

Does your technology plan pass the test?

Learn how you can provide continuous software access to all students and educators.

Is your district, school or university eager to provide better access to software applications for everyone in the educational community? Are you looking for a way to leverage your existing technology investments and infrastructure to provide this access?

Take just a few minutes to answer these questions—and you can find out whether the application serving approach used by 80 percent of Fortune 500® corporations is right for your institution and all the people it serves—from students, teachers and faculty to administrators, technical staff and the surrounding community.

Connect and optimize learning communities.

Does your school district have a common, standardized system for the following:

- YES NO Scheduling?
- YES NO Attendance?
- YES NO Email?
- YES NO Collaboration among educators?
- YES NO State and Federal reporting?
- YES NO Individualized education plans?
- YES NO Have you extended your computer network and curriculum to the homes of students, teachers and administrators, as well as to the surrounding community?
- YES NO Does your environment empower students by enabling them to learn independent of time and place?
- YES NO Do all your students and educators get instant access to the most recent versions of software, including new releases and curriculum updates?
- YES NO Can users select from a full range of devices and operating systems when they want to access software programs?
- YES NO Can your network administrator easily provide specific software programs or information to specific individuals or groups?
- YES NO Do you have the expertise, time and resources to support individualized desktops on varied platforms?

Does your current computing system allow:

- YES NO Centralized help desk support for remote users?
- YES NO Individualized computer-based instruction from a teacher’s desk?
- YES NO Computer-based distance learning?

If you answered “no” to any of the questions above, application serving may provide the application centralization and access you need. With this approach, applications and data are stored on a central server—not on individual computing devices. This allows you to run software and share data to improve communication and create new opportunities for teaching, learning, staff training and collaboration—all while continuing to use existing computing devices.

Reach equity goals.

- YES NO Is the Internet being used as a learning tool for all students, in classrooms and in remote locations?
- YES NO Do your students, faculty and administrators have consistent user interfaces, whether they're connecting in the classroom, the library, across campus or at home?
- YES NO Are you satisfied with your current student-to-computer ratio?
- YES NO Does your school have resources to achieve a 1-to-1 ratio by purchasing traditional desktop machines?
- YES NO Have you been able to upgrade the old systems in your classrooms, including 486 and Apple® computers, to run the latest applications?

If you answered “no” to any of the questions above, application serving may be the exact tool you need to meet your equity goals. In the application server model your existing equipment is no longer a restraint. Students are able to use the computing devices they prefer and can afford at home. And the school can narrow the “digital divide” by purchasing more equipment within its budget.

Ensure enterprise-level performance.

- YES NO Does installing or upgrading software on desktop systems cause inefficiency or downtime?
- YES NO Do you need a solution that is scalable and customizable for hundreds or even thousands of users?
- YES NO Do you need to improve security and prevent damage to software and equipment?
Would you like to:
 - YES NO Control access to sensitive information, such as student records?
 - YES NO Eliminate the use of floppy drives or CD-ROMs to protect the network from viruses and hacking?
 - YES NO Install applications remotely with no involvement from users?
 - YES NO Use less expensive, “thin” clients?

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, application serving will provide the management your school needs. Application serving reduces support costs because software installation and updates are handled from a central server. Security can be improved and floppy drives and CD-ROMs can be eliminated. You can either host applications internally, using the network infrastructure of your school or university. Or you can outsource applications to an application service provider (ASP) that will deploy and host your applications, as well as manage your infrastructure.

How Citrix can help.

Achieving your computing and educational goals may not be as far off as you think. Citrix has created a software solution that will allow you to centralize applications and data, create new opportunities for teaching and learning, and save money. Citrix software has passed the test and so can your technology plan by calling our sales team at 800.437.7503. Or use the worldwide reseller locator on our website at <http://www.citrix.com/contact/sales.htm>

