre can be tailored to meet a specific requirement.

### Environment and Demonstrations

BSG is making regular additions to its Platform Test Centre - the following products and demonstrations are currently available:

Products:

- IBM Blade Servers
- NetApp Storage
- Sun Ray Thin Clients
- Microsoft software
- VMware Software
- NetApp software
- Citrix Software
- Sun Software
- Symantec Software
- HP Software



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## Demonstrations

### Server Virtualisation

Virtualisation has accelerated the movement away from single server systems, delivering much improved system utilisation, quicker application deployment, as well as benefiting from the built-in disaster recovery and business continuity advantages associated with it. BSG works with a number of the leading virtualisation vendors and the following software demonstrations are available:

- VMware vSphere
- VMware vCenter
- Microsoft Hyper V

### Desktop Virtualisation and Thin Clients

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) has become increasingly popular in the past 18 months, with widespread media coverage and a wealth of information available and as a result. VDI is now seen as the de facto way of enabling higher asset utilisation and better PC management, without compromising the experience of the end user. Demonstrations from the following desktop virtualisation vendors are currently available:

- VMware View
- Citrix Xen App

### Storage and Data De-duplication

The storage environment within the BSG Platform Test Centre is based on NetApp technology. NetApp provides unique storage-efficiency technologies that provide greater utilisation without compromise. Some of the leading NetApp software applications include thin provisioning, data de-duplication, RAID-DP, and point-in-time copy technology (NetApp Snapshot). The Platform Test Centre can demonstrate a number of NetApp technologies, including:

- SnapDrive
- SnapManager for SQL
- SnapManager for Exchange
- SnapManager for Virtual Infrastructure
- SnapMirror
- Flexclone
- Deduplication
- Windows and Unix native Fileshares
- Fibre Channel and iSCSI connectivity

### Backup

In an increasingly uncertain world, business continuity and reliable data backup solutions are a pre-requisite for any organisation. Despite recent advances, many organisations are still trapped in a cycle of escalating costs and complexity when it comes to data backup and recovery. A complete backup solution offers organisations full protection of data in all circumstances. BSG is able to provide a number of Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery solutions tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual client.

In the Platform Test Centre view live demonstrations of i365 Software, delivering the core of the BSG Guardian Managed Backup Service, and HP Data Protector, offering high performance backup and recovery from disk or tape over unlimited distances. Available demonstrations include:

- i365 EVault Data Protection software and SaaS for backup and recovery
- i365 Retention Management solutions for data recovery, migration, restoration and data management solutions
- i365 MetaLINC E-Discovery solutions for first pass processing and advanced content analysis of electronic information
- HP Data Protector 6.1

### Systems Monitoring – BSG Sentinel Managed Monitoring

When IT services are interrupted, IT Professionals are expected to take the necessary actions to restore services as quickly as possible. The cost of downtime can be directly linked to how long it takes to restore the services and time is money. BSG Sentinel Managed Monitoring delivers organisations extensible and scalable enterprise-class service monitoring and management by providing: comprehensive event management, proactive monitoring and alerting of thresholds & events, root cause analysis of identified problems, reporting and trend analysis as well as delivering system and application specific knowledge and tasks.

The Platform Test Centre demonstrates the Microsoft Systems Center Operations Manager (SCOM) 2007 which is used as the backbone of the BSG Sentinel Managed Monitoring Service.

### Email and Email Archiving

BSG works with leading vendors Microsoft and Symantec to provide email and email archiving solutions to our clients. The Platform Test Centre currently demonstrates the following integrated solution:

- Microsoft Exchange 2007
- Symantec Enterprise Vault

## Using the BSG Platform Test Centre

If you wish to discuss the utilisation of the Test Centre, please complete the online request at: [www.bsg.co.uk/platformtestcentre.aspx](http://www.bsg.co.uk/platformtestcentre.aspx)  
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