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Relink and ThinApp



USING RELINK TO UPGRADE OLDER THINAPP APPLICATIONS TO BE USED WITH WINDOWS 10

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This is a story about a Dinosaur.

Believe it or not, we have a customer who, up until recently, had been using Windows XP. The reason they stuck with it for so long is because it was the platform that kept the firm capable of running what I will call a Dinosaur Application – an old program, but which is still integral to business operations. It is a very archaic, 32-bit, custom-built application, designed back in 2003 by some contractor who is now long gone. This client still depends on this application for, well, everything!

Furthermore, it is not in their immediate plans to go out and develop a new application. Yet it has become an unavoidable necessity to upgrade to a Windows 10 operating system, and the company is faced with the problem that the Dinosaur App might be incompatible with it.

We had already explored solutions for compatibility problems in past system updates. We helped them by setting up isolated VMware Thinapp, having it on strategic domain machines throughout their offices. But the whole office finally got updated with new computers, all running on Windows 10.

The move to a fully-updated office was a wise move for the company. Productivity sky rockets the

minute you give your employees two screens, a faster processor, and better connection. This major upgrade had an immediate positive impact.

But guess what application did not work?...Yup! The Dinosaur App. Windows 10 does not support it. The business is no less dependent on the application, so it is a problem that demands an immediate solution. What are we to do?.

AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR AN ANTIQUATED APPLICATION

As we dusted off and cleaned away the cobwebs from the documentation that survived from years ago, we discovered some other limitations.

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