Vector

What's New Bulletin



PC-Duo® Remote Control v12.0 Express and Enterprise

New architecture Host and more functionality

V12.0 New kernel mode Host for PC-Duo Express and Enterprise

The kernel-mode screen capture driver is a mirror driver that can be used to capture the remote desktop for Windows 7, Vista, Windows 2008 Server and older platforms. In many situations, the kernel-mode screen capture driver will outperform the default user-mode screen capture driver (see PC-Duo Host Guide).

By default, the Host will be configured to use usermode screen capture, so the user will have to explicitly choose the kernel-mode screen capture driver on the Screen tab in the Host Control Panel by clicking the radio button next to Prefer kernel-mode screen capture.

Input Suppression

A new ability to turn off keyboard and mouse input on the remote desktop machine for Windows 7, Vista and Windows 2008 Server (see PC-Duo Host Guide).

New Gateway functions in v12.0 PC-Duo Enterprise

Citrix XenApp support

A new option to restrict injection of Terminal Services Host instances into "desktop" sessions only, and not into "application" sessions (see PC-Duo Host Guide).

Host Assignment to Groups

Automatically assigning Hosts to custom Gateway Groups is now possible using Windows Powershell scripting (see PC-Duo Host Guide).

Address Bindings

A new ability to bind the SSL and TCP network protocols to all addresses or to select specific addresses on the Gateway Server (see PC-Duo Gateway Administrator Guide).

Migration to v12.0 On-Demand

Why consider migrating?

- In PC-Duo On-Demand, the Master functions is provided as a Web sevice. This means that remote control sessions can be started from any supported browser. This independence from having access to a fixed Master application can be valuable.
- The management of the Gateway service is also provided through a new Web Console, enabling any aspect of a PC-Duo On-Demand installation to be remotely managed by an Administrator.
- In an On-Demand installation, there is a baseline cost for the first Administration/Master Web Console, and a cost per additional concurrent Master session capacity. Hosts and Gateway capacity carry no cost, and so an On-Demand installation is freed from the need for true-up Host purchases. The price is based solely on the level of activity, by licensing the maximum concurrent sessions being managed through the Gateway.

Estimating the concurrent demand

You will need to have an estimate of the maximum number of concurrent sessions to see whether migration is feasible financially. If it is hard to estimate, then the current number of Masters in your Express or Enterprise configuration provides a top limit. The concurrent session demand will enable your PC-Duo sales contact to give you the license price of the On-Demand configuration.

Your Migration Fund

The value at today's prices of the Hosts, Masters and Gateway licenses that you own are totalled to a figure we call your Migration Fund. That fund can be credited toward the cost of a replacement On-Demand configuration.

Next steps

Simply contact your PC-Duo sales rep to get expert advice on the potential for migrating your PC-Duo installation to the On-Demand architecture.