

2x Server on VDM2



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Feb 14, 2008

Well I have conducted various tests to form a strategy valid virtualization of Desktops because with only install a connection broker is not enough already left unresolved the administration of thinclients or desktops that are connected to that solution, the option most acceptable got <http://www.2xserver.com> of.

The solution allows 2xserver lan boot from any station either thinclient or desktop and then make an RDP connection to VMware.

But I would like you to comment on the options had been found or if they know of any strategy vmware to extend the functionality of the connection broker.



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May 27, 2008 1. **Re: 2x Server on VDM2** May 27, 2008 7:48 PM

Axis, we also have the ability boot diskless clients in the following manner, should you not want to support a local client OS:

1. PXE Boot Linux Client

2. USB Boot Linux Client

3. Live CD Boot Linux Client

These clients are included with our connection broker, which integrates tightly with VMware, Virtual Iron & Hyper-V. Other clients include Win32, Win32 Web Client, Windows CE 5 & 6, Wyse Thin OS, Sun, Linux, Java, Thinstalled Win32 Web Client

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Jun 12, 2008 2. **Re: 2x Server on VDM2** Aug 12, 2008 2:17 PM

 in response to: [Patrick Rouse](#)

Patrick -


Check out Thin Desktop from ThinLaunch Software

www.thinlaunch.com



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May 27, 2008 3. **Re: 2x Server on VDM2** Aug 12, 2008 2:23 PM

 in response to: [Michael Cardinal](#)

Micheal, we offer a free PXE Boot client to customers that use our broker, so they don't need to maintain a local installation of Windows. This is a thin Debian Linux image that includes our client.

That being said, I will check out our product in more detail, which appears to be a shell replacement program for current Windows clients, yes?

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Jun 12, 2008 4. **Re: 2x Server on VDM2** Aug 12, 2008 4:38 PM

 in response to: [Patrick Rouse](#)

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That's part of the functionality of the product. I'll look forward to your feedback once you have had a chance to use Thin Desktop. You can download a 30 Day evaluation copy from the web site.

Quick question. If a MS product is installed on the server instance, how is licensing at the server side handled with the PXE boot client / connection broker? Does the user end up paying the MS Thin Client Tax?



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May 27, 2008 5. **Re: 2x Server on VDM2** Aug 12, 2008 4:51 PM

 in response to: [Michael Cardinal](#)

MSFT gets their share if you host a Windows Client OS on any virtualization platform, whether hosted on the server or on the client. In either case one requires either:

VECD for SA - For customers with SA on their Windows Client OS Licenses

VECD for Devices - for customers with non-SA eligible Client OS, i.e. using any thin client OS, Mac, Linux...

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You're not paying a tax, but rather MSFT is allowing you to run up to four virtualized instances of Windows XP or Vista per client device

For people that don't know what VECD is, I wrote a description here:

<http://blogs.inside.quest.com/provision/2008/05/29/microsoft-licensing-for-desktop-virtualization/>

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Feb 14, 2008 6. Re: **2x Server on VDM2** Aug 13, 2008 3:32 PM

 in response to: [Patrick Rouse](#)

People all very nice but do not take into account that a customer who wants to virtualize its fleet of desktops not migrate everything overnight and not refill the entire fleet of existing PCs by thinclients.

The best solution in my view is

1. To eliminate any possible flaw in the PC to be reused.

How is this achieved?

Removing all moving parts, hard disks, CD-ROM, etc..

and that is not installed any software or operating system on the PC.

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2. Boot from LAN to "ThinOS"

3. Connect PC VMD2 and reused to redirect via RDP, ICA, the VNC desktop assigned.

2x Server performs all this and now it's free!

My question is whether some other similar strategy with other software platform.



[Basil McGee](#) 1 posts since

Aug 15, 2008 7. **Re: 2x Server on VDM2** Aug 15, 2008 8:47 AM

downloaded thin desktop

Tried it and loved


Simple and cheap

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Jun 12, 2008 **8. Re: 2x Server on VDM2** *Aug 15, 2008 9:02 AM*

 in response to: [Basil McGee](#)

I saw that you downloaded our software. Thanks for giving it a try. Glad you liked it and the price. I assume you're using it in some sort of POC or lab situation?

Please send me your email address, we would like to know your use case and meet you at VMworld

We will be in the "New Innovator" area, Booth 540 Pod N!

Mike