Saab selects Cendio’s ThinLinc for Gripen development

Saab has purchased ThinLinc, the thin client system from Cendio, to be used as the main software technology for the virtualized delivery of development applications and desktops in the development of its Gripen jet fighter.

Substantial consolidation

Through the use of ThinLinc, Saab is able to substantially reduce the problems caused by different tools requiring different operating systems.

What previously required special-purpose work areas, or forced developers to crowd their offices with different computers, can today be performed using a single, common desktop environment. Linux-based visualization tools, analysis software running on Unix systems and Windows-based design tools can all coexist in the environment developed by Cendio and Saab.

Thin clients for advanced work

Saab’s choice of Cendio’s ThinLinc marks a leap forward in the use of thin clients for advanced, performance-sensitive work. The developers of the Gripen jet fighter enjoy all the benefits of thin clients, such as redundant systems and flexibility in their choice of workplace, but still maintain sufficient performance in 3D-based and graphically demanding applications.

About Saab

Saab serves the global market with world-leading products, services and solutions ranging from military defence to civil security. Saab has operations and employees on all continents and constantly develops, adopts and improves new technology to meet customers’ changing needs.

The Gripen multi-role combat aircraft is the first of the new generation to enter service. It is designed to meet the demands of current and future threats, while at the same time meeting strict requirements for flight safety, reliability, training efficiency and low operating costs. Gripen is in service with the Swedish, Czech Republic and Hungarian Air Forces and has also been ordered by South Africa and Thailand. The UK Empire Test Pilots’ School (ETPS) is operating Gripen as training platform for test pilots worldwide.

"ThinLinc gives us the cost-effective and flexible thin client based virtualization solution that we need in our development process."

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