

## A couple of feature requests :)

[irios](#)

Nov 18,  
2009 at  
10:59 AM

I love you program, and I use it all day every day :-) Both at work and at home.

I have a few comments and questions tho...

- 1) Keeping aspect ratio on resized RDP if possible would be nice.
- 2) Having the possibility to choose RDP desktop resolution AND scale down to fit in window. Is this possible?
- 3) Sometimes when I have a bunch of connections going, I click a computer's name in the Favorite Toolbar because I've forgotten I've already connected, and then it spawns a new session. It would be nice to have a feature that simple will show the already connected computer when you do that.
- 4) I use RealVNC for some of my computers as well. Is there any way to make the VNC feature of Terminals work with RealVNC?

Cheers :)

Keep up the good work!

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[rubinhood](#)

Jan 1, 2010  
at 11:48 PM

Just a note that I too think Terminals is brilliant! This utility rocks, way better than Mstsc. I've been using it for a good few months now.

...And a +1 vote for scaling from \*custom resolutions\* to window size. The way it works when set to "Autoscale", it takes the current desktop resolution and forces those dimensions on the RDP session which is then scaled into the window. This is already way better than the MS RDP client. The problem is each different computer people may connect from, may have different resolutions which messes up carefully arranged windows in the target system.

I assume that scaling down from desktop res is the same effort as scaling down from a custom resolution, is that true from development perspective? The possibilities would then be endless: the client would then be able to display virtually any client resolution in a given window. This is useful for large screenshots, spreadsheets, screens with loads of windows and details (I need to watch dozens of controls for example).

People wouldn't have to buy humongous monitors just to test high resolutions! With scaling, they could view large resolution desktops on smaller monitors.

Terminals is already great as it is, many thanks if you can consider this feature. I haven't found any other software that comes close to achieving this.

And happy 2010 everyone!

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[mioiox](#)

Jan 24,  
2010 at  
10:38 AM

Edited Jan  
24, 2010 at  
10:39 AM

Terminals is great! I am just missing a couple of features to completely abandon Visionapp Remote Desktop 2009:

1) TSGW support - for me this is a very useful feature of the visionapp software and this is practically the only reason I would continue to use it.

2) Hyper-V's Virtual Machine Connection.

p. 3 from post 1 is something I'd suggest to think about, as it is somewhat annoying.

Otherwise, everything is great! Keep on and surprise us with v.2.0 with a new feature set soon :)

Thanks for the efforts!

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[GiangiRE](#)

Jan 26,  
2010 at  
1:39 PM

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I agree and add these:

4) soving the vRD import feature... I was able to use it! :-(

Thanks a lot!

Ciao, Giangi

[GodKratos](#)

Developer

Jan 28,  
2010 at  
2:11 AM

1) in the latest version 1.8c you can save default settings for whatever options you want.

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3) this is a personal preference thing I think... personally when I use terminals and I try another connection I actually mean to make another connection so I would not like this changed currently.

4) I'm actually thinking it might be an idea to start working on using third party program plugins for some connection types. I like how vRD uses putty and vnc plugins and it is a much nicer interface than our current terminal view so this might be something we look at.

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Jan 28,  
2010 at  
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On my laptop the screen is 1280x800 so its vertical res is quite small when you have the OS toolbar and the pgm's toolbars/status bars/etc... the actual space left for the remote desktop is much smaller. Having the options to "force" the remote resolution to at least 1024x768 is the minimum for many programs/windows to be able to see it completely but if you do it on Terminals then you do not see the complete screen since you have to use the scrolbars :-)

vRD, and others, solves this scaling the remote screen to the actual space available on the pgm window and keeping the aspect ratio!

3) easy solution... just add a config options to let the user decide which behaviour prefer! :-)

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Jan 28,  
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4:45 PM

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Completely agree! I would even suggest to keep them in Microsoft Vault (if possible).

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mioiox

Feb 5, 2010  
at 8:06 PM

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[GodKratos](#)

Developer

Feb 8, 2010  
at 10:38 PM

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[GodKratos](#)

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[rubinhood](#)Feb 9, 2010  
at 12:02 AM

The autoscale resolution sounds brilliant! Can't wait to try this new function.

If it works well, I'll donate (first time in my life to a development project!).

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[GiangiRE](#)Feb 9, 2010  
at 9:15 AM*GodKratos wrote:*

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I prefer solution 1: if I have forced a resolution there is probably a good reason so I prefer to have the desktop stay as I have "told" him to be... :-)

Eventually you may add a configuration option to let the end user decide which behaviour is best for him!! :-))

Thanks a lot for your good job!!!!

Ciao, Giangi

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Developer

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Sorry, I don't think I understand what your getting at. If you are using Hyper-V then the VM servers are Windows 2008 Servers correct?

If they are then you can just RDP to those servers in the same way that you RDP to the guest OSs of the VMs that are running on them....

At the moment I am trying to update the active X controls to support the latest RDP client versions anyway which will have TSGW support and probably fix whatever issue you are currently talking about.

[mioiox](#)

Feb 15,  
2010 at  
12:16 PM

Well, my understanding was that the idea of this particular activex is to be able to connect directly to the hyper-v virtual machines, but instead using RPC (or whatever protocol virtual machine connection (VMC) is using) it uses RDP. And I would like just to mention some issues with the scenario of RDP directly to the host:

1. Host is WS2008(R2) Core - I am not sure if you can start the VMC window from core installation?

or

2. You are installing inside the VM operating system without IS preinstalled (i.e. WS2003) - hyper-v cannot capture your mouse through RDP AND inside such an OS.

or

3. You are not able to connect to the host via RDP (for whatever reason).

Because all those three reasons, I hoped that there was a way to connect directly to the virtual machine (not the OS installed on it, but the child partition itself) using RDP, as that would allow the use of TSGW without the need of RDP to the host.

I suppose I just didn't get the idea of the activex at the beginning :)

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[rubinhood](#)

Feb 19,  
2010 at  
1:46 PM

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I've just tested the 1.9 Beta release for the custom autoscaling. It works brilliantly, exactly what I expected! I can now take 4000x2000 screenshots of Google Maps screens, and generally test large screen resolutions without having to buy an expensive monitor! It also works well when someone has a projector with a low screen resolution (and poor scaling); if Terminals scales in better quality just RDP into localhost and project that image instead.

You wrote that if the actual monitor resolution is larger than what's set in custom autoscale, there are two choices: show the session in a small window in the middle of the screen, or discard the custom dimensions and use all useful desktop space within Terminals. Now that I've tried it, I thought of a third option: stick to the dimensions set by the user, and \*up\*scale that to fill the Terminals window! One possible problem with the current solution if that depending on the monitor you're using Terminals from, the session can still mess up the carefully arranged desktop space those times when Terminals discards the setting.

But I'm already happy with the new feature so I'm not even asking. I don't even know if it's possible to \*up\*scale e.g. a session preset to "800x600 Autoscale" to a larger resolution, which is what the third option would entail.

In any case thanks for such a swift solution!

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GiangiRE

Feb 19,  
2010 at  
2:42 PM

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As to the rest of the options... that's not a bad idea. We could take the auto scale option out of the desktop size combo box and have it as a check box option separate to the drop down.

That way it can take effect no matter which option you choose and would work better using the auto scale to specific size only method instead of only if the size is bigger than your screen.

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[rubinhood](#)

Feb 20,  
2010 at  
8:06 PM

I'd say having a large border would be the more deterministic behavior. Users wouldn't really understand why the dimensions they specified are being ignored when they use Terminals from a larger than usual screen!

Great work either way!

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2010 at  
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I'm not sure to have understood correctly (...actually English is not my mother-language! :-)

I cannot test this out right now since I'm replying from home while the test was done in the office... anyway I am almost sure that I have maximized the Terminals' window using the **Maximize** gadget, I guess this means I was using the full monitor height?

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GiangiRE

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2010 at  
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1) using the installer is more simple... :-)) I understand that the zip file is not *complaining* but give it a try and the installer won't upgrade an existing version... maybe is just a matter of a wrong option selected at installer compiling time! :-))

2) please give it a try... I'm not using a master password and the settings are into the program folder... :-( And even when using a master password this is still not privacy compliant... :-)) Personal data must not be saved into the program folder... what about if you have to migrate from one computer to another? The only way to carry on your settings is to have everything into your profile! :-))

I do not think this is a big change on the source... :-))

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GiangiRE

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I have just tried again and I think there is a bug into the pgm logic :-)

Try to expand the Favorites toolbar so that it's about half of your screen, open a remote desktop with a size bigger than your current display and the remote will be created at the requested size but the aspect ratio is not respected!  
<http://img202.imageshack.us/img202/2338/immaginepw.jpg>

Ciao, Giangi

thinkshooter

May 15,  
2010 at  
2:27 AM

Just a note that I've been testing Terminals 1.9beta since February and it's great. It's been stable (for the functions I use it anyway). I didn't notice any reliability issues compared to the previous final release.

Speaking from experience, the custom scaling feature is promising, only I recommend the \*other\* implementation where the supplied resolution is respected even when the window is larger. This way, carefully arranged sets of windows wouldn't get messed up anymore just because someone connects from a computer with a larger monitor.

The quality of the scaling is good and fast enough for all reasonable tasks you may want to do over a remote connection. Kudos GodKratos!

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GiangiRE

Nov 17,  
2011 at  
9:54 AM

Sorry to *bump* this old thread but even with Beta3 (actually not the **public** one but a version I have received from **jirkapok**, build 09/11/2011, to the the password issue) the remote size logic has something wrong...

I have all my remote connections saved with **Auto Scale** selected and **1024x768** as dimensions because that is the minimum size I need to have on remote connections.

I'm using a laptop with screen **1280x800** connected, when I'm in the office, to a secondary monitor which is **1280x1024**; I keep Terminals open on the secondary monitor and the remote windows are correctly resized to a resolution bigger than the one saved.

Sometimes I travel and obviously without the secondary monitor :-)) so I must keep Terminals on the laptop's screen, well in this case the remote session is **resized to 1088x646** while I was expecting to have it **1024x768 but scaled down** to the window's size! :-(

I guess that's because the width is still *bigger* than the one saved into the connection. If this is the case I think is better to scale down the remote session when at least one of the remote size is smaller than the saved one, in the above case **646 is smaller than 768** so the remote resolution had to be **forced to 1024x768 but scaled down (aspect ratio respected!!)** to the available window size 1088x646!

Ciao, Giangi

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GiangiRE

Apr 11,  
2012 at  
4:37 PM

Here you are a more "current" example... please tell me why the remote desktop (is a Win7 Enterprise SP1) is not at the selected size! :-)

<http://img571.imageshack.us/img571/3336/greenshot20120411163349.jpg>

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jirkapok

Developer  
Apr 11,  
2012 at  
8:53 PM

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kfdmike

May 7,  
2012 at  
10:39 PM

I also have aspect issues

I have this desktop setup <http://img690.imageshack.us/img690/1496/imglayout.png>

that the new window always opens in monitor #1. Initally looks like this. <http://img546.imageshack.us/img546/120/initialsettings.png>

I've tried all manner of width values nothing differs. I've tried fit to window too but it will not keep the height

but resize it and it keeps the monitor #`1 aspect ratio <http://img526.imageshack.us/img526/8717/resizedr.png>

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**jirkapok wrote:**

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I have just updated that item <https://terminals.codeplex.com/workitem/31776> because even on v3.4 nothing has changed...

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GiangiRE

Today at  
10:05 AM

I have updated again item <https://terminals.codeplex.com/workitem/31776> because on v3.5 still nothing has changed...

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