HP Virtual Client Essential Software Portfolio Expansion Simplifies and Enhances Thin Computing Experience

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1, 2009 – HP today announced at VMworld 2009 the extension of its Virtual Client Essentials software portfolio, which simplifies the migration to, and enhances the user experience of, affordable and reliable HP thin computing solutions.

The HP Virtual Client Essentials software portfolio now includes the intuitive HP Thin Client Setup Wizard for HP ThinPro-based thin clients, extending the simple and intuitive tool across the portfolio, as well as expanded display protocol options to include support for VMware's software implementation of PC over IP (PCoIP) protocol.

The company also is now offering software support for repurposing PCs as virtual terminals and an even stronger manageability portfolio with new features for its HP Device Manger thin client management software.

"HP Virtual Client Essentials makes it easier for HP thin computing customers to set up and manage their transitions to virtual environments – while also ensuring companies have the flexibility to easily migrate or expand their deployments as their user and business demands evolve over time," said Tad Bodeman, director, Marketing, Thin Client Solutions, HP. "These latest portfolio updates allow businesses to deploy VMware View or their choice of client virtualization solution across an enterprise within minutes while enhancing the end-user experience."

The HP Thin Client Setup Wizard enables IT departments to easily identify and choose the latest image and configuration settings for a thin client, ensuring new users get set up quickly and correctly. Previously available only on Microsoft Embedded Windows® CE-based thin clients from HP, the wizard is now available on thin clients with the HP ThinPro operating system and will be a single, consistent interface for all HP thin clients in the coming year.

The foolproof wizard also guides IT administrators through setup, configuration changes, software maintenance and dissemination in just a few clicks – which can significantly reduce IT workload for HP thin client customers, regardless of model or mix of models deployed.

All HP thin computing solutions include built-in support for a broad variety of industry and partner display protocols, which will include VMware's software implementation of PCoIP protocol for an uncompromised remote desktop experience over existing standard local area networks and high-latency wide area networks. This will deliver a greatly improved virtual desktop experience in VMware View environments for design, finance,

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HP's approach to thin computing ensures customers have the ability to evolve their user environment as the client virtualization market matures. HP's platform architecture optimizes the end-user experience with high-performance platforms that deliver investment protection for maximum flexibility and easy access to the cloud.

To extend the investment made on existing PCs and simplify the migration to thin computing solutions, HP is now supporting software tools such as Microsoft Windows Fundamentals for Legacy PCs. This software allows traditional PCs to operate like a thin client, locking down unnecessary components for greater security. By accessing a centralized compute resource, customers gain improved data protection and simpler client management. While moving from desktops to thin clients delivers long-term return on investment, repurposing PCs as thin computing devices can be a good option for customers seeking to reduce short-term acquisition costs.

Unlike other thin client vendors, HP offers a comprehensive variety of free, preloaded remote desktop management tools, including HP Device Manager for heterogeneous thin client environments. The enhanced HP Device Manager 4.1 includes a simple installer that automatically delivers new features such as more secure image delivery with both an SFTP and FTPS option.

Device imaging is now 10 times faster and add-on and connection management enhancements make it even easier to install and control updates and patches. HP Device Manager is just one of HP's comprehensive management options which also include a choice of HP ThinState Tools, HP Client Automation or Altiris Deployment Solution.

These additions to the HP Virtual Client Essentials portfolio enhance HP's broad thin computing portfolio and ongoing investment strategy in client virtualization solutions. HP's client virtualization portfolio includes the industry's most comprehensive thin client lineup, virtual desktop infrastructure and blade client hardware, as well as virtualization software technologies such as HP Remote Graphics Software.

Additional information about HP thin computing software solutions is available at www.hp.com/go/vce.

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