

Leading Financial Services Boutique

Centeris® Likewise™ Helps Company Adopt and Support Mission-Critical Application Without Hiring Linux Experts

This financial boutique, founded in 1994, provides integrated investment management, financial advisory and brokerage services tailored to each client's specific needs. The company has more than \$15 billion under management and is known for its comprehensive hedge fund research.

→ Centeris Likewise Advantage

The Centeris Likewise Management Suite allowed the company to adopt a mission-critical application without hiring additional resources to support it.

"Sure, we could have hired a Linux expert to manage it," said the network administrator. "But the beauty of the Centeris solution is anyone on the team can monitor and troubleshoot Linux servers, without any special training or skills. It has really worked great for us."

→ Business Challenge

The investment company, almost exclusively a Microsoft® Windows® shop, has a large team devoted to in-house development of custom applications that support the company's research. Though the company uses open source technology only on a limited basis, the CTO wanted to introduce Unix/Linux-based enterprise risk management software from Algorithmics. This presented a major problem for IT, which had no Linux experts on staff, and no plans to hire any.

According to the company's network administrator, "Troubleshooting Linux was the biggest challenge for us—if there's a problem on this box, how do we find and fix it? The fear was if something goes down it might take a day or two to fix, which for us is a big vote against using a Linux-based product. Downtime is incredibly expensive for us."

→ Solution

Rather than hiring a full-time Linux expert, the company chose the Centeris Likewise Management Suite, which provides seamless management of Linux servers in a Windows environment. Likewise includes familiar Windows-based tools that allowed the company to utilize existing IT resources to manage its new Linux servers.

Likewise provides:

- Enhanced integration of Windows and Linux servers
- Management of Linux using Windows tools like MMC
- Simplified configuration of Linux server roles

Quick Facts

For the financial services company, the Centeris Likewise Management Suite provided:

- Ability to adopt a mission-critical Linux-based application
- Ability to leverage existing staff for day-to-day management of Linux servers
- Graphical tools that simplify configuration and help with troubleshooting on Linux servers

About Centeris

Centeris Corporation is a Bellevue, WA-based software company funded by leading venture capital firms Ignition Partners, Intel Capital and Trinity Ventures. Centeris has experienced management and engineering teams in place and is led by senior executives from companies such as Microsoft, F5 Networks, EMC and Mercury.