



# Virtual IT-Systems in a GxP Environment

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Advantages and disadvantages of virtual systems in a GxP environment
- Differences between virtual systems and real systems
- What are the critical points
  - during implementation
  - during qualification and
  - during operation of virtual systems
- Case studies from virtualisation projects
- From virtualisation to cloud computing



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## Objectives

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- Get an overview of technologies discussed currently in the pharmaceutical environment and their potential fields of application,
- Assess how to use and implement GMP requirements and provisions for virtual IT systems and, where appropriate, for cloud computing,
- Learn more about the qualification and use of virtual systems in the GMP environment, and
- Evaluate whether the use of virtual IT systems and cloud computing would be profitable if your company.

## Background

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Virtual systems, cloud computing, and GMP; does this fit together? What are the advantages and disadvantages of these systems in a GMP environment? Are there any limits with their use?

The increasing use of virtual IT systems and cloud computing in a GMP regulated environment is getting more and more discussed. The virtualisation of computer systems offers a great number of advantages, such as the simultaneous use of multiple operating systems, the simple and low-cost construction of test environments, and the improved utilisation of multi-core processors.

Can these advantages also be used in a GMP environment and which aspects have to be specifically considered from the "GMP view" for virtual systems and cloud computing?

This event considers virtual systems and cloud computing from the GMP point of view and provides practical support to determine measures regarding the use of such systems.

## Target Audience

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The event is aimed at managers in the pharmaceutical industry, suppliers and service providers that operate virtual IT systems and cloud computing in a GMP environment or intend to use them in the future

## Programme

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### IT Infrastructure in a GxP Environment

- Regulatory requirements
- Definitions
- Validation and qualification

### What is Virtualisation?

- Definitions
- Physical platform foundation requirements
- Software for virtualisation
- Virtual platform options

### Compliance Requirements for Virtual Systems

- IT infrastructure platform
- Server platform qualification
- Virtual Platform considerations
- Maintaining the qualified state during operation

### Planning of Virtualisation Projects

- User / Technical Requirements Specification
- Definition of the installation and deployment approach
- Definition of backup cycles and scenarios
- From a virtual server to a virtual farm
- Efficient planning
- Qualification planning

### Qualification of IT-Infrastructure

- General Principles of IT Infrastructure Qualification
- How to do qualification in a real environment vs. what to do in a virtual environment
- Qualification Activities
- Roles and responsibilities
- Installation and Testing

### Workshop: Qualification Documentation

- Designing reusable documentation for virtual systems
- Key requirements for reusable qualification documents

### Risk Management

- ASTM E 2500-07
- Good Engineering Practice (GEP)
- Q 9 – Quality risk management
- GAMP 5, M 3
- GEP, Qualification, Validation reconciliation
- NIST-SP 800-30 Risk Management for IT systems
- HA-Op

### Making of a Virtual Data Centre

- Specification of virtual data centre requirements
- Do I qualify or validate the hypervisor software?
- Building and qualifying a virtual data centre

### Virtualisation of Laboratory Equipment / Desktop Virtualisation

- Use cases for virtualisation in a laboratory environment
- Operating a virtual system

### Disaster Recovery Planning

- Regulatory requirements for disaster recovery
- Disaster recovery or business continuity planning?
- Mitigating physical faults
- Triggers for the plan
- Testing the plan
- Keeping the plan up to date



### Workshop: Planning of Virtualisation Platform

### From Virtualisation to Cloud Computing

- What is cloud computing really?
- Abstraction of services and IT infrastructure
- Virtualisation vs. cloud computing
- Recommendations for a GxP-compliant cloud computing

### Speakers



#### Dr Bob McDowall

*McDowall Consulting, Bromley, Kent, UK*  
Analytical chemist with over 40 years experience including 15 years working in the pharmaceutical industry and 18 years working for the industry as a consultant. He is Principal of McDowall Consulting, UK. Bob is an ISO 17025 assessor and he has been involved with the validation of computerised systems for over 25 years and is the author of a book on the validation of chromatography data systems. He was also a contributor to the GAMP GPG IT Infrastructure control & compliance.



#### Yves Samson

*Kereon AG, Basel, Switzerland*  
Yves is founder of Kereon AG, Basel. He is member of GAMP Europe Steering Committees, chairman and co-founder of GAMP Francophone and edited the French version of GAMP 4 and GAMP 5. Within ISPE he was an active member of the working group "IT Infrastructure Compliance and Control".



#### Dr Jürgen Schmitz

*Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics AG, Basel, Switzerland*  
Jürgen Schmitz was from 1994 until 2000 at RELAB AG and from 2000 - 2003 at KPMG Consulting AG responsible for computer systems validation. Since 2003 he in different positions at global IT Quality Management at Novartis, now at Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, in Basel.

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### Date

Thursday, 26 November 2015, 09.00 h - 17.30 h  
(Registration and coffee 08.30 h - 09.00 h)  
Friday, 27 November 2015, 08.30 h - 16.30 h

### Venue

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