When it comes to building a more resilient, cost-effective infrastructure, there has never been a better time to make your move. Now it is faster and safer, too.

Growing cost pressures. Increasing speed of change. As we readjust from the economic turmoil, making precise and informed IT decisions has become more critical than ever to protect your IT investments and help your business grow.

Your IT infrastructure enables your business processes. In addition, today’s business climate demands that you reduce IT costs—while managing an increasingly complex environment and providing higher levels of service and security. These dynamics are putting you in a ‘squeeze play’.

The task at hand is clear: Spend less and gain more.

Say goodbye to redundant applications, too much customization, and increased complexity by standardizing, virtualizing and automating your existing IT infrastructure. The result is that significantly more resources can be applied to strategic or innovative projects to rebalance your IT investments.

Destination:
Lower costs and greater flexibility

Successful companies are increasing IT agility by deploying a next-generation Converged Infrastructure with technologies that are easier to buy, more cost-effective to deploy and manage, and more energy-efficient. The result is an organization that can extract higher returns from their IT investments while delivering more value to the business—no matter what the required workload.

CI-MM Express is a service that lets you start the journey to a Converged Infrastructure more quickly and easily. Provided by qualified HP Channel Partners, CI-MM Express lets you move forward in a practical and predictable manner. Through a series of questions and a simple evaluation, we’ll help you determine the main gaps that can limit your level of IT infrastructure maturity. A trusted HP partner will then work with you to recommend solutions and advise you on suggested projects based on your specific business objectives and IT requirements.

With a more flexible and cost-effective infrastructure in place, you can do more than address the short-term cost reductions required by today’s transformed economy. It will lay the groundwork to more quickly deploy an infrastructure for sustainable growth and competitiveness.
How do I begin building a Converged Infrastructure?

Like most organizations, you face a multitude of project choices, rigid budget constraints, short timeframes, manageability complexities, and investment protection concerns. CI-MM Express gets you started simply and quickly, so you can accelerate IT decision-making while managing costs.

CI-MM Express provides a pragmatic action-oriented approach aligned with your priorities, based on quantitative metrics that delivers a high-level gap analysis and reference configurations to implement a more resilient infrastructure. The CI-MM Express tool and process determines your current data center state and how best to progress to your desired “end state” across your technology, architecture, and management processes and tools. These recommendations can all be implemented today and provide investment protection for tomorrow.

1) Bringing the future, today

Led by a qualified HP Channel Partner, the HP CI-MM Express service begins with the gathering of information through a short series of questions. This information provides the basis to evaluate your IT environment. Next, based on quantitative metrics, a profile is generated to help gauge your infrastructure level of maturity across the following two domains:

Technology and architecture:
Hardware, network, software and infrastructure applications. Maturity in this domain ranges from dedicated IT resources to cost-effective pooled, shared and automated resources.

Management tools and processes:
Resources used to plan, manage and improve infrastructure service delivery. Maturity ranges from project-based tools and information to standard, integrated tools and processes.

Your infrastructure’s current state will then be analyzed against five stages of maturity:

- Stage 1 – Compartmentalized (least mature)
- Stage 2 – Standardized
- Stage 3 – Optimized
- Stage 4 – Automated Service oriented
- Stage 5 – Adaptively Sourced infrastructure (most mature)

2) Making the move

Now you’re ready to determine the desired state of your IT infrastructure. This is expressed in terms of the metrics that are most important for a given timeframe. This information is then incorporated into a recommended product configuration along with logical project types to be considered.

The result: A sound and rationalized IT strategy that can position you to reduce costs, boost performance, and increase agility, today – while being better prepared for tomorrow.

HP and authorized HP partners have helped many businesses identify and deploy these next-generation technologies with clear business outcomes:

- Increased agility to respond to business needs and market opportunities
- Increased speed of delivery of new business services that drive growth
- Lowering the cost of operations with a focus on return on IT
- Reduced risk through higher quality of service

Technology for better business outcomes

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