



CHAPTER 3

Desktop Basics

This chapter provides information to help you quickly get started using your thin client. It describes basic thin client functions and provides instructions for setting up the thin client for you and your users.

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Tip

Cisco thin clients are designed to be centrally managed and configured using Cisco VXC Manager and INI files. You can use Cisco VXC Manager to automatically push updates and any desired default configuration to all supported thin clients in your environment. For more information, see [Central Configuration Using Cisco VXC Manager, page 1-1](#).

Logging In

The options and menus that are available on the thin client depend on access levels and on the add-ons that are enabled on the thin client. By default, the Autologin add-on is enabled on the thin client, which automatically logs users into the local thin client desktop after they power up the thin client.

On initial connection to central configuration, plug in the network-connected Ethernet cable to the thin client before starting the thin client to obtain the configuration settings (connections, system settings, required certificates and so on) desired by the administrator.



Note

After the thin client boots up, there is a short delay before it initiates the autologin process. The user is initially presented with the login screen, and after approximately 10 to 15 seconds, the thin client automatically logs the user into the thin client using `thinuser/thinuser` as the default username and password.

After the thin client is powered on, the users are presented with a Firefox connection icon on the desktop which they can use to log into the HVD. To connect to the HVD, double-click the icon and enter the required login credentials.

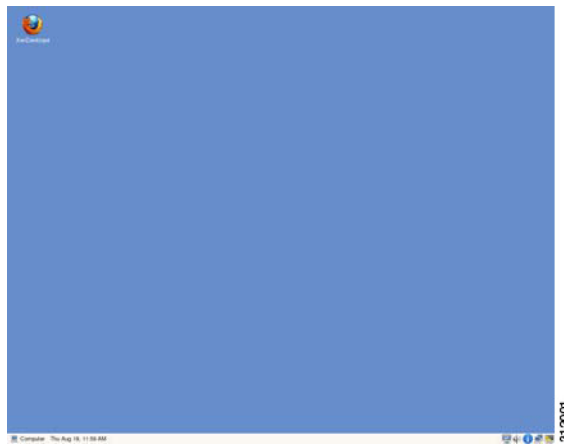
The following sections describe the available options on the thin client desktop that allow manual configuration of certain options.

Although manual configuration is possible, Cisco highly recommends that you use central configuration to automatically push updates and any desired default configuration to all supported thin clients in your environment (see *Administration Guide for Cisco Virtualization Experience Client Manager*).

Using Your Desktop

The desktop provides various applications and tools for use.

Figure 3-1 Desktop



Use the following guidelines:

- Computer button—Displays the Computer menu containing frequently used programs and common system areas.
 - Connection Manager—Opens the Connection Manager. Use the Connection Manager to view connections on the thin client.
 - More Applications—Opens the Application Browser. Use the Application Browser to use and manage applications on the thin client (see [Accessing Applications with the Application Browser, page 4-1](#)).
 - Logout—Opens the Log Out dialog box (click **Log Out** to end your session but continue to run the thin client).
 - Shutdown—Opens the Shutdown dialog box (where you can shut down your thin client, restart your thin client, or put your thin client in Standby mode. See [Shutting Down, Restarting, and Suspending, page 3-4](#)).



Note If you open the Shutdown dialog box and do not choose a shutdown option, the system automatically shuts down after 60 seconds.

- Calendar—Lists the day of the week, date, and time. You can click the calendar to open a calendar window.

Desktop Keyboard Shortcuts

Depending on the type of application window you are using (full screen, standard, or seamless), you can use shortcut keys (see [Table 3-1](#)) to manage windows.

Table 3-1 Window-Related Shortcut Keys

Window Action	Press
Maximize window	Alt+F10
Minimize window	Alt+F9
Restore maximized window to previous size	Alt+F5
Move focus to next window	Alt+Esc
Move focus to previous window	Alt+Shift+Esc
Switch windows using a dialog box	Alt+DownArrow
Switch panel focus	Alt+Ctrl+Shift+DownArrow
Show the window menu	Alt+Space (you can also right-click the window title bar or border, or click the window icon)
Minimize/maximize all windows	Alt+Ctrl+DownArrow
Move window with arrow keys	Alt+F7 and press an arrow key
Resize window	Alt+F8 and press an arrow key
Show desktop panel	Alt+F1
Close the window	Alt+F4

**Tip**

The shortcut keys Alt+DownArrow (allows you to switch windows using a dialog box) and Alt+Ctrl+DownArrow (minimizes or maximizes all windows) are useful for navigating multiple remote sessions without having to log out.

Connecting to a Monitor

Monitor connections can be made using the DVI (digital) monitor port and the proper monitor cables/splitters. For VGA (analog) monitor connections, you must use the included DVI-to-VGA adapter. For information on configuring display settings, see [Configuring Display Settings, page 4-5](#).

**Tip**

If you connect a DVI monitor and a VGA monitor to the DVI port using a DVI to DVI/VGA splitter, the VGA monitor is the primary monitor.

If you connect one DVI monitor to the DVI port and a second DVI monitor to the Display Port using a Display Port to DVI adapter, the Display Port monitor is the primary monitor.

Shutting Down, Restarting, and Suspending

When you are finished using your thin client, you can click **Computer > Shutdown** and choose:

- **Shutdown**—Shuts down and turns off your thin client.
- **Restart**—Shuts down and restarts your thin client.
- **Suspend**—Places the thin client in Standby mode to preserve power. To exit Standby mode, click the mouse.

**Tip**

If the ReadyMode feature is enabled and you shut down the thin client, the session ends, the power button LED is put in a state of OFF, and the thin client is placed in Standby mode to preserve power. When you press the power button, the thin client exits Standby mode and immediately prompts the user with the login dialog box. For more information on ReadyMode, see *Cisco Virtualization Experience Client 6215 INI Files Reference Guide*.

Viewing System Information

Click **More Applications** in the Computer menu (see [Using Your Desktop, page 3-2](#)) to open the Application Browser. Click the **System Information** icon to open the System Information dialog box. Use this dialog box to view Identity, Network, System Log, and Copyright information:

- **Identity tab**—Displays identity information such as Website, Current User, Terminal Name, Product Name, Platform, Build, SLETC, OS Version, Uptime, Processor, Processor Speed, Total Memory, Free Memory, Flash Size, Serial Number, and BIOS version.
- **Network tab**—Displays network information such as Network Device, MAC Address, Network Speed, MTU, IP Address, IPv6 Address, Netmask, Gateway, Domain, Primary DNS, Secondary DNS, DHCP Server, Lease, and Elapsed.
- **System Log tab**—Displays the System Log information, including various messages generated during the operation of the thin client.
- **Copyright tab**—Displays the software copyright and patent notices.

Figure 3-2 System Information dialog box