

# The Equinix Advantage

Enables customers to foresee and remove technical barriers to complex data center deployments

Run tests on pre-installed IT platforms—no equipment purchases needed

Eight Solution Validation Centers around the globe—ideal for testing multi-site deployments

Guided by Equinix Global Solutions Architects, technology experts with decades of experience in data center deployments

Results in defined migration strategies and a roadmap for maximizing ROI

# EQUINIX SOLUTION VALIDATION CENTER

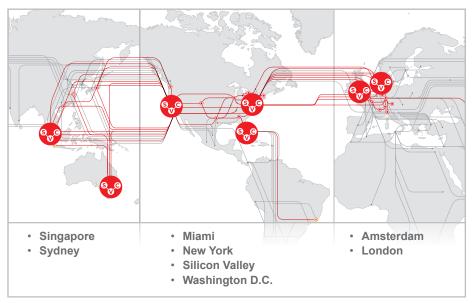
# Validate and test infrastructure and application designs to ensure they meet performance requirements before full-scale deployment

While some IT deployments are straightforward and simple, others involving distributed architecture or untested cloud components are complex and may carry risks. The Equinix Solution Validation Center helps companies mitigate these risks and make the most of their data center investments by testing deployments prior to roll-out. Working in concert with technical experts from our Equinix Global Solution Architecture Team, companies can test and validate their data center designs to reduce the risks of production-scale deployment and validate ROI.

Located in strategic markets around the world, Equinix Solution Validation Centers are state-of-the-art technology proving grounds where companies can:

- Test technology stacks that support private, public and hybrid cloud deployments, including IaaS, PaaS and SaaS components
- Trial distributed architectures in a real-world production environment and measure their impact on IT service delivery by running simultaneous deployments in multiple Equinix Solution Validation Centers around the world
- Load and stress-test applications to measure how they perform when moved off legacy systems and onto new platforms
- Derive key performance metrics on infrastructure components, network connections and applications
- Experiment with techniques for overcoming technical barriers and performance bottlenecks so full-scale deployments meet business requirements and lower risks

## **Equinix Solution Validation Center Locations**





#### Pre-installed technology platforms and integrated test monitoring

For many test scenarios, Solution Validation Centers can provide pre-installed technology bundles on which companies can run their applications and tests without having to invest in new equipment. Equinix also works with technology providers on integrating new commercial solutions into the validation centers' technology stack, providing Equinix customers with additional options for testing.

Equinix Solution Validation Centers offer sophisticated test management including comprehensive dashboards, customized portals and detailed reporting. The test management tools are combined into an integrated, web-based console—a "single pane of glass"—from which to monitor, manage and maintain physical, virtual and cloud infrastructure, as well as the applications running on them. Metrics can be used to identify techniques for improving system performance and application delivery.

#### Design assistance and consulting services

Equinix Global Solutions Architects, each of whom have deep IT experience including data center and network services, have developed best-in-class reference architectures and implementation practices based on the many trials conducted at Equinix Solution Validation Centers. Solutions architects can help you define migration strategies to transition from the testing and analysis phase to the production phase of your deployment.

#### Seamless migration to production

After testing and optimizing deployments in Solution Validation Centers, you can migrate quickly and easily into full-scale production inside Equinix data centers. Equinix has built the world's leading data center platform, with the most locations, networks and business-to-business connections of any data center services provider. With Platform Equinix™, companies gain these benefits:

- · Broadest choice of data center locations to support their business objectives
  - 95+ IBXs in 31 top markets on five continents
  - · Geographic coverage reaching the world's top markets within 10 milliseconds
- Top technology services needed to get new deployments up and running
  950+ network service providers
  - Direct connections to Amazon Web Services, Windows Azure and other cloud service providers
  - 450+ Cloud service providers
  - 700+ IT service providers and solutions integrators

#### · World-class consulting and customer service

- Equinix Global Solutions Architects to advise on data center best practices and IT deployment optimization
- Equinix Smart Hands<sup>™</sup> services for remote management and support
- · Proven operational excellence
  - 99.999% uptime average across our global data center platform
  - Minimum N+1 power backup for critical systems
  - · Premium facilities: \$7 billion invested in our global interconnection platform

#### **Get Started**

Whether you're moving to a multi-tiered architecture or deploying your IT infrastructure into a network-neutral colocation facility for the first time, the Equinix Solution Validation Center can deliver value to your business. To learn more or to participate in this distinctive testing environment, please contact SVC@equinix.com.

#### About Equinix

Equinix, Inc. (Nasdaq: EQIX), connects more than 4,400 companies directly to their customers and partners inside the world's most networked data centers. Today, enterprise, cloud, networking, digital media and financial services companies leverage the Equinix interconnection platform in 31 strategic markets across the Americas, EMEA and Asia-Pacific. By connecting directly to their strategic partners and end users, customers are forming dynamic ecosystems inside Equinix. These interconnected ecosystems enable companies to optimize the performance of their content and applications and protect their vital digital assets.

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