

CREATIVE INDUSTRY - ANIMATION STUDIO

VIDEO, ANIMATION,
FIREFOX, CHROME, SECURED AND
MONITORED INTERNET BROWSER

PRE-CONDITIONS

Users had Ubuntu workstations with
proprietary graphical applications locally. The
studio needed to provide internet access to
the users, but there were risks concerning
sensitive data control.

+ **ThinLinc®**
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PURPOSE

To provide secured and monitored internet
browsing to the users. Due to the sensitive
nature of the material they are working with,
the workstations can't have direct internet
access.

RESULTS

Users access mainly Firefox and Chrome
through the ThinLinc solution to access the
internet. By doing so, the studio offers
secured and monitored internet browsing for
users.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & OTHER POTENTIAL USES:**

This solution may be useful for similar cases in which it is critical to have control over internet use.
It may include the ones working with materials sensitive to copyright and other confidential issues.

CASE DESCRIPTION / STORY

Cendio ThinLinc provides secure and controlled internet through Linux Remote Desktop for a recognized animation studio in Denmark

The release of new movies causes excitement in the cinema fan community. This curiosity generated before grand premieres is a hallmark of the entertainment industry. The source of financial revenue for this industry is directly linked to control over content distribution, as the “surprise effect” could mean higher revenues. The animation industry must adopt IT solutions that are secure and reliable, from the creation process to the release, to ensure control over the content created. To protect the creation of their artists, Copenhagen-based studio Ghost VFX created a Remote Desktop Linux solution using ThinLinc, technology developed by the Swedish company Cendio.

Thinlinc has been deployed to provide controlled and secure internet to users of Ghost workstations. Since workstations do not have a direct internet connection, ThinLinc allows users to use internet services through Chrome and Firefox browsers on the XFCE desktop, running on an Ubuntu server. Users at the company report that browser performance appears to be local, although they are actually running the application remotely on the server. “According to the main product properties, ThinLinc should have the performance and functionality to make it indistinguishable from a local session,” confirms Pierre Ossman, product owner at Cendio. “Our efforts have gone in this direction,” he adds.

Ghost systems developer Jimmy Christensen reports that factors such as price, licensing model and speed were taken into account when choosing ThinLinc. Additionally, ThinLinc performance was positively evaluated by the developer.

As stated on the company's website, “Since being founded in 1999, Ghost has grown to become one of the leading visual effects studios in Europe. With contributions to more than 60 feature films and TV shows, we are a full-service visual effects facility.”

The main features of ThinLinc, besides local experience, are its compatibility with any device or system, its safety, reliability, robustness, ease of administration and use, responsive support and honest and clear documentation. Cendio's current mission is to provide the best Linux Remote Desktop Server available. Up to 5 concurrent users may use the free version, which is otherwise unrestricted. Contact us at www.cendio.com to learn more about how ThinLinc is generating benefits for other organizations, users, and IT developers around the world.

