

A Brief History of Citrix

More than five years ago, Citrix had a product on the market that could do what no other product on the market could do. Citrix WinView allowed a single DOS or Windows 3.1 application to be simultaneously shared from a single computer to multiple computers over phone lines or network links. This meant that companies that had installed hundreds of computers with individual phone lines and remote control software could then reduce their remote services costs and administrative hassles.

Back then, a single WinView server could host an average of 14 remote dial-in users simultaneously. As a result, an application only needed to be installed one time as opposed to the administrator performing 13 separate installations. Users received a major benefit too, in the fast response that an application loaded and ran compared to other remote control software or remote node software packages. Citrix WinView worked wonders for many, until Microsoft released Windows 95.