

VMware ThinApp

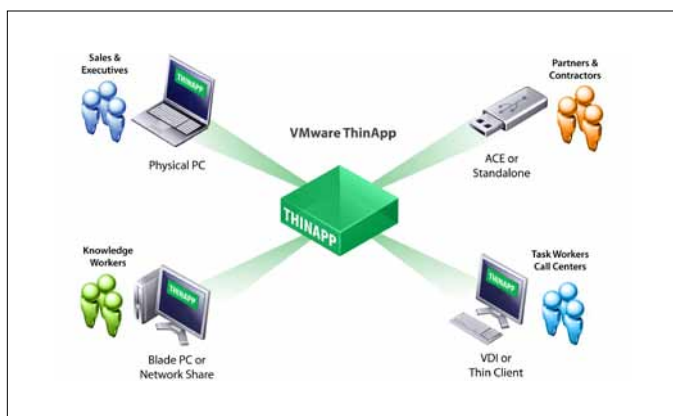
Application Virtualization Made Simple

AT A GLANCE

Designed to eliminate application conflicts and streamline management, VMware ThinApp™ simplifies application virtualization and reduces the cost and complexity of application delivery. As a key component of VMware View™, ThinApp adds application compatibility to virtual desktop environments and helps to reduce the management burden of desktop applications and images.

KEY BENEFITS

- Simplify Windows 7 migrations
- Eliminate application conflicts
- Minimize costly recoding and regression testing
- Streamline application management
- Reduce IT support and helpdesk costs
- Strengthen endpoint security
- Increase workforce mobility
- Get integrated application assignment



VMware ThinApp simplifies application delivery by encapsulating applications in portable packages that can be deployed to many end point devices while isolating applications from each other and the underlying operating system.

What Is ThinApp?

ThinApp is an agentless application virtualization solution that decouples applications from their underlying operating systems to eliminate application conflict and streamline application delivery and management.

How Does ThinApp Work?

ThinApp virtualizes applications by encapsulating application files and registry into a single ThinApp package that can be deployed, managed and updated independently from the underlying operating system (OS). The virtualized applications do not make any changes to the underlying OS and continue to behave the same across different configurations for compatibility, consistent end-user experiences, and ease of management.

How Is ThinApp Used?

- **Simplify Windows 7 migration**—Migrate legacy applications such as Internet Explorer 6 to 32- and 64-bit Windows 7 systems with ease by using ThinApp to eliminate costly recoding, regression testing and support costs.
- **Eliminate application conflicts**—Isolate desktop applications from each other and from the underlying OS to avoid conflicts.
- **Consolidate application streaming servers**—Enable multiple applications and “sandboxed” user-specific configuration data and settings to safely reside on the same server.
- **Reduce desktop storage costs**—Leverage ThinApp as a component of VMware View to reduce desktop storage costs and streamline updates to endpoints.
- **Augment security policies**—Deploy ThinApp packages on “locked-down” PCs and allow end users to run their favorite applications without compromising security.
- **Increase mobility for end users**—Deploy, maintain and update virtualized applications on USB sticks for ultimate portability.

Key Features

What's New in ThinApp 4.6

- **Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 support**—ThinApp now offers complete support for virtualizing Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 (IE 6) that makes it easy to virtualize and deploy IE 6 application packages to 32- and 64-bit Windows 7 desktops.
- **ThinDirect**—This new feature gives end users the flexibility to seamlessly run IE 6 on Windows 7 desktops alongside newer browsers such as IE 8, and allows administrator to configure Web pages with IE 6 dependencies to ensure that URLs always open in the right browser.
- **Relink**—Upgrade existing ThinApp packages to the new ThinApp 4.6 format quickly and easily without the need for associated project files.
- **ThinApp Converter**—ThinApp works with VMware vSphere™, VMware ESX® and VMware Workstation images to convert silently installed applications into ThinApp packages through a command-line interface that allows for automation of application conversion and management.

Agentless Application Virtualization

- **Agentless architecture**—Designed for fast deployment and ease of management, ThinApp requires no agent code on target devices.
- **Complete application isolation**—Package entire applications and their settings into a single executable that runs independently on any endpoint, allowing multiple versions or multiple applications to run on the same device without any conflict.
- **Built-in security**—Application packages run only in user mode, so end users have the freedom and flexibility to run their preferred applications on locked-down PCs without compromising security.

Fast, Flexible Application Packaging

- **Package once, deploy to many**—Package an application once and deploy it to desktops (physical or virtual) running Windows XP, Windows Vista or Windows 7.
- **Three-step setup capture**—Use a three-step process for pre- and post-install system states to simplify application packaging and support applications that require a reboot during the installation process.

Fast, Flexible Application Delivery

- **Application link**—Configure relationships between virtualized applications, plug-ins, service packs, and even runtime environments such as Java and .NET.
- **Application sync**—Automatically apply updates over the Web to applications on unmanaged PCs and devices.
- **Support for USB drives and thin clients**—Deploy, maintain and update applications on USB storage drives and thin client terminals.
- **Microsoft Windows 7 support**—Deploy legacy applications on 32- and 64-bit Windows 7 systems and streamline application migration by avoiding costly, time-consuming recoding and regression testing.

Seamless Integration with Existing Infrastructure

- **Zero-footprint architecture**—Plug ThinApp directly into existing IT tools without the need to add dedicated hardware or backend databases.
- **Integration with management tools**—ThinApp creates standard .MSI and EXE packages that can be delivered through existing tools from Microsoft, BMC, HP, CA, Novell, Symantec, LANDesk and others.
- **Support for Active Directory authentication**—Add and remove ThinApp users from Active Directory groups, and prevent unauthorized users from executing ThinApp packages.
- **Integrated application assignment in VMware View Manager 4.5**—ThinApp packages can be assigned to individual desktops or pools of desktops in View Manager to allow for streamlined application deployment.

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