



# ViewConnect – powered by SUSE Linux Enterprise



Repurpose legacy PCs into Thin Desktops. ViewConnect - powered by SUSE Linux Enterprise has been built in partnership with VMware, and to their exact design specifications. Repurposing a PC into a thin desktop can extend the life of a legacy PC while enabling it to run the latest operating systems and applications.

Using ViewConnect - powered by SUSE Linux Enterprise an organization can perform a no-touch migration that will transform end of life devices into secure virtual desktops. Each VMware View powered thin desktop can help an organization decrease management costs and complexity, while increasing security and flexibility.

## Legacy Into Cutting-Edge

VMware's View product line can transform the way that desktop environments are managed and maintained - improving reliability, stability and performance while reducing overall costs. Centralizing desktops on servers hosted in the datacenter facilitates disaster recovery and data integrity, as well as improving the way end-user desktops are deployed, secured and updated. Using VMware's industry-leading virtualization platform, the VMware View portfolio of products isolates each desktop instance in its own virtual machine while providing users with familiar personalized environments on any number of devices.

Typically these devices are often specialized 'thin-client' computing machines. However deploying these types of devices, or newly acquired PCs, can add to overall costs. Repurposing legacy PCs and laptops - by converting them into 'thin' desktops - extends the usable lifespan of older PCs, helps an organization reduce costs, and makes desktops easier to manage. Additionally, a legacy PC repurposing strategy can break the costly and cumbersome refresh cycle for enterprise equipment. It also allows older PCs to run newer, resource intensive operating systems such as Windows Vista or Windows 7.

### ▪ Solution:

Repurpose legacy PCs into VMware View Thin Desktops

### ▪ Product:

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*"The refresh rate of our PCs is three years. However by repurposing legacy devices and moving to a virtualized desktop environment, we believe that we can extend that cycle to six+ years."*

**Jacques Walker**

Managing Director  
iGI North America

**ViewConnect powered by SUSE Linux Enterprise is the fastest, safest and most reliable means to repurpose legacy PCs.**

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## Multiple Deployment Options

*ViewConnect has been specifically developed to assist enterprises convert legacy PCs into thin desktops - running a lightweight Linux operating system with an integrated VMware View client.*

The process could not be easier, it can be deployed using a LiveCD or installed as the operating system of PC. To use the LiveCD, simply boot from your CD/DVD drive (or USB stick) and in seconds you are connected to your VMware View infrastructure. No hard drive is required! Or if you choose, click on “Repurpose” and in a few short minutes the existing operating system is removed and ViewConnect is installed.

Either way, in just a few short minutes, an outdated, legacy PC is transformed into a locked-down, ‘thin desktop’ node - optimized to connect to a VMware View powered infrastructure.

Repurposing legacy PCs using, ViewConnect, powered by SUSE Linux Enterprise, helps enterprises centralize the control of desktop PCs, applications, and data. The primary drivers for deploying desktop virtualization are improved management of endpoints and rapid provisioning of new desktops.

In addition, desktop virtualization provides isolation of application software and centralized access control.

## Give new life to an old PC

A ViewConnect powered by SUSE Linux Enterprise repurposed PC can execute a wide variety of virtual desktop applications. Because those applications are running on datacenter servers, end users gain access to applications that they might not be able to run on their older PCs and operating systems.

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## Key Features:

- Integrated VMware View Client
- Locked-down environment
- Multiple deployment options:
  - *LiveCD* - boots and runs directly from CD/DVD or USB stick - no hard drive required.
  - *Repurpose Installation* - a single click removes the existing operating system and installs ViewConnect on the hard drive
- Fully supports PCoIP and USB
- Secure, fast, easily upgraded
- Customized splash screen and boot workflow options

*“ViewConnect’s LiveCD option had us up and running on all of our PCs in a matter of seconds. It couldn’t have been easier”*

**Lawrence Southall**  
President  
SWI

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