

## Re: Two buildings: Citrix or synchronized file servers?

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We are running quite a lot of applications on citrix server farm(2 servers)over a 2M link, there are about 50 users, and the response is time is quite ok.

application include, ms office, outlook, ca400, ie, etc..., so if bandwidth is a concern you can consider using citrix.

Frank

"Andrew J. Brehm" <ajbrehm@gmail.com> wrote in message news:1glvkpf.9u4rgt19qnrwn%ajbrehm@gmail.com...

- > *I have a problem with a strategic deployment decision and was wondering*
- > *whether anybody here was ever in the same situation and/or can provide*
- > *some information or opinion.*
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- > *The situation is as follows.*
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- > *My company have moved one department into another building in the same*
- > *general area as the main building. The buildings are currently connected*
- > *with a 20 Mbit/s connection but this will be scaled down to 2 Mbit/s*
- > *(for data and internal telephone).*
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- > *The users in the building use mainly Microsoft Office, Citrix clients to*
- > *connect to a terminal server in the main building, the Web, and a*
- > *database client to connect to a database in the main building. They also*
- > *use Outlook to access a mail server in the main building.*
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- > *There are about 40 users there tops.*
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- > *The setup seems very slow at the moment (using 20 Mbit/s) but works. I'm*
- > *afraid it might not work as well with less than 2 Mbit/s.*
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- > *We have come up with two plans so far.*
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- > *1. Install a mail server (Exchange) in the new building and forward*

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- > *mails to it or keep it synchronized with the main mail server (how?);*
- > *install a local file server in the new building and synchronize it with*
- > *one directory on the main file server every night.*
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- > *This would bring down network traffic to emails sent and received (as*
- > *opposed to any mailbox access) and database access.*
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- > *The alternative is:*
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- > *2. Keep everything in the main building, install several terminal*
- > *servers (Citrix?), let 30 people work on terminals servers via the 2*
- > *Mbit/s link while the rest use laptops (they are not always in that*
- > *office).*
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- > *This would reduce network traffic to the ICA or RDC connections, but I*
- > *am not sure whether this is really a reduction.*
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- > *I have no idea whether 30–35 Citrix connections will work via a 2 Mbit/s*
- > *link.*
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- > *So considering the two alternatives, what other alternatives are there*
- > *or which one makes more sense. Considering administration workload I*
- > *tend to prefer the second one, but can it work at all?*
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