

# CASE STUDY

Learn how Grant Thornton LLP, the sixth-largest accounting organization in the U.S., tackled a complex migration to Azure Virtual Desktop with the help of Nerdio Manager for Enterprise — their very own "Easy Button" for a challenging software.

#### **About Grant Thornton LLP**

Grant Thornton LLP is one of the world's largest accounting and advising firms, with over 8,500 employees, 550 partners, and annual revenue of nearly \$2 billion in 2019. Founded in 1986 and headquartered in Chicago, IL, Grant Thornton LLP has 51 offices in the U.S. and hundreds of member firms across the globe.

## **The Situation**

Grant Thornton LLP worked with a team of overseas developers, who needed access to the business's files and data via a secure connection, to maintain compliance within U.S. regulations. The company had already decided to migrate to Microsoft Azure, but the environment was too complex for them to do it alone — they needed a knowledgeable partner to help them onboard. Their first step was to run a test case, migrating a limited number of users to Azure to prove out the technology and make sure it was going to be a fit.

#### **The Solution**

Nerdio Manager provided Grant Thornton LLP with the "Easy Button" they were seeking, making AVD management painless and intuitive where before it had been inaccessibly complicated. Nerdio helped the company set up their AVD environment in just a few days, enabling them to test Azure with Nerdio Manager and get a feel for its value, which was illustrated immediately: with Nerdio, the company is saving \$20,000 a month on computing and storage fees.





### The Results

Not only did Nerdio Manager for Enterprise enable Grant Thornton LLP to onboard a new, complex system quickly and easily, but they also empowered them to provide their overseas

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developers with access to company data while allowing them to "lock down" the desktops for better security. The company is saving \$20,000 a month by using Nerdio Manager; with 330 concurrent users, their spend is now under \$3,000. The value of the Nerdio partnership is so

clear that Grant Thornton LLP is now looking for opportunities to expand to more user cases on a global level. At the moment they have three countries with their own Nerdio instance, and are actively seeking more.







#### **About Nerdio**

Nerdio empowers IT Professionals to deploy, manage, and auto-scale Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD) and Windows 365. Created to address the technical and security requirements of enterprise customers, Nerdio Manager for Enterprise is ideal for IT Professionals looking to deploy and manage large AVD or Windows 365 environments and can be connected to an existing setup or used to stand up a new deployment. Nerdio Manager is an all-PaaS Azure application that runs in a customer's own Azure subscription, making it one of the most secure and compliant solutions on the market. Learn more at www.getnerdio.com/nme

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