

Re: terminal server on VMware

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I have to disagree with most of the posts here, we are running ESX 3.2.0 on a DL585, quad 64bit dual core procs, and 64gb of memory and we have had no trouble with Citrix in this environment. We currently have 16 of our 35 Citrix servers split up and running between 2 of our ESX doing anything from publishing desktops for ~1000 users to published applications for all of our users. We have noticed that there is a line where the performance starts to drop off, when we get ~30 concurrent users on one server they will start to fall off a little. As far as the reliability (VMWare server dies and all servers die) that should be addresses shortly by VMWare with the shared resources. All you will need to circumvent that liability is a small SAN that is hooked up to your ESX servers.

We are patiently awaiting the functionality of 64 bit host OS's in VMWare, I am really excited to see what kind of performance gain that will give us running a 64 bit hosts.

I am also curious to know what kind of hardware and applications the folks are using here that have had all the problems with it. Our infrastructure team has been to several different users groups for both Citrix and VMWare and heard people complain about performance and after you talk to them about hardware you can see why they are having problems. It has been my experience that people are trying this with 32bit systems non dual core systems with small amounts of memory and that just won't cut it.

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