



# Client System Alternatives: Getting Rid of Desktops and Using Thin Client, VDI, WebApp, and Online Services Technologies from Microsoft

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As much as Microsoft has been a desktop operating system and application vendor for years, recent technology releases from Microsoft have paved the way for truly “thin client” systems in the field. The solutions include traditional “thin client” type “Terminal Services” technologies that Microsoft has had for years to new technologies like Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), WebApp technologies that effectively replace the desktop with Web-based applications, to completely outsourced “online” cloud services.

In this free seminar, Rand Morimoto, bestselling author of the #1 selling book in the world on Windows 2008 and Windows 2008 R2 (the technologies that are the basis of many of these solutions), will share what these technologies are, how they have been updated and improved in recent product releases, and how organizations have used the technologies to supplement (or in many cases replace) their old fashion “full desktop” environment.

Rand will present and demonstrate core technologies including:

- What’s new in the latest Windows 2008 R2 Remote Desktop Services (RDS (formally “Terminal Services”)) for thin client access, remote application access, and Web-based application access
- How Microsoft’s Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) provides an isolated virtual desktop per client system (similar to a virtual server guest session) for organizations that need fully formed and structured “desktops” but want to contain them in a centralized server environment
- What Microsoft is providing in terms of “Web Applications” similar to Google Apps for things like email, calendaring, file sharing, or even web-based Word, Excel, etc.
- A dive into Microsoft’s “online” services where Microsoft is hosting Exchange emails, SharePoint documents, and OCS instant messaging and Live Meeting “in the cloud” paid for on a per user / per month basis.

For each of these technologies, Rand will share:

- how organizations are using these technologies in day to day business operations
- where the target solutions and scenarios have most commonly been used in meeting business needs
- how these technologies are frequently intermixed together along with traditional computer-based users so that some users have thin / Web / online services where others have full laptops and desktops
- what’s involved in implementing and/or migrating to these technologies

**Time:** 9am-11:30am (registration starts at 8:15am, coffee/pastries to be served)

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January 28, 2010 (Thurs), CSU East Bay Oakland Campus (1000 Broadway, Oakland, CA) above the 12th St BART station in Oakland (across from the Oakland Marriott hotel)

**Cost:** Free

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Rand’s company, Convergent Computing (<http://www.cco.com>), was on the early adopter programs for Windows 2008 R2, Microsoft Web Applications, and Microsoft Business Productivity Online Services (BPOS) that are the basis of the technologies being covered in this seminar. With 2-3 years of early adopter experience and now several months of post product release experience, CCO is very familiar with the technologies, how they work, how (and whether) the technologies actually meet the original needs of organizations, how these technologies work in mixed thin vs full client environments, etc.