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### ThinPrint Virtualizes Printers

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ThinPrint, an international software manufacturer that is a specialist for printing in distributed network architectures, now offers a print solution for VMware's Virtual Infrastructure 3 (V13).

The .print Virtual Desktop Engine, with its well proven Driver Free Printing technology, virtualizes printer drivers which creates total independence from hardware, operating system, application, and physical location for printing.

ThinPrint's solution:

- Eliminates the need for installation of native printer drivers on the virtual machines
- Compresses print data to down to 1% of its original size
- And makes it possible to use mixed 64 and 32-bit environments

According to the company, many companies today focus on virtualized environments. The independence from hardware, operating system, and application that virtualization creates helps businesses achieve high savings and consolidation potential. Trouble is, though, that printing puts an end to the freedom of a virtualized environment. As always, the applications are directly connected to the printer hardware by the relevant printer drivers, and the operating system is predefined, as well, because 32-bit printer drivers cannot be used in 64-bit environments or vice versa. The remedy is ThinPrint's .print Virtual Desktop Engine. Its Driver Free Printing technology disengages the inflexible connection between application and printer driver and even makes it possible to use mixed 32-and 64-bit environments. Thanks to compression of up to 99%, the distance and/or connection between application and printer hardware is almost limitless. That means complete virtualization of print management regarding hardware, operating system, application, and physical location.