Running Internet Explorer 6 on Windows 7

Simplify IE 6 Migration with VMware ThinApp
Application Virtualization

Deliver IE 6 to Windows 7 Desktops

The migration journey to Windows 7 poses many challenges to IT. Ensuring application compatibility is one of these challenges. In addition to desktop client applications, there are many Web-based applications on the desktop that will have to be migrated. While most Web applications will migrate seamlessly, legacy plug-ins or applications that only work on Internet Explorer 6 present a unique set of challenges, as IE 6 cannot be installed or run on Windows 7. But with VMware ThinApp application virtualization, running IE 6 on Windows 7 is simply a few clicks away.

Using ThinApp, you can easily package IE 6 as a virtualized application and seamlessly run the browser alongside a newer version of IE on the same Windows 7 machine. ThinApp application virtualization works only at the application level by encapsulating your application into a fully isolated image that can be run without the need of any client code and any changes to the underlying operating system.

Run IE 6 side-by-side with a newer version of IE seamlessly on the same Windows 7 machine

Key Benefits

- Create a complete virtualized IE 6 package in minutes using an intuitive click-through packaging interface.
- Deploy virtualized IE 6 applications on 32-bit or 64-bit Windows 7 systems.
- Run virtualized IE 6 side-by-side with native installations of IE 7, 8 or 9.
- Run different versions of components (Java, .NET/ActiveX, Flash, etc.) in separate IE 6 packages on the same Windows 7 system.
- Deliver a seamless end-user experience that requires no changes or retraining.
- Leverage centralized deployment and management tools without the need to install agent code on each end-user device.
- Create a single image that can be packaged in EXE or MSI format for ease of management and seamless integration into existing environments.
- Access Windows shell commands (File >Save As, File>Open, Print, etc.) from within virtualized IE 6 applications.
- Ease migration with automatic redirection between local and legacy browsers through ThinDirect.

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How ThinApp Works

With VMware ThinApp, you can easily create a complete IE 6 package without having to go through the traditional set up and capture process. Simply point ThinApp to your existing Windows XP environment with your IE 6 applications resident on the platform to create a virtualized image of your legacy browser applications. Once packaged, you can deploy the virtualized applications to Windows 7. These virtualized applications do not make any changes to the underlying OS and continue to behave the same across different configurations ensuring compatibility, consistent end-user experience on the new Windows 7 platform.

Running IE 6 on Windows 7 is Only a Few Clicks Away

• **Easy, click-through packaging** – Using the click-through capture process, you can easily "capture" IE 6 on Windows XP, along with custom applications, and then quickly package the browser using templates that are pre-populated with the necessary files to create the IE 6 ThinApp package. This approach reduces errors and streamlines the process in a way that is completely transparent to end users.

• **Seamless virtual and native browser experience** – Through the unique ThinDirect capability in ThinApp, administrators can configure virtualized an IE 6 package as the default browser for opening specific Web pages and applications with IE 6 dependencies. This approach helps to ensure that URLs always open in the right browser, resulting in a seamless end-user experience.

• **Compatibility support for system shell commands** – ThinApp provides compatibility to allow users of a virtualized IE 6 browser a seamless experience with continued access to system shell commands (File Save As, File Open Print, Print Preview, New contact, Edit with Notepad, Internet Options, etc.).

• **32-bit and 64-bit support** – Virtualized IE 6 instances can be deployed on Windows 7 in 32- and 64-bit mode for unparalleled flexibility.

Find Out More

To find out more about using ThinApp to run IE 6 on Windows 7 and a host of other topics, visit the VMware ThinApp Blog at http://blogs.vmware.com/thinapp/.

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