

Successful IT consolidation – procedures and experiences

IT consolidation is unchanged the top topic. Hardly any other topic has employed the IT departments so lastingly and durably in the last time. The aims are put highly and the operative risks by a simplified management of the IT infrastructure and optimized processes cover not only the reduction in the operative IT costs by a better use of the resources, the simplification of the IT infrastructure, as well as the minimization of operational risks. Consolidation concepts are based on three basic options mostly:

- **Physical consolidation**, this is the diminution of the number of locations or the number of server and applications.
- **logical consolidation** - The process of the reduction of redundant IT processes, functionalities and technology increases the productivity and service quality with the purpose of lowering costs.
- **Standardization** - the process of the standardization of technologies (hardware/software/applications) with the purpose of improving the productivity and exploitation of the resources.

Typical working examples for consolidation are among others:

- *Joining several Data Centers to a regional Data Center*
- *Corporate takeovers/merger*
- *Preparations for the putting into action of demanded savings*
- *Preparation for outsourcing*
- *Reduction of the system variety*
- *Reduction of the number of servers in the Data Center*
- *Elimination of 'rank growth' in the Data Center (VM-Spawl, Server Spawl)*
- *Reduction of the downtimes and increase of the availability, the performance and the service quality in the Data Center*
- *Increase of the IT safety*

All presentations of the conference include accordingly:

- Suggestion for methodical approaches in the IT consolidation
- Concept how the IT infrastructure can be simplified
- Recommendations for technologies – which and why?
- Possible solutions how CAPEX/OPEX costs can be reduced

Pay us a visit at this one-day conference on 25th, June in Vienna and take advantage of leading knowledge concerning vision, background and transformation options within IT consolidation.

We are looking forward to see you there!

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