The Citrix XenApp Performance Challenge

Citrix-based application access is highly interactive and distributed. All the processing is done on the virtual servers with user interactions alone being handled at the thin clients, so even minor glitches in any of the infrastructure tiers – network, virtualization, storage, or Citrix – can result in degraded performance, poor user experience and loss of productivity.

When performance problems occur, user complaints often focus on the Citrix stack: logon is slow, applications are slow to launch, the screen freezes, or the session disconnects abruptly, etc.

Citrix admins must be able to identify the cause of the problem:

• Is it due to one of the Citrix tiers?
• Is it because of a bottleneck in the supporting infrastructure?

The built-in Citrix Director focuses mainly on user session activity, and Citrix NetScaler MAS does not look beyond application flows. For end-to-end visibility, administrators need additional network, virtualization and storage monitoring tools as well. But such a silo-based monitoring strategy is cumbersome, expensive and inefficient.

Simplify XenApp Monitoring with eG Enterprise

eG Enterprise is a purpose-built monitoring solution tailored to the needs of Citrix administrators. Developed from years of experience working with many of the largest deployments of Citrix technologies, eG Enterprise embeds domain expertise to collect and report the most critical performance metrics from all the Citrix tiers.

• From a single pane of glass, monitor the entire Citrix application delivery infrastructure including the network, storage, virtualization, and the backend application tiers – across on-premises and Citrix Cloud environments
• eG Enterprise embeds an industry-first, virtualization-aware root cause diagnosis technology that auto-correlates across all of the metrics collected to determine where the cause of the problem originates

End-to-end performance monitoring and root cause diagnosis: prove it is not Citrix!

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Preemptive Performance Monitoring

- Monitor user experience in real time, and be the first to identify XenApp session slowness
- Simulate user logons to your Citrix farm 24x7 with the built-in Citrix Logon Simulator, and solve logon problems proactively
- Automatically correlate across metrics from different tiers to find and fix issues before users complain

Right-Sizing Citrix XenApp Infrastructures

- Identify bottlenecks, top users, top applications to right-size your environment for maximum ROI
- Gain critical insight into performance and usage trends of virtualized and physical XenApp infrastructures
- Make informed decision on GPU investment by analyzing utilization trends

Key Capabilities for XenApp Performance Monitoring in eG Enterprise

### User Experience
- Logon time
- Profile load time
- Application launch time
- Screen refresh latency
- User network quality
- StoreFront response time
- EDT performance

### HDX Channels
- Bandwidth used
- Line speed
- Audio bandwidth
- Video bandwidth
- Printer bandwidth
- Drive bandwidth
- Framehawk bandwidth

### User & Application Activity
- Active/idle time
- Top users by CPU, memory, IOPS, GPU
- Top applications by CPU, memory, IOPS, GPU
- Browser URLs accessed by users

### XenApp Sessions
- Who logged in and when
- What application did they access
- When disconnects happen
- Idle time in session
- Top users by session duration

### Citrix Tiers
- NetScaler
- StoreFront
- Provisioning Services
- Delivery Controller
- License server
- Database

### Supporting Infrastructure
- Virtualization platform
- Storage
- Network in data center
- Network to user terminals
- Infra services – AD, DNS
- Cloud (AWS, Azure)


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