

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your interest in Thinstuff !

Yes - we offer terminal server software called XP/VS Server - which suits to your requirements.

This software also offer remote-app connection and has to be seen as replacement for Microsoft terminal server.

But XP/VS Server can also be installed on desktop operating system.

And at this point I'd like to send you our argumentation regarding Microsoft's Eula:

RDS / TS Cals Yes - if you are talking about Windows Server operating systems (Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008/2008R2) the Microsoft Terminal Server Licensing process is always required.

On workstation operating systems (XP/Vista/Windows 7) and on the Small Business Server Editions there are no TS-CALs that can be bought.

Of course our software enables multiple concurrent Remote Desktop connections on these operating systems also and the question you're probably interested in is "Is it legal ?"

However, neither Thinstuff nor Microsoft are in any position to say if a software product is legal or not.

That decision can only be made by the judicature of the individual countries.

However we've many customers even in public authorities or from well-known companies (Hewlett Packard, Sixt, BMW...) who are using Thinstuff after the have checked the legal situation.

And - you know that it is always the purchaser's respectively the end user's responsibility to comply with their Windows end-user license agreement and we do not give legal advises.

However, we do share our own point of view of the situation with our customers:

We believe that according to paragraph 1.4 - "Remote Desktop/Remote Assistance/NetMeeting" of the Windows XP EULA it is legal to use Thinstuff XP/VS Server:

"... You may use the Software's Remote Desktop feature (or other software which provides similar functionality for a similar purpose) to access a Workstation Computer Session from any Device provided you acquire a separate Software license for that Device."

And also e.g. the VISTA Ultimate and Business EULAs explicitly allow our type of software in the "Remote access Technologies" paragraph:

"... you may access and use the software installed on the licensed device remotely from another device using remote access technologies as follows ... users may access a session from any device using these technologies, if the remote device is separately licensed to run the software"

Microsoft does not give additional information what that "separate Software license" is exactly called or how it can be acquired.

For Microsoft Terminal Servers that would be a TS-CAL of course but Microsoft does not sell TS-CALs for Windows XP.

And finally also the Small Business Server 2003 EULA explicitly allows remote connections - provided that appropriate CALs are acquired:

"3. ADDITIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ... You must acquire and assign the appropriate CAL to each device or user that accesses your instances of the server software directly or indirectly. "

Here again from our point of view that appropriate CAL would be a TS-CAL but Microsoft does not sell TS-CALs for SBS2003.

So we believe that the end-users are legally on the safe side to use Thinstuff XP/VS Terminal Server on these operating systems because the EULA allows that kind of software and that right cannot be void just by the fact that Microsoft does not offer an

"appropriate" license.

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