

Harnessing the benefits of secure application access with Citrix and Computacenter



Secure access for employees, wherever and however they work

Organisations must ensure employees can securely access the applications they need regardless of device, location or network, but traditional VDI approaches can struggle to keep up with today's challenges, such as:



Evolving threats: attackers increasingly target identities and VPN credentials rather than network perimeters, making perimeter-based defences less effective



Fragmented environments: cloud, SaaS and on-premises infrastructure that wasn't designed to work together can create security gaps and operational complexity



Data beyond the perimeter: as more applications and data reside in the cloud, organisations need to secure access at the edge, not just within the office or data center



Compliance pressure: stricter regulatory requirements demand stronger governance and greater visibility across all access points



User expectations: employees expect fast, frictionless access across every device and location.

Organisations need a more modern approach to providing employees with access to systems and data that is identity-led, application-centric and built for the way they work today.

A modern framework for providing secure access

Secure Application Access is a modern framework that ensures only authorised users and devices can access specific applications, across locations and networks. Secure access management is underpinned by several key elements:

Application-centricity:

rather than securing the network as a whole, access is granted to each application individually, with users only receiving access to the specific applications and functions they are authorised to use

Identity and context-aware controls:

dynamically verifies who is requesting access, assessing device health, location and behaviour to ensure only authorised users gain access

A zero trust approach:

continuous, policy-driven verification throughout each session, not just at the point of login, replacing the assumption that anything inside the network can be trusted. Endpoint security, including solutions such as Unicon, is a critical part of this approach, ensuring devices are continuously verified and secured.

Secure application access delivers:

- **Stronger security** for data and applications
- **More consistency** and less friction for employees, wherever and however they work
- **Greater visibility** and control along with simplified management for IT and security teams



Achieving secure access by building on existing platforms

Modernising to secure application access doesn't necessarily mean replacing existing platforms. For many organisations, the greatest opportunity lies in unlocking the full potential of the Citrix solutions they've already invested in.

Computacenter works with organisations to assess their existing Citrix environment and identify improvements, cost savings and capabilities that aren't yet being fully realised.



User profiling and persona analysis: we identify which users are over-provisioned and where access policies no longer reflect real working patterns



Security posture assessments: we spot gaps in access controls, policy configuration and governance to reduce risk and improve compliance readiness



Estate reviews: we reveal where infrastructure can be optimised, where costs can be reduced and where the existing environment can be extended to deliver more value for longer.

This assessment-led approach gives organisations the ability to modernise through targeted, incremental steps that will have the greatest impact on security, performance and operational overhead.

Ensuring predictable licensing costs

As workplace environments have become more complex, so have the commercial models that support them. Licensing arrangements built for on-premises infrastructure are harder to manage as workloads move to the cloud and consumption patterns change.

Organisations need models that are simpler, more transparent and easier to forecast.

Computacenter helps organisations identify the right licensing model for their needs, ensuring commercial arrangements are aligned to how they currently work and how they plan to grow.



Citrix Platform Flex

Citrix Platform Flex introduces a flexible, consumption-based model that supports a range of application delivery scenarios, rather than being limited to traditional VDI workloads. The platform enables organisations to align access, security, and performance to distinct user requirements through a persona-based approach, replacing rigid, one-size-fits-all models.

By aligning costs to actual usage, Platform Flex provides greater financial control while reducing over provisioning and underutilisation. This approach supports consistent user experience, operational efficiency, and scalability across on-premises, cloud, and hybrid environments.



Citrix Secure Access with Chrome Enterprise

Supports access to workloads through browser-based access with minimal client installation, integrated management and data loss prevention, improving both security posture and total cost of ownership.

Citrix and Computacenter: a 25-year partnership

Adopting a secure application access model requires more than the right technology. Organisations need a partner with the expertise to translate platform capability into practical, business-aligned outcomes.



Citrix provides a mature, proven platform for secure application access and workplace delivery, meeting the demands of hybrid, distributed and cloud-aligned environments.



Computacenter offers the services expertise to make secure application access work in practice, supporting organisations at every stage with:



Assessment and advisory services: building a clear picture of the existing environment and defining the roadmap for modernisation



Implementation: deploying secure application access solutions that integrate with existing infrastructure



Optimisation: proactively identifying where full Citrix capabilities aren't being harnessed and closing the gap



Ongoing management: providing the operational support to keep environments performing, secure and cost-efficient.

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Computacenter is a Citrix Preferred Services Partner, with the skills and experience to help organisations assess, optimise and evolve their secure access environments. We help improve security posture, simplify operations, reduce cost and ensure workspace investments continue to generate value as requirements evolve.

Get in touch

Learn how Computacenter can help your organisation harness secure application access and optimise existing Citrix investments, please contact your Computacenter Account Manager, email enquiries@computacenter.com, or call 01707 631000.

