

Windows 10, Office 2016 tech feasibility

Office 2016

Office 2016 license is currently available to Sheridan. Its availability to Sheridan community can be delivered via:

1. AccessSheridan – global access (all audiences)
2. AccessSheridan – program based program (restricted)

Office 2016 is available to students and employees for home use from OntheHub <http://sheridaninstitute.e-academy.com/> for a fee

There are MS Office dependant applications and therefore must be tested with Office 2016 to ensure interoperability. Faculty testers are required to assist in performing the end user testing and a subsequent sign off for faculty specific applications. IT will perform unit testing as well as integration testing of Office 2016. Effort required – 2 months (from prior experience)

Constraint: VDI can only be used to provide Office 2016 in parallel with Office 2013 upon the expansion of VDI

Decision\recommendation point: Timeline to make Office 2016 available and the audience type

Windows 10

Windows 10 license is currently available to Sheridan. Windows 10 deployment can be achieved via an image that is platform specific. Image building requirements:

1. Access to each hardware platform for image building
2. Application tests to ensure interoperability with Windows 10
3. New image is to be delivered using the new tool – SCCM

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Constraint:

- VDI can only be used to deliver Windows 10 upon Horizon view client upgrade (3-4 mo effort)
- Image building can begin only with the platform availability (2-3 mo effort)
- If selective deployment is chosen, specific hardware models must be identified and provided to IT first week of June

Decision\recommendation point: Timeline to make Windows 10 available for various audiences:

Teaching and learning spaces

Faculty laptops

Non-teaching employees