

Ruby Hall Gains Mobility and Flexibility from Citrix XenApp



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Founder chairman Dr. K B Grant, an eminent cardiologist, established Ruby Hall Clinic in 1959 with just two beds. In 1966 it was converted from a private institution to a public charitable trust – Poona Medical Foundation. It was later converted to the Grant Medical Foundation in 2000. Today Ruby Hall Clinic boasts of 550 inpatient beds including 130 intensive care beds, with staff strength of 150 consultants, 500 panel doctors and 1400 paramedical staff.

Key Benefits

- Anytime, anywhere access to apps
- Reduces app management cost by 90%
- Enhances data security
- Enables critical decision making

The Challenge: Lack of Mobility and Flexibility

Ruby Hall was witnessing varying personalization, performance and mobility requirements across the organization. Doctors were feeling the pressing need to access reports and patient records from anywhere and at anytime on their mobile devices. But, they were unable to do so.

The company's existing platform, TeamViewer, did not address these bottlenecks and had its own limitations. "The solution did not help us in accessing our applications remotely. Besides, we could not access them on any mobile device. The result was that doctors were unable to check reports on the go, impacting turnaround time, patient satisfaction as well as business," explains Patil.

There was need for a viable technology platform that could overcome these limitations and fill in the gap areas. This prompted the company's decision to go for an application virtualization solution.

Citrix XenApp is the Solution of Choice

For Ruby Hall, Citrix was the first choice. The company went in for an evaluation of Citirx XenApp, and found it to be exactly what it needed. "It was just right for our applications," asserts Patil.

It took Ruby Hall just 15-20 days to implement Citrix XenApp. The deployment started in May 2014 and we went live within the same month. The solution was deployed in Pune.

Presently there are 15 users, including some

critical care support staff and some doctors, leveraging Citrix XenApp. The new solution delivers applications such as pharmacy management application, customer feedback management solutions, nursing station applications, etc.

Remote Access to Apps

With the deployment of Citrix XenApp, Ruby Hall has been able to provide the power of mobility and flexibility to its users.

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"From the patients' perspective, a doctor can now see reports or diagnostics such as X-ray and MRI images from a remote place, which was not possible earlier. With Citrix XenApp, we can now do all this easily," he avers.

This has not only helped patients at Ruby Hall, but has also enabled the management to take crucial decisions without delays. "Citrix XenApp can be leveraged as a decision making tool for the management as they can access our management system from anywhere, and promptly take informed decisions," adds Mr. Bomi Bhote, Chief Executive Officer, Ruby Clinic.

The new solution also ensures security of sensitive data. It aids in centralizing applications in the datacenter to protect

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Applications Delivered

- Pharmacy management application
- Customer feedback management solutions
- · Nursing station applications
- Management Information System
- Material Management System
- PACS & LIS

intellectual property and sensitive, private information. Citrix XenApp allows for granular access policy enforcement that reduces the risk of data loss or intrusion through unsecured connections and VPN holes.

It has also helped reduce the management costs by as much as 90 percent by streamlining application deployment and lifecycle management.

"Citrix XenApp has helped us scale up and down based on business needs, and simplified business continuity by allowing us to host applications in redundant datacenters," says Patil.

Going forward, he feels Citrix XenApp will continue to play an important role in Ruby Hall's journey towards mobility. "Basically we are focusing on mobility and for that Citrix XenApp is the right application," he adds.

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