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**İntroduction**

There has been a substantial change in the users’ engagement with the applications in the constantly changing context of the information technology world. This paper looks at thin, thick and no clients which are commonly used. Each model has its respective strengths and weaknesses which influence user experience and corporate approaches differently. These architectures have to been comprehensively understood since they dictate the deployment and infrastructure design of applications.

**Client Architecture Overview**

Thin Clients: These are computers or applications that are quite basic and depend mainly on the majority of processing taking place in the server. Thin clients usually have a few applications running in them and are mainly used as a storage access point to work on a central server and its applications. Web pages, virtual desktops, and remote desktops are examples.

Thick Clients: These PCs or applications can also be referred to as fat clients, thick clients undertake most of the processing in the pcs or applications belonging to the user. They can store data and execute applications without being permanently connected to the server. This includes desktop applications such as Microsoft Office or Adobe Photoshop.

No Clients: A client model which is gaining traction and which is quite popular refers to web based applications that allow functions without any type of client-side configuration. Application usage entail direct interaction through web browsers or cloud services without needing local software. This model has gained traction with the rise of Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions.

**Advantages and Disadvantages:**

**Thin Clients:**

Cost-Effective: The lower powered devices attract lower hardware expenditures.

Centralized Management: Software can be updated from a single point which is easier.

Enhanced Security: Since data is kept on the server, the risk of loss or theft is reduced when it comes to client devices’ data.

Disadvantages:

Dependency on Network: Performance is hampered by the reliance on the speed and reliability of the network.

Limited Functionality: Applications that are resource-intensive that require local processing may not be supported.

**Thick Clients:**

**Advantages:**

Performance: Applications run faster because the tasks are performed locally, such as in instances when the resource tasks are heavy.

Offline Capabilities: Users are not required to have constant internet connection to be able to work.

**Disadvantages:**

Higher Costs: The hardware is expensive and there are high maintenance requirements.

Complex Management: Each individual client at Client level must have an update and measure taken for security.

**No Clients:**

**Advantages:**

Accessibility: Applications can be launched from any device with a web browser.

Automatic Updates: Since the software is contained on the server, users do not have to perform updates manually to download the latest operating version.

**Disadvantages:**

Internet Dependency: A stable internet connection is required to achieve optimal performance.

Security Concerns: As data must move through the internet, there are risks regarding breaches.

**Real-life use cases:**

Thin Clients: Thin clients are often seen in sectors that demand strong control such as the education sector and big companies. It is suitable for VDI deployment and remote application access.

Thick Clients: Thick clients are most likely to be used in graphic designing, software development, and gaming categories that need high local computing power.

No Clients: These are the most used clients in web applications in which email applications (G-mail), office applications (Google pageless), and other services that do not require users to install an application to intervene in creativity.

**Conclusion:**

Selecting an appropriate client architecture is essential for companies with the intent of streamlining their IT infrastructure and enhancing user interaction. This understanding aids businesses in deciding which client models would enhance their operations since every model, be it thin, thick or non, has its practical usage. The client architectures which will act as bridges in application delivery and user experience will be evolving but won’t be going anywhere any time soon.

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