

From Thin Client to Zero Client

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What's Thinner than Thin?

Pano Logic says there is life after thin... and it's called Zero Client.

Designed by Whipsaw, the stylish Pano Cube holds three USB jacks, VGA and audio/mic jacks. You won't find a CPU or memory or storage inside, nor an operating system, drivers, software or moving parts— but it does lean on VMWare's required presence.

Why Virtual Desktops?



With no firmware upgrades, no configuration, no royalty fees, Pano Logic insists, "Our device is the only zero-client out there." They prefer to be thought of as a PCI interface on the PC, just extended over the wire. The Pano Device uses less than 5 watts, or roughly 3 percent of what a even an EnergyStar certified desktop PC consumes. The company brags that when the Pano Device is in full use, it still consumes less electricity than many PCs do when turned off (but not unplugged).

Because of the simple design of the Pano Device and its lack of moving parts that wear out or even firmware needing upgrades, its lifecycle can be 10 years or more, saving two or even three desktop PCs from landfills during that time.

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