

# **Criston and Thinstall Partner to leverage delivery and management of virtualized applications**

## **Criston, a leading provider of IT & Security Management Solutions, today announced its partnership with Thinstall, the leading agentless application, subsidiary of VMWare, to leverage delivery and management of virtualized applications.**

Application virtualization creates an intermediate layer between the application and the underlying operating system, which simplifies the process of deploying entire applications and their associated dependencies as a simple package.

The combination of Thinstall's Application Virtualization Solution and Criston Precision Management Suite improves efficiency of application manageability and provides IT departments with a cost-effective and easy to use solution to manage software in a stable and conflict-free desktop environment. Complementing traditional application packaging technologies (MSI, snapshot, custom), virtualized applications help reducing the costs and risks associated with migrations and upgrades and improve applications availability. Customer benefits include:

- ✦ Ability to run multiple versions of an application concurrently on a single computer
- ✦ Ease of application management, upgrading and migration
- ✦ Ability to leverage resources without adversely impacting users
- ✦ Optimal utilization of existing hardware and flexibility in the acquisition of hardware resources
- ✦ Enhanced system reliability and scalability Criston Precision brings an efficient management layer on top of Thinstall's innovative virtualization technology including:
  - ✦ Inventory and license management of virtualized applications
  - ✦ Deployment of virtualized applications
  - ✦ Management of virtualized applications (block/authorize)
  - ✦ Monitoring of Virtualized Application (license count, usage...)

"By adding the ability to manage and distribute Thinstall virtualized applications, Criston reinforces its solution by offering its customers an innovative way to reduce costs, ensure compliance and improve agility" says Giorgio Gheri, Business Development Director at Criston. "By providing organizations with a controlled approach to applications management, desktop management is optimized and support costs minimized".

"The cost and productivity impact of application 'breaks' is a pain point for businesses today the person can't do their job and it strains help desk resources as well, especially with remote desktop users," said Michael Krueger, Area Manager at Thinstall. "This relationship offers Criston customers the ability to deliver virtual applications for efficiency and cost savings. IT's challenge is to deliver a secure, stable desktop environment despite constant application updates and deployments. Thinstall's agentless virtualization technology eliminates single points of failure and conflicts between applications. The joint solutions save customers 'break-fix' costs, while strengthening and streamlining IT asset management."

### **About Thinstall**

Thinstall's Application Virtualization Platform virtualizes software delivery and access, enabling software companies and enterprises to deploy software without modifying the local operation system. Companies can deploy custom and licensed software across mixed Windows and locked down corporate desktop environments. Founded in 1999, and recently acquired by VMWare, Thinstall has been deployed to millions of desktops around the world. Customers include GE, the US Department of Defense, Liz Claiborne, Lucent, Northrop Grumman, Shell, T-Systems and Macy's. Thinstall is privately held with company headquarters in San Francisco, CA. For more information, please visit the company's Web site at [www.thinstall.com](http://www.thinstall.com) or call +1 415-274-2558.

## **About Criston**

Founded in 1997, Criston is the leading provider of IT & Security Management Solutions. Because Security is an inseparable component of IT operations, Criston believes that "Securing IT starts by Managing IT". From this perspective Criston gives organisations the means to understand the state of their IT infrastructure, assess risk, efficiently remediate vulnerabilities, and put controls and processes in place to make sure the infrastructure is secure, available and also compliant with relevant standards.

With ten years experience on the market, a large [customer base worldwide](#) and offices in Japan, China, England, Germany and France, Criston's solution successfully aligns IT and Security operations to business needs by providing an effective framework for the IT department. Product and company names herein may be trademarks of their registered owners.

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