

# HP ZCENTRAL CONNECT BETA PROGRAM INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE





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# HP ZCENTRAL CONNECT BETA PROGRAM

Z by HP is launching a solution software beta which automates and manages connections for use with HP ZCentral Remote Boost and the ZCentral Connect Beta. With ever growing demands for continued innovation in mission critical remote workstation access and mobile users, the ZCentral Connect Beta is designed to help you gauge remoting needs and features to meet your solution requirements. To be eligible for the beta program, you must currently be in a workstation environment using Microsoft Active Directory and have familiarity with ZCentral Remote Boost (formerly HP Remote Graphics Software). This beta program is an opportunity to be a partner with Z Workstations in driving innovation for the next generation software products and solutions.

# **HP ZCENTRAL**

# A solution built to centralize systems and IT management, not people.

ZCentral delivers cost effective, high performance and flexible remote workstation access, for professionals who demand the power of Z in a remote location. This remote experience is powered by ZCentral Remote Boost software to provide leading remote workstation experience and optional ZCentral Connect software that simplifies sharing of pools of centralized workstations with multiple users. A wide portfolio of Z Desktops can be centralized with Rack Kits, from the compact Z2 Mini to the world's most powerful workstation¹, Z8 G4. Additionally, Z Mobile systems are fully supported.



# **HP ZCENTRAL CONNECT**

Easy to connect, simple to manage.

ZCentral Connect coordinates the intelligence and security to enable the remote connection experience with multiple users. It works with ZCentral Remote Boost software to provide a fully HP-branded and supported solution for one-click connection to a centralized pool of workstations or a dedicated workstation. It also includes select administrative and manageability features such as user groups to remote pools of workstations, session awareness and remote power management and full remote system on and off power control.

## **IT Admin Benefits**

- Save money on hardware systems and SW license costs by sizing pools based on concurrent users
- Configure systems for private/dedicated host or pools of hosts for ZCentral Remote Boost software remote user connections
- Assign users and machines to groups (Microsoft® Active Directory™ required)\*
- Remotely power workstations on and off (Intel® AMT provisioning required)
- See status/availability of all machines
  - Who is connected?
  - What is the connection time length via ZCentral Connect?
  - What is the ZCentral Remote Boost software Sender status?
  - End sessions to free up power

# **End User Benefits**

- Easy to Connect No technical network or system knowledge needed
- Easy to Experience Connect to next available system in pool or the same machine every time
- Easy to Control One click to access remote Z power and on or off system control (Intel® AMT provisioning required)\*

# **NEED** SOLUTION PERFORMANCE: Co-locate compute and data DISPERSED WORKFORCE + LARGE FILES **SECURITY:** Physically secured area DATA and PHYSICAL **CENTRALIZED** Consolidate IT for remote sites **MANAGEMENT** OFFICE Power and ventilation in one room **INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL COST** Avoid virtualization cost and complexity AND COMPLEXITY



# **DATA CLOSET** IT MANAGEMENT Secure Data Storage **HP ZCentral Connect Racked Workstations END-POINT** 0 **DEVICES** 0 $\bigcirc$ HP ZCentral 0 Remote Boost 0 $\Diamond$ 0 0 $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$

# HP ZCENTRAL CONNECT SPECIFICATIONS

# Components:

- ZCentral Connect Software
  - Browser based Admin access and control
- ZCentral Connect Sender Agent
  - Installed on ZCentral Remote Boost Sender system
- ZCentral Connect Connection Client
  - Installed on ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver system, accessed through a web browser

# **Software Requirements:**

- ZCentral Connect requires existing Microsoft Active Directory infrastructure. Controls user authentication (i.e. users must be registered in AD) and system access
- ZCentral Connect is 64-bit only and must be installed

- on Windows 10 or Windows Server 2016 with NET Framework 4.7.1 or later. System HW must meet or better Microsoft defined Windows 10 system requirements or Windows Server 2016 system requirements
- ZCentral Remote Boost Sender systems (centralized hosts) require Windows (10 RS or 7 SP2) or Linux (RHEL 6 or 7, SUSE 12 or UBUNTU)
- ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver systems (remoted clients/users) require Windows (10 or 7 SP2), RHEL 6 or 7, SUSE 12, UBUNTU ThinPro or MacOS
- ZCentral Connect Connection Client beta release will require current versions of Chrome or Firefox be installed on the ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver systems (remoted clients/users)

# **Hardware Requirements:**

- Separate Windows 10 / Windows Server 2016 system for running ZCentral Connect
- ZCentral Remote Boost Senders and Receivers as needed (ZCentral Remote Boost QuickSpec and systems requirements can be found here)
- ZCentral Remote Boost Sender license is free on Z Workstations and also available for a 60 day trial on non-Z systems. Click here to download.

# HP ZCENTRAL CONNECT BETA PROGRAM HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Email ZCentral@hp.com to initiate the ZCentral Connect beta program and receive all required materials
- Execute the beta agreement
- Informal customer surveys
- Customer experience stories
- Customer testimonials

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NOTE:
Some of the features stated may not be available in the Beta or Final Release of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Connection Manager and/or future versions of ZCentral Remote Boost software.

HP ZCentral Remote Boost does not come preinstalled on Z Workstations but can be downloaded and run on all Z desktop and laptops without an additional license purchase. When you purchase a Z device, you get an embedded license. With non-Z sender devices, it is a perpetual or floating license. RGS requires a Windows (10 or 7 SP2), RHEL (6, 7 or 8), UBUNTU 18.04 LTS, or HP ThinPro operating system. MacOS (10.13 or newer) operating system is only supported on the receiver side. Requires network access. The software is available for download at hp.com/ZRemoteGraphicsSoftware.

HP ZCentral Connect Software requires a beta agreement and is a one-time software license purchase and requires download at hp.com/ZCentral. Not available until early 2020. Requires HP ZCentral Remote Graphics Software which can be downloaded at hp.com/ZRemoteGraphicsSoftware, a Windows 10, Windows Server 2016 or newer operating system, Microsoft Active Directory and Intel Active Management Technology for select features.

1. Based on workstations as of April 2019 and power based on processor, graphics, memory, and power supply.

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