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1 OVERVIEW

Thank you for using Novell ZENworks Application Virtualization!

This product will allow you to convert your Windows, .NET, Java, AIR, Flash, Shockwave, or other Windows-compatible application into a self-contained virtual application that can be streamed from the web and run instantly on an end-user device. Unlike traditional deployment methods, virtual applications do not require reboots, administrative privileges, or separate setup steps for external components and runtimes. Virtual applications are isolated from other system applications, preventing DLL conflicts and other deployment nightmares.

This guide explains how to use ZENworks Application Virtualization to create your own virtual applications and begin enjoying the benefits of this next-generation deployment technology.

1.1 WHAT IS A VIRTUAL APPLICATION?

Virtual applications enable application publishers and IT administrators to significantly reduce the cost and complexity associated with development, setup, configuration, deployment, and maintenance of software applications. A virtual application is a virtual machine image pre-configured with files, registry data, settings, components, runtimes, and other dependencies required for a specific application to execute immediately. This virtual application improves both the user experience and reduces test and support complexity associated with deploying the application. For example, a publisher of an application based on the Microsoft .NET Framework or Java runtime engine can create a virtual application combining the application with the required runtime engine. An end-user can then run this application immediately, even if he has an incompatible (or has not installed the) runtime engine.

Because virtual applications run in isolated environments, applications that otherwise interfere with one another can run simultaneously. For example, applications which overwrite system DLLs or require different runtime engine versions can run concurrently on a single host device. Virtual applications can also provide access to internal copies of privileged system resources, enabling unprivileged users to directly execute applications without security exceptions or Windows Vista User Account Control prompts.

Novell virtual application technology surpasses other virtualization systems in several ways:

- Novell virtual applications run immediately on an end-user machine without changes to system infrastructure. No "player" software or separate installation is required.
- Novell low-overhead virtualization technology enables applications to run with the same performance characteristics as native executables. No significant processing or filesystem overhead is incurred.
- Novell virtual applications provide all required virtualized operating system functionality within the internal virtual environment. No operating system must be installed onto the virtual application.

1.2 ZENWORKS APPLICATION VIRTUALIZATION FEATURES OVERVIEW

ZENworks Application Virtualization enables you to:

- Create virtual applications which are streamed from the web, eliminating potentially long installation and download times. Virtual applications run from any desktop with broadband internet access.
- Create an application as a single executable. Application files, registry settings, runtimes, and components are packaged into a single executable that runs instantaneously.
- Run Java and .NET without separate runtime installations. Java and/or .NET-based applications run immediately, with no separate installation steps or runtime versioning conflicts.
- Improve desktop security. You can run applications without granting administrative permissions to end-users. You can also stabilize desktop images by deploying applications in Spoon sandboxed virtual environments.
- Eliminate third-party setup dependencies. Novell integrates third-party components, COM/VB controls, and content viewers such as Acrobat, Flash, and Shockwave, directly into your application.
- Eliminate Windows Vista and Windows 7 User Account Control prompts and compatibility errors. You can deploy Novell virtual applications regardless of access to privileged system resources.
- Leverage Terminal Services and Citrix investments: By isolating applications from global resource areas, Novell virtual application technology allows non-compliant applications to function properly in Terminal Server and Citrix environments.
- Improve mobile productivity. By placing Novell virtual applications onto a USB flash-memory drive, you can run applications immediately on remote PCs, with no installation steps, administrative privileges or driver installations.
- Dramatically reduce test and support costs. Novell virtual applications eliminate versioning conflicts, dependencies, and "DLL Hell." Novell applications also reduce test complexity and eliminate support requests associated with dependency installation and inter-application resource conflicts. Novell virtualization takes place entirely in user-mode, so no device drivers are installed or required.

1.3 DO NOVELL VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS REQUIRE ANY DEVICE DRIVERS?

No. Novell virtualization takes place entirely in user-mode, so no device drivers are installed or required.

1.4 HOW IS NOVELL VIRTUALIZATION DIFFERENT FROM HARDWARE VIRTUALIZATION?

Unlike hardware virtualization systems like Microsoft Virtual PC and VMware, Novell virtualizes only the operating system features required for application execution. This enables virtualized applications to operate efficiently, with the same performance characteristics as native executables.

There are several advantages in choosing Novell virtual applications over hardware virtualization systems:

- **Optimal performance.** Novell virtual applications run at the same speed as applications running natively against the host hardware, with a minimal memory footprint. In contrast, applications running within hardware-virtualized environments experience significant slow-downs and impose a large memory footprint.
- **Dramatically reduced application size.** Novell virtual applications require a footprint proportional to the size of the virtualized application, data, and included components. As a result, Novell virtual applications are small enough to be quickly downloaded by end-users. Hardware virtualization requires an entire host operating system image, including many basic subsystems that are already present on the end-user device. Each virtual machine may occupy several gigabytes of storage.
- **Multiple virtual applications capability.** You can run multiple simultaneous Novell virtual environments per processor. Due to the high overhead of hardware virtualization, only a small number of hardware-virtualized environments per processor can run simultaneously.
- **Reduced licensing costs.** Novell does not require the purchase of separate operating system licenses to use a virtual application. Hardware virtualization systems require a host operating system in order to function, which can impose additional licensing costs and restrictions.

Hardware virtualization can be appropriate in certain specialized scenarios:

- **Non-Windows operating systems.** Novell virtual applications currently run only using the Windows operating system. Hardware virtualization can execute any operating system compatible with the underlying virtualized hardware, such as Linux.
- **Kernel mode virtualization.** The Novell Virtual Operating System only virtualizes user-mode operating system features, whereas hardware virtualization systems emulate the entire OS stack, including kernel mode components. Applications requiring device drivers or other non-user-mode software may require a hardware-virtualized environment to function properly.

Carefully evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different virtualization approaches before deciding which technology best fits your needs.

1.5 WHAT PLATFORMS ARE SUPPORTED?

ZENworks Application Virtualization supports the following platforms for virtual application build, snapshotting, and execution:

- Windows XP Service Pack 3
- Windows Embedded XP
- Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 2
- Windows Vista Service Pack 2
- Windows Server 2008, all editions
- Windows 7

ZENworks Application Virtualization supports these operating systems running within VMware and Microsoft hardware virtualization and hypervisor environments.

ZENworks Application Virtualization also has limited support for the Windows Preinstallation Environment (WinPE), though certain applications depending on operating system features unavailable in WinPE may not function properly.

ZENworks Application Virtualization creates 32- and 64-bit executables. Both 32-bit (under 32-bit mode) and 64-bit executables can be run on x64-based platforms.

1.6 WHAT APPLICATIONS CAN BE VIRTUALIZED USING ZENWORKS APPLICATION VIRTUALIZATION?

ZENworks Application Virtualization and the Novell virtualization engine support most major Windows desktop applications. However, certain applications are unsuitable for virtualization using Novell's user-mode technology. These include application features which contain, or directly depend upon, interaction with specialized kernel-mode device drivers or other kernel-mode extensions, operating system components and extensions, anti-virus applications, and kernel event filtering, monitoring, and intrusion detection applications.

Novell applications are compatible with most major anti-virus, runtime, and security packages.

2 GETTING STARTED

This section describes the system requirements for installing and running ZENworks Application Virtualization, provides an overview of the ZENworks Application Virtualization user interface, and walks you through the basic steps of creating a virtual application.

2.1 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

ZENworks Application Virtualization requires a Windows XP, Windows 2000 edition, or higher operating system. The ZENworks Application Virtualization graphical interface assumes a screen resolution of at least 800×600, although a screen resolution of at least 1024×768 is highly recommended.

2.2 USER INTERFACE OVERVIEW

The ZENworks Application Virtualization control panel allows you to configure your virtual application filesystem and registry, embed external runtimes and components, take snapshots of the application, and create virtual application executables. The primary interface consists of a ribbon bar and several panes grouped by a functional area.

Located above the ribbon bar are:

- The **Start menu** button- located in the circle on the top left of the window- allows virtual application configurations to be imported, opened, applied, saved, and closed.
- The **Options** bar provides ZENworks Application Virtualization interface customization options, and the ability to install license certificates.
- The **Help** bar provides access to the ZENworks Application Virtualization documentation, including a searchable version of this document.

The ribbon bar accesses common ZENworks Application Virtualization features:

- The **Virtual Application** tab provides access to the snapshot and build features, as well as output configuration options such as the startup file, output directory, and diagnostic-mode selection.
- The **Runtimes** tab provides a selection of auto-configurable runtime engines which can be embedded into your application with a single click. These include .NET Framework, Java, Flash, Shockwave, Acrobat Reader, and SQL 2005 Express runtimes.
- The **Advanced** tab provides advanced ZENworks Application Virtualization functions such as Platform Merge and Streaming, and allows you to create license certificates and application configurations.

Functions in the main panel are accessed by clicking the appropriate buttons along the left side of the interface:

- The **Filesystem** panel displays the application virtual filesystem, and allows adding and removing virtual files and directories.
- The **Registry** panel displays the application virtual registry, and allows adding and removing virtual registry keys and data values.
- The **Settings** panel allows configuration of virtual application metadata, startup image and shim, and process configuration options.
- The **Components** panel allows layering of external virtual application components, such as toolbars and optional features.
- The **Setup** panel allows configuration of MSI setup package, shortcuts, and shell integration options.
- The **Expiration** panel allows configuration of application expiration options.

- The **ZENworks** panel allows configuration of ZENworks Application Virtualization Startup and Bundle Publishing features.

Note: ZENworks Application Virtualization users are individually responsible for assuring compliance with licensing for any third-party redistributable components included using virtualization.

2.3 METHODS OF CREATING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS

ZENworks Application Virtualization offers four ways to create and configure virtualized applications.

- **Scan desktop for installed applications:** This option will scan your desktop for installed applications and build the virtual applications using content and settings from the desktop where ZENworks Application Virtualization is running. This is the recommended method for packaging standard applications like Microsoft Office. Only applications that have a recipe will be picked up during the scan. To see a list of available applications select *Build applications from a template* from the wizard. All applications NOT marked with an asterisk (*) have a recipe and will be picked up by the desktop scan if they are present on the system.
- **Build a virtual application from a template:** ZENworks Application Virtualization includes templates and recipes for several popular applications. This option automatically virtualizes and configures popular applications using a guided wizard and user-provided or downloaded media. This method is recommended for first-time users of ZENworks Application Virtualization. When viewing the list of available applications, templates are marked with an asterisk (*) and do not require the software to be installed during packaging. Templates are pre-configured and may require changes for custom configurations. Recipes require the application to be installed and configured on the local system. The settings from the local system will be applied to the configuration.
- **Snapshot a third-party application or component:** In this method, snapshots capture the system state before and after an application is installed. Based on the observed system changes, the virtual application settings are automatically configured. This method is ideal for virtualizing off-the-shelf applications (Refer to the section “Snapshotting applications” for more information on this method).
- **Manually configure an application:** This method is most often used by developers virtualizing internally developed applications. Manual configuration requires a high degree of technical knowledge but allows the maximum amount of control over virtual application settings (Refer to the sub-section “Manually configuring a simple virtual application” in the “Walkthroughs” section for more information on this method).

All methods allow additional configuration and customization once the initial virtual application configuration has been constructed.

2.4 PACKAGING APPLICATIONS WITH THE DESKTOP SCAN

ZENworks Application Virtualization can scan the machine where it is installed and build virtual application packages for use with Spoon Server using the content and settings from that machine.

To run a desktop scan:

- Open the Configuration Wizard from the **Virtual Application** tab.
- Click the button next to **Scan desktop for installed applications**.
- A progress window displays while the filesystem and registry are scanned for application identifying information.
- Once the scan is complete, the user has a chance to review the applications that were found on the system. Clicking **Next** matches the information against the database of known applications.
- A list of installed applications that match the available applications from Novell is displayed. Check the box next to the applications to be packaged and click **Next**.
 - For some applications, there may be multiple options (such as language). Choose the option that matches the installed application on the desktop.
- Choose where *Location* where the packaged applications will be placed.
- Choose the *Output format* of the application packages and click **Next**.
- A progress window displays while the selected applications are packaged. This process can take several minutes depending on the size and number of applications selected.
- Once the process is finished, a window displays showing the results. If multiple applications are selected to be packaged, the status of each will be displayed. If one application fails to be packaged, it is possible for the other selected applications to build successfully.

Note: Applications packaged with this method may retain the user settings that were in place at the time of the scan.

2.5 CREATING YOUR FIRST VIRTUAL APPLICATION

ZENworks Application Virtualization includes automated virtual application configuration wizards for certain popular software applications. Novell recommends that first-time users begin by building one of these auto-configurable virtual applications using the ZENworks Application Virtualization Configuration Wizard.

To build an auto-configured application:

- Open the ZENworks Application Virtualization Configuration Wizard. The wizard is displayed on program startup, or can be opened by pressing the **Configuration Wizard** button on the **Virtual Application** ribbon bar.
- Click on the box labeled **Build a virtual application from a template**.
- Select an application from the **Application** list. There are two types of application configurations, **templates** and **recipes**. Applications that are built from a **template** do not require a local installation and are marked with an asterisk (*). Applications built from **recipes** require that there be a local installation of the application on the machine.
- Follow the wizard steps to construct the virtual application.

After completing the wizard, the virtual application configuration will remain loaded in the ZENworks Application Virtualization interface. This allows the configuration settings generated by the wizard to be inspected and additional customization to be performed (Refer to the following sections “Configuring virtual applications” and “Customizing virtual applications” for more information on configuration and customization).

Congratulations on building your first virtual application!

2.6 CONFIGURING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS

Virtualization enables you to simplify application deployment by directly embedding files, registry settings, components, and other dependencies into the application executable. This reduces setup complexity, prevents DLL collisions, and enables applications to simulate the use of privileged disk and registry resources without administrative privileges.

2.7 SNAPSHOTTING APPLICATIONS

Most commercial applications require complex combinations of filesystem and registry entries. To facilitate virtualization of these applications, ZENworks Application Virtualization can *snapshot* application installations and automatically configure them based on modifications made to the host system during application setup.

2.7.1 Snapshots

Snapshots use "before" and "after" images of the host machine to determine the virtual application configuration:

- "Before" snapshot: Taken prior to installing the application. This captures the state of the host device without the target application installed.
- "After" snapshot: Taken after installing the application. This captures all changes to the host device during application installation. ZENworks Application Virtualization then computes the changes, or *deltas*, between the before and after snapshots, and inserts these changes into the configuration.

To use the snapshot feature:

- Prepare the host device by either removing the target application and all dependencies, or copying ZENworks Application Virtualization onto a "clean" machine.
- Click on the **Virtual Application** tab on the ribbon bar and click **Capture Before**. This captures the "before" snapshot image. Snapshotting iterates through the filesystem and registry, and therefore may take several minutes to complete.
- (Optional) Novell recommends you save the "before" snapshot before continuing. This allows you to skip this step when snapshotting subsequent applications from the same clean machine image. To save the snapshot, click on the down arrow underneath the **Capture Before** button and select **Save Snapshot**. Note that while ZENworks Application Virtualization automatically saves the most recent captured "before" snapshot, this snapshot is reset once the Capture and Diff process is complete.
- Install your application along with other files, settings, runtimes, and components you wish to include in the virtual application (Refer to the following sub-section "Adding runtimes and components" for more information on additional configuration). If the application setup requests a reboot, be sure to save the "before" snapshot and then proceed with the reboot.
- On the **Virtual Application** tab on the ribbon bar, click **Capture and Diff**. This captures the "after" snapshot, computes the deltas between the two snapshots, and populates the virtual application with the delta entries.
- (Optional) Review the filesystem and registry entries, and remove any files or settings which are not required for proper execution of your virtual application. Removing unused entries will reduce virtual application size, but be sure to avoid accidental removal of required resources, as it will cause your virtual application to no longer function properly.

2.7.2 Saving snapshots

Sometimes the before snapshot remains fixed while several after snapshots are taken. It is recommended that you save the before snapshot image so that the before snapshot does not need to be re-captured each time. Because snapshots can take up to several minutes, this can significantly reduce the time required to build virtual applications.

To save the "before" snapshot, click on the down arrow underneath the **Capture Before** button on the **Virtual Application** ribbon bar and select **Save Snapshot** from the dropdown menu. Select an appropriate filename and location and press **Save**. Similarly, to load a saved snapshot, select the **Load Snapshot** menu item and navigate to the saved snapshot file. To clear the current "before" snapshot image, select the **Clear Snapshot** menu item.

2.7.3 Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode

Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode should be used when snapshotting Internet Explorer application setups. This mode ensures a more complete capture of the Internet Explorer portions of the registry and filesystem, whereas a normal snapshot process ignores those parts of the registry and filesystem.

To use Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode, click the **Options** menu above the ribbon bar in ZENworks Application Virtualization, and select **Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode** from the dropdown.

2.8 ADDING RUNTIMES AND COMPONENTS

Many components and runtime systems consist of large, complex sets of filesystem entries and registry settings. To simplify configuration of the most common components, ZENworks Application Virtualization contains a collection of pre-configured component settings which can be added to your virtual application with a single click. For example, if your application is a .NET Framework 4.0 application, then selecting the **.NET Framework 4.0** component will allow your executable to run on machines without the .NET Framework installed.

Additional runtimes and components should be added to the virtual application during the snapshot process, *before* the “After” snapshot has been taken.

To add a runtime or component:

- Click on the **Runtimes** tab on the ribbon bar.
- Click on the appropriate runtime or component to select it for inclusion. Selected components are indicated with a highlighted button. To remove a component, click on the button again. The button will no longer be highlighted and the component will not be included.

Note: The displayed runtimes apply to the currently selected target architecture (see process settings). If the target architecture is changed, architecture specific runtimes, like .NET 2 or .NET 3.x will still be included but will not display as selected. To deselect them, the target architecture must be changed back, and then the runtimes can be deselected.

Note: Depending on the size of the component, selecting a component for inclusion can significantly increase the size of the resulting executable. Therefore, you should only select components which are required for proper execution of your application.

Note: You are responsible for assuring compliance with licensing for any third-party redistributable components included in your virtualized application.

2.8.1 Configuring the Java runtime

ZENworks Application Virtualization provides specialized support for the Java runtime. If your application is based on Java runtime, press the **Sun Java Runtime** button on the **Runtimes** ribbon bar. This displays the Java configuration menu.

Select the appropriate version of the Java runtime from the **Java runtime version** drop-down. If you are deploying your application as a set of .class files, then select the **Class** option from the **Startup type** drop-down; if you are deploying within a .jar file, select the **Jar** option. Enter the startup class name or Jar name in the appropriate textbox, along with any additional Java runtime options.

2.9 LOADING AND SAVING CONFIGURATIONS

Once you have configured your virtual application, and taken your “After” snapshot, save the configuration for future use or modification. It is important to save the virtual application snapshot in its original state in case errors are introduced during virtual application customization and optimization. This also allows the application to be tested and modified without the need to re-snapshot after each iteration.

To save a configuration:

- Click on the **Start button** menu and select **Save Configuration As...**
- Select a filename and location and click **Save**. This saves the virtual application configuration file. By default, configuration files use the extension **.xappl**.

Note: Configuration files do not store the *contents* of virtual filesystem files. The configuration file specifies only the *source path* for each virtual filesystem entry. The source file must exist at build time or the virtual application will not build successfully.

ZENworks Application Virtualization automatically stores source file locations as paths relative to the location of the saved **XAPPL** file, in the same directory as the **XAPPL** file (the folder marked **Files**).

Note: ZENworks Application Virtualization users can create their own default settings for application building by saving a **XAPPL** file with a few customization settings (E.g. changing the default sandbox location) and no associated application, then loading this **XAPPL** file (and saving as a new file) before beginning the snapshot process in a new project.

2.10 SPECIFYING A STARTUP FILE

Although the virtual filesystem can contain several executable files (such as .exe, .cmd, and .java) and viewable file formats (such as .html and .swf), your virtual application is consolidated into a single executable. It is necessary for the virtual application designer to indicate a *startup file*- the executable or viewable file which is opened when the user executes the virtual application.

A startup file should be specified *after* the application has been installed and configured with runtimes, and the “After” snapshot has been taken.

To select the startup file:

- Click on the **Virtual Application** tab on the ribbon bar.
- Click on the **Startup File**. This opens a drop-down menu listing all files in the virtual filesystem.
- Select the file to be used as the startup file, or navigate to the desired startup file in the virtual filesystem display, right-click the file, and select **Set as Startup File**.

Files located on the host device (outside of the virtual filesystem) may also be used as startup files. To select a file on the host device as the startup file, enter the full path to the desired startup file in the **Startup File** text box. Remember to use well-known root folder variables such as **@WINDIR@** and **@PROGRAMFILES@** as the root of the full path to ensure that the startup file can be properly located on all base operating systems.

Note: While any file can be selected as the startup file, you should only select a file which is executable or viewable. Selecting a file which cannot be opened will cause an error when the virtual application is started.

2.11 SPECIFYING MULTIPLE STARTUP FILES (JUKEBOXING)

In some situations a virtual application can expose multiple startup files. For example, when using a virtualized office productivity suite, you may want to launch the word processor or spreadsheet component of the suite while still deploying a single executable file.

ZENworks Application Virtualization enables triggering multiple entry points into the virtual application based on a command-line argument to the executable. For example, in the office suite scenario described, you could use the command line argument **office word** (to trigger the word processor) and **office spreadsheet** (to trigger the spreadsheet). Refer to the sub-section “Building OpenOffice via snapshot process” in the “Walkthroughs” section for an example of Jukeboxing during the OpenOffice build process.

To specify multiple startup files:

- Click the **Multiple** button next to the **Startup File** textbox on the **Virtual Application** ribbon bar. This displays the **Startup Files** selection dialog.
- Click on the **File** column on the first empty row in the startup file list and select the desired file from the drop-down list. Files located on the host device (outside of the virtual filesystem) can also be used as startup files. To select a file on the host device as the startup file, enter the full path to the desired startup file in the **Startup File** text box.
- Enter the desired command line arguments, if any, in the **Command Line** column.
- Enter the desired command line trigger in the **Trigger** column. For example, in the command line **office word**, the trigger would be **word**.
- Check the **Auto Start** checkbox if you want the startup file to always be automatically launched on virtual application startup.
- After adding a new startup file, hit **Enter** in order to save

Note: When specifying a startup file located outside of the virtual filesystem, remember to use well-known root folder variables such as **@WINDIR@** and **@PROGRAMFILES@** as the root of the full path to ensure that the startup file can be properly located on all base operating systems.

Note: The **Auto Start** flag can be specified for multiple startup files to automatically launch multiple applications that are typically used together in a single session (also known as "shotgunning").

2.12 EDITING THE VIRTUAL FILESYSTEM

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows you to embed a *virtual filesystem* into your executable. Embedded files are accessible by your ZENworks Application Virtualization-processed application as if they were present in the actual filesystem. Virtual files, unlike files on the host device, are not visible from and do not require changes to the host device. Virtual files do not require security privileges on the host device, regardless of whether the virtual files reside in a privileged directory. Because virtual files are embedded in the application executable, shared DLLs do not interfere with or are overwritten by other applications on the host device.

To add virtual files:

- Click on the **Filesystem** button located on the left side of the ZENworks Application Virtualization window.
- Using the view on the right, add the files and folders you wish to embed in the application executable. The **Application Directory** root folder represents the folder containing the virtual application binary on the executing device; the other root folders represent the corresponding folders on the host device.

Note: When running a virtual application on Windows 7, the **All Users Directory\Application Data** and **All Users Directory** root folders will map to the same folder at runtime. To prevent one setting from overriding another, verify that the isolation settings for these folders are the same.

2.12.1 Virtualization Semantics

In the event of a collision between a file in the virtual filesystem and a file present on the host device, the file in the virtual filesystem takes precedence.

Folders may be virtualized in **Full**, **Merge**, **Write Copy** and **Hide** mode:

- **Full mode:** Only files in the virtual filesystem will be visible to the application- even if a corresponding directory exists on the host device- and writes are redirected to the sandbox data area. Full mode is generally used when a complete level of virtual application isolation is desired.
- **Merge mode:** Files present in a virtual folder will be merged with files in the corresponding directory on the host machine, if such a directory exists. Writes to host files are passed through to the host device and writes to virtual files are redirected into the sandbox data area. Merge mode is generally used when some level of interaction with the host device is desired. For example, Merge mode might be used to allow the virtualized application to write to the host device's **My Documents** folder.
- **Write Copy mode:** Files present on the host device are visible to the virtual environment, but any modifications to folder contents are redirected to the sandbox data area. Write Copy mode is generally used when a virtual application needs to read from files already present on the host device but isolation of the host device is still desired.

- **Hide mode:** Files and folders with Hide isolation enabled will return a 'File Not Found' message to the application at runtime. This applies to both the virtual filesystem and the host filesystem. Hide mode is generally used when a file on the host machine may interfere with the application's ability to run properly. By adding the file or folder to the virtual package with Hide isolation enabled, the application will receive a 'File Not Found' message, even if the file or folder exists on the host machine.

Tip: To apply the selected isolation mode to all subfolders, right-click on the folder, choose **Isolation**, click on the checkbox for **Apply to subfolders**, and click **OK**.

2.12.2 File Attributes

Files and folders may optionally be hidden from shell browse dialogs and other applications enumerating virtual directory contents. This is often used to prevent internal components and data files from being displayed to the user. To hide a file or folder, click on the checkbox in the **Hidden** column next to the desired file or folder.

Note: The hidden flag should not be confused with Hide isolation mode. Enabling the hidden flag only prevents a file or folder from being displayed in browse dialogs or from directory enumeration APIs. It does not prevent the application (and potentially the end-user) from accessing the folder or file contents by direct binding. To prevent the file or folder from being found by the application, enable Hide isolation mode.

Flagging files as read-only will prevent the application from modifying the file. To make a file read-only, click on the checkbox in the **Read Only** column next to the desired file. It is not possible to set the read-only attribute at the folder level.

2.12.3 No Upgrade

By default, ZENworks Application Virtualization enables files in the virtual filesystem to be upgraded with patches. If there are files in the virtual filesystem that should not be upgraded, such as user data files, select the **No Upgrade** flag to prevent these files from being upgraded.

2.12.4 Filesystem Compression

To reduce executable size, ZENworks Application Virtualization can compress virtual filesystem contents. This typically reduces virtual application payload size by approximately 50%, but also prevents profiling and streaming of the application. By default, the **Compress Payload** option in the **Process Configuration** area of the **Settings** panel is unchecked. This option should remain unchecked during the build process in order to be able to profile and stream applications.

Note: Disabling payload compression may significantly increase the size of the virtual application binary.

2.13 EDITING THE VIRTUAL REGISTRY

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows you to embed a *virtual registry* into your executable. Embedded registry keys are accessible by your ZENworks Application Virtualization-processed application as if they were present in the actual registry. Unlike data present in the registry on the host device, virtual registry keys and values are not visible from and do not require changes to the host device. The use of a virtual registry does not require any security privileges on the host device, even if the virtual registry entries reside in a privileged section of the registry, such as **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE**. Also, because virtual registry entries are embedded in the application executable, other applications are unable to disrupt application execution by inadvertent modification of registry entries.

To add virtual registry data:

- Click on the **Registry** button located on the left side of the ZENworks Application Virtualization window.
- Add or remove the registry keys and values you want to embed in the application executable. When adding blob data, enter the values in hexadecimal format.

The **Classes** root, **Current user** root, **Local machine**, and **Users** root folders correspond to the **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT**, **HKEY_CURRENT_USER**, **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE**, and **HKEY_USERS** keys on the host machine.

Registry string values may include well-known root folder variables such as **@PROGRAMFILES@** and **@WINDIR@**.

2.13.1 Virtualization Semantics

In the event of a collision between a key or value in the virtual filesystem and data present on the host device registry, information in the virtual registry takes precedence.

Keys may be virtualized in **Full**, **Merge** or **Hide** mode:

- **Full mode:** Only values in the virtual registry will be visible to the application- even if a corresponding key exists on the host device- and writes are redirected to the user registry area.
- **Merge mode:** Values present in a virtual key will be merged with values in the corresponding key on the host machine, if such a key exists. Writes to host keys are passed through to the host registry and writes to virtual keys are redirected to the user registry area.
- **Hide mode:** Keys and values in the virtual registry or the corresponding host registry will not be found by the application at runtime.

Tip: To apply the selected isolation mode to all subkeys, right-click on the key, choose **Isolation**, click on the checkbox for **Apply to subkeys**, and click **OK**.

2.13.2 Importing Registry Hive Files

ZENworks Application Virtualization can import registry hive (.reg) files into the virtual registry. To import a .reg file, click the **Import** button in the **Registry** panel and select the registry hive file to be imported.

2.14 EMBEDDING A DATABASE ENGINE

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows SQL Server 2005 Express to be embedded directly into the executable file. This allows executables to run a SQL Server user-instance for a virtual .mdf database file.

To select SQL Server 2005 Express:

- Click on the **Runtimes** button on the ribbon bar.
- Choose the SQL Server 2005 Express option.

2.14.1 Configuring your application to use an embedded database

The code displayed on the database configuration dialog provides an example of how to create a connection string for connecting to the user-instance database that loads an .mdf file from the virtual filesystem.

The virtualized SQL Server 2005 Express default instance name is stored in a special environment variable named **%SQLXENOCODE%**. A unique instance of this name is created at build time and is not user-configurable.

To embed a database file:

- Verify that the desired .mdf database file has been added to the virtual filesystem.
- Choose the .mdf database file to attach using the **AttachDBFilename** drop-down. This path is stored in the **%AttachDBFilename%** environment variable.

To manually modify this selection at a later time, click the **Environment Variables** button on the **Process Configuration** tab of the **Settings** pane. To add additional databases, create an additional Environment Variable for each database.

Note: The .NET 2.0 Framework is automatically included when SQL Server Express 2005 engine is selected. SQL Server 2005 Express requires this component to be installed. If this component is removed, the application will only run on machines that have the .NET Framework 2.0 installed.

2.15 CREATING AND USING SHARED VIRTUAL COMPONENTS

Sometimes multiple virtual applications can share common sets of configuration options. For example, system administrators may want to share a common set of configuration options (browser bookmarks, application settings, etc.) across a department or enterprise. ZENworks Application Virtualization makes it easy to create, share, and consume virtual machine settings across multiple Novell virtual applications using Novell **SVM**-format virtual components.

To create a shared virtual component:

- Begin a new virtual application configuration.
- Configure the filesystem, registry, and settings as you would for a standard virtual application.
- Configure the virtual application settings exactly as in the case of a standard virtual application (i.e. using snapshotting, manual configuration, etc.).
- On the **Virtual Application** tab, select **Component** from the **Project type** drop-down.
- Press the **Build** button.

In **Component** mode, the build process results in creation of an **SVM** file instead of an executable file. An **SVM** contains the virtual application settings and data payload. **SVM** files are similar to virtual executable outputs, except that **SVM** files do *not* contain the Novell virtual machine runtime engine. An **SVM** can only be used when combined as part of another virtual application.

To use an existing shared virtual component:

- Open the component's virtual application configuration destination.
- Select the **Components** button to open the corresponding pane.
- Select **Import Components** if the component does not appear in the components table.
- Select the **SVM** to add as a component to the virtual application configuration. Select **OK**. The **SVM** metadata displays in the table when the process is complete.
- To include it in the application build, check the box adjacent to the **SVM** component. If the box is not checked the application is built without the component.
- Build the application.

To build without the component, uncheck the checkbox next to the component and rebuild.

Project virtualization settings take precedence over virtualization settings in any loaded shared components.

To remove a component completely so it will not be available for other applications, select the component and click the **Remove Component** button.

Note: Imported components are stored under the user's profile, %userprofile%\Novell\Components. If the project is moved from one computer to another, the components will need to be removed and re-imported on the new machine.

2.16 SANDBOX MERGE

Sandbox merge allows sandbox content and settings generated during virtual application execution to be applied to a ZENworks Application Virtualization configuration. Sandbox merge is an alternative to manual registry or filesystem configuration, and is particularly useful for applying additional customizations to existing virtual application configurations or configurations generated from a virtual application template.

To merge an existing sandbox into the active configuration:

- Click the **Sandbox Merge** button in the **Tools** section of the **Virtual Application** toolbar.
- Enter the path of the sandbox to be merged into the current configuration.
- Click **OK**.

For example, to customize the home page of the Firefox virtual application template:

- Use the **Configuration Wizard** to create a Firefox virtual application. (The wizard allows customization of the home page, but we will later use the sandbox merge feature to override the setting specified in the wizard.)
- Press **Build and Run** to launch the virtualized Firefox application.
- Using the Firefox interface, specify a new browser home page.
- Exit the Firefox virtual application.
- Press **Sandbox Merge** to display the sandbox merge dialog. The sandbox path will be pre-populated with the location of the Firefox virtual sandbox.
- Click **OK**.

The virtual application settings are updated with the configuration changes made during Firefox execution, including the updated browser home page.

3 VIRTUAL APPLICATION CUSTOMIZATION

This section describes advanced virtual application customization options, such as executable metadata, startup images, command-line arguments, and process startup options.

3.1 SELECTING A PROJECT TYPE

ZENworks Application Virtualization supports two project types:

Application: A virtual application project produces an executable file output (**.exe** file) that can be run directly from the operating system. Application output mode is appropriate for most users and is the default selection.

Component: A component project produces an **SVM** output (**.svm** file). **SVM** is a binary file format encoding all virtual application configuration and content into a single binary file. **SVMs** cannot be executed directly from the operating system. **SVMs** are used to exchange virtual application and component data between multiple virtual applications.

Note: In order to create **SVMs** for use in streaming applications, the project type must be set to component.

To set the project type, select the appropriate option from the **Project Type** menu under the **Virtual Application** tab

3.2 CUSTOMIZING EXECUTABLE METADATA

Executable metadata provides external applications such as the Windows shell with information regarding the application's identity, publisher, version, preferred display icon, and description. Metadata may be viewed and edited by clicking on the **Properties** tab of the **Settings** pane.

3.2.1 Standard metadata

Standard metadata includes information such as the product title, publisher, description, icon, web site URL, and version. By default, ZENworks Application Virtualization will apply metadata inherited from the virtual application startup file to the output virtual application executable. However, in some instances, it may be desirable to override the metadata.

To manually override executable metadata:

- Uncheck the **Inherit properties** option
- Enter the desired metadata in the appropriate fields in the **Properties** area.

To revert to the default inheritance behavior, recheck the **Inherit properties** option.

3.2.2 Custom metadata

In addition to standard Windows shell metadata, ZENworks Application Virtualization allows introduction of custom metadata into the output executable. Custom metadata may be used by specialized external executable viewer applications, inventory scanners, and other asset and licensing management systems.

To add or modify custom metadata:

- Click the **Custom Metadata...** button. This displays the **Custom Metadata** dialog.
- Enter the custom metadata property names and values into the dialog. Only string-type custom metadata values are supported.

For information on programmatically reading custom executable metadata, please consult the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit.

3.3 ADDING A STARTUP IMAGE

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows you to specify a startup "splash" image to be displayed during virtual application startup. Startup images improve application branding and are especially useful if your application requires several seconds to initialize.

To add a startup image:

- Click on the **Startup Settings** tab of the **Settings** pane
- Click the **Select...** button next to the **Splash Image** textbox.
- Navigate to a BMP-format image to use as the startup graphic, and click **Open**.

If you wish to remove the current startup image, click the **Reset** button.

3.3.1 Transparency keying

Transparency keying allows the startup image to contain transparent regions. Transparencies can improve the visual effectiveness of your startup image.

To select the transparency key color:

- Click the **Select...** button next to the **Transparency key** label. This displays the transparency key selection dialog.
- Select the color which represents transparent regions in the startup image and click **OK**.

3.3.2 Previewing the startup image

To preview the startup image, press the **Preview** button. Previewing is particularly useful to assure that the transparency key has been set properly.

3.4 COMPILE AND ADD A STARTUP SHIM

ZENworks Application Virtualization enables you to specify a compiled startup shim invoked prior to the startup file. Startup shims are used to perform customized licensing checks and other initialization tasks. The shim must conform to the ZENworks Application Virtualization interface in order to validate. For a more complete example startup shim, please view the topic "Example Startup Shim" in the Advanced Topics section.

The startup shim must compile with an **OnInitialize** method.

C-style startup shim signature:

```
typedef BOOL (__stdcall *FnOnInititalize) (LPCWSTR pwcsInitilizationToken);
```

The return value indicates whether virtual machine execution proceeds.

Methods are acquired via **::LoadLibrary** followed by **::GetProcAddress** calls.

For example:

```
LPCWSTR pwcsInitToken = "VendorSpecificToken";

HMODULE hShim = ::LoadLibrary("Shim.dll");

FnOnInititalize fnOnInit = (FnOnInititalize)::GetProcAddress(hShim,
"OnInitialize");

BOOL fResult = fnOnInit(pwcsInitToken);
```

Complete the following steps to add a compiled startup shim DLL:

- Select the **Startup Settings** tab in the **Settings** pane
- Choose the **Select** button adjacent to the **Startup Shim DLL** field.
- Navigate to a DLL-format file to use as the startup shim and select **Open**.

Use the **OnInitialize Parameter** field to specify parameters for your startup shim.

To remove the current startup shim select **Reset**.

3.4.1 Active Directory Binding

ZENworks Application Virtualization enables you to limit where an application will run, based on queries to an Active Directory Domain Controller.

- **Required domain**
Choose the DNS Domain name that a computer must be a member of to run the application.
- **Required group**
Choose the Active Directory security group that a user must be a member of to run the application. The Required Group is not case sensitive.

Note: Enabling this feature adds an Active Directory shim to the virtual application, which will run after user specified shims. Errors communicating with Active Directory are logged to debug output.

3.5 PROCESS CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

ZENworks Application Virtualization provides several options that control the startup of the primary and child processes. Options can be accessed by clicking the **Settings** button, then clicking the **Process Configuration** tab.

3.5.1 Command line arguments

By default, command line arguments specified by the user upon virtual application execution are passed to the virtual application startup executable. It is possible to override this behavior and specify a fixed set of command line arguments to be passed to the startup executable. For example, one can use this option to specify Java virtual machine behavior.

To specify an explicit command-line:

- Click on the **Settings** button
- Click on the **Process Configuration** tab
- Enter the command-line arguments in the **Command line** textbox.

Note that these arguments override any arguments that might be specified by the end-user.

3.5.2 Working directory

The working directory setting determines the active directory at the time the virtual application process is launched.

The **Use startup file directory** option sets the working directory to the directory of the virtual application startup file. In the case of a jukeboxed application, the working directory is set to the directory of the startup file specified on the jukebox command line.

The **Use current directory** option sets the working directory to the directory from which the virtual application is launched.

The **Use specified path** option allows an explicit working directory to be specified. The working directory specification can include environment and well-known root folder variables.

By default, the working directory is set to the directory of the startup file.

3.5.3 Application type

Windows applications may execute in either the GUI- or console-mode subsystems. If you have selected an executable startup file, ZENworks Application Virtualization will automatically configure the virtual application to execute in the same subsystem as the startup file. However, if you have selected a non-executable startup file, it may be necessary for you to manually override the application type. Most applications execute in the GUI subsystem.

To override the application type, select the appropriate mode from the **Application type** dropdown in the **Process Configuration** section of the **Settings** panel. The **Inherit** mode sets the application type based on the type of the startup file, if possible.

3.5.4 Target architecture

The **Target architecture** option matches the structure of the virtual environment to the desired host process architecture.

x86: Use this option for applications that were snapshotted on x86 systems. This option maps the **Program Files** directory to **C:\Program Files** on x86 systems or to **C:\Program Files (x86)** on x64 systems. .NET applications always run as 32-bit applications.

x64: Use this option for applications that were snapshotted on x64 systems. This option maps the **Program Files** directory to **C:\Program Files** on x64 systems. The **Program Files (x86)** directory is mapped to **C:\Program Files** on x86 systems and **C:\Program Files (x86)** on x64 systems. .NET applications run as 32-bit applications on x86 systems and 64-bit applications on x64 systems.

Any CPU: Use this option for .NET applications that are compiled to run on any CPU architecture. This option maps the **Program Files** directory to **C:\Program Files** on x86 systems and **C:\Program Files** on x64 systems. .NET applications run as 32-bit applications on x86 systems and 64-bit applications on x64 systems.

3.5.5 Environment variables

Some applications may depend on the presence of certain Windows environment variables in order to function properly. ZENworks Application Virtualization allows virtualization of environment variables to support such applications.

To add or modify virtual environment variables:

- Click the **Environment Variables...** button. This displays the **Environment Variables** dialog.
- Enter environment variable names and values into the environment variable list.

Most virtual environment variables overwrite any environment variables defined in the host environment. However, the special **PATH** and **PATHEXT** environment variables are always merged with the corresponding host environment variables.

Environment variables are automatically captured and merged during the snapshotting delta process. Therefore, it is generally unnecessary to manually configure environment variable settings.

3.5.6 Virtual services

Windows services are specialized applications that execute in the background and are typically responsible for providing system services such as database services, network traffic handling, web request processing, and other server functionality. Many applications install and require specific services in order to function properly.

ZENworks Application Virtualization fully supports virtualization of Windows services. To view or modify virtual service settings, press the **Virtual Services...** button. This displays the **Virtual Services** dialog.

The **Name** field specifies the internal name of the virtual service. For example, the Windows web server would use the name **w3svc**.

The **Friendly Name** field specifies the full display name of the service displayed to end users. For example, the Windows web server friendly name is **World Wide Web Publishing Service**.

The **Command Line** field specifies the full command line (including the service executable name and any parameters) used to launch the service.

The **Auto Start** flag indicates whether a virtual service automatically starts during virtual application startup, or whether the service must be launched manually or by the virtualized service control manager.

The **Keep Alive** flag indicates whether the virtual service process is automatically terminated when the primary application executable terminates, or whether the service (and, therefore, the host virtual application executable) continues to run until the service terminates itself.

Service installation and settings are automatically captured during the snapshotting process. Therefore, it is generally unnecessary to manually configure virtual service settings. The primary exception is the case of virtualized applications intended to run as background worker services (for example, virtualized web servers); in this case, it is often required to explicitly enable the **Keep Alive** option.

3.5.7 Child processes

Some applications spawn new *child processes* during the course of their execution. Depending on the virtual application context, it may be preferable for such child processes to be created either within the virtual application, or outside of the virtual application in the host operating system.

Child processes include processes spawned to service COM local server requests.

Note: Child processes created outside of the virtual application will not have access to virtualized filesystem or registry contents. However, these processes will be able to access or modify host operating system contents, even if this would otherwise be forbidden by the virtual application configuration.

By default, child processes are created within the virtual application. To force child processes to be created outside of the virtual application, uncheck the **Spawn child process within virtualized environment** option. COM local servers can optionally be created within the virtual application context. To force COM local servers to be created outside of the virtual application, uncheck the **Spawn COM servers with virtualized environment** option.

Exceptions to the child process virtualization behavior specified by the **Spawn child process within virtualized environment** and **Spawn COM servers within virtualized environment** flags can be enumerated in the **Child Process Exception List**. Process names listed in the child process exception list behave *opposite to* the master child process virtualization setting. To edit the child process exception list, click the **Child Process Exception List** button. Process names may or may not include the process filename extension.

3.5.8 Read-only virtual environments

In some scenarios, it may be desirable to prevent the user from making any modifications to the virtual environment, including the virtual filesystem and registry.

To block all modifications to the virtual environment, check the **Virtual environment is read-only** option.

3.5.9 Automatic sandbox reset

The sandbox can optionally be configured to be reset automatically on application shutdown. An application publisher may want to do this to assure that any changes made to an application's settings are reverted when the application closes.

To enable the automatic sandbox reset feature, check the **Delete sandbox on application shutdown** option.

3.5.10 Shutdown process tree on root process exit

The **Shutdown process tree on root process exit** option enables the shutdown of all child processes when the root process exits.

Note: By default, the startup file is the root process. However, if a virtual service is specified in the application configuration file and is set to auto-start when the application is launched, the virtual service acts as the root process in the process tree.

3.5.11 Compress Payload

Both the application profiling and streaming processes require that packages be built uncompressed.

To build applications without compression, leave the **Compress Payload** option unchecked.

3.5.12 Startup executable optimization

The **Enable startup executable optimization** option attempts to launch the startup executable within the initial virtual machine process. This prevents the creation of a separate application process but may be incompatible with some applications.

3.5.13 ZAV command-line arguments

ZENworks Application Virtualization supports command-line arguments of the form `/x[arg]` which modify virtual application behavior at run-time. In rare instances, these arguments may collide with command-line arguments designed for use by the virtualized application.

To disable processing of these arguments, uncheck the **Enable ZAV command-line arguments** option.

3.5.14 Window class isolation

The **Enable window class isolation** option prevents the virtualized application from viewing window classes that have been registered by external processes. For example, this option may be used to prevent interaction between virtualized and non-virtualized versions of the same application when the application checks for existing class registrations.

3.5.15 Enhanced DEP compatibility for legacy applications

The **Enhanced DEP compatibility for legacy applications** option provides compatibility for systems with Data Execution Protection (DEP) enabled. This configuration option is used primarily for virtual applications running on Windows 2003.

3.5.16 Enhanced DRM compatibility

The **Enhanced DRM compatibility** option provides additional compatibility with common DRM systems, such as Armadillo.

3.5.17 Trace process starts in debug output

The **Trace process starts in debug output** option sends a notification to **OutputDebugString** whenever a new process is started within the virtual environment. This notification takes the form of an XML snippet describing basic information, and it can be monitored with any debugging tool. The notification can also be monitored by a parent process within the virtual environment if a child process is being debugged.

3.5.18 Force read-share files

The **Force read-share files** option forces any file opened by any process within the virtual environment to do so with the **READ_SHARE** flag set. This option is used to overcome compatibility issues caused by sharing violations.

3.5.19 Always launch child processes as current user

By default, child processes launched by the virtual machine have reduced privileges. Enabling the **Always launch child processes as current user** option provides child processes with the same level of privileges as the virtual machine root process.

3.5.20 Emulate elevated security privileges

The **Emulate elevated security privileges** option forces an application to run as if it has elevated security privileges, even if the application does not. Enabling this option eliminates UAC security prompts for elevation and subsequent application crashes due to lack of elevated privileges.

3.6 CONFIGURING THE SANDBOX LOCATION

Depending on the configured isolation settings, certain edit and write operations may be redirected by the Novell virtualization engine into an *application sandbox*- a filesystem folder where isolated modifications are persisted. Typically, the sandbox is located in a folder or network share where the user has full read and write permissions, allowing sandbox contents to be accessed and modified by the end user without any authentication or User Account Control prompts.

3.6.1 Sandbox placement considerations

Please note the following recommended practices when configuring the sandbox location:

By default, the sandbox is placed in the

@APPDATALOCAL@\Novell\Sandbox\@TITLE@\@VERSION@ folder, where the **@APPDATALOCAL@** token represents the local **Application Data** folder, and **@TITLE@**, and **@VERSION@** represent the application title and version respectively. The application title and version are configured in the **Properties** area. This location is the recommended default location for sandbox contents, as end users have full permissions to this location on standard Windows configurations. Note that distinct builds of the same virtual application use the same sandbox locations by default; you may want to modify this behavior if persisted user settings should not be preserved between virtual application updates.

When publishing a new version of a virtual application, direct the sandbox to the *same* location as the older version if you want user settings and data to be retained in the new version. Direct the sandbox to a *different* location (typically, by rolling the subdirectory version number forward) if you want user settings and data to be reset.

If deploying the virtual application on a USB device, place the sandbox in a subfolder of the **@APPDIR@** directory, which represents the location of the virtual application executable. This will have the effect of directing writes to the USB device. The recommended sandbox location for USB deployment is:

@APPDIR@\Novell\Sandbox\@TITLE@\@VERSION@

If deploying the virtual application on an intranet file share, place the sandbox in a user-accessible subfolder on a shared network drive. The recommended sandbox location for intranet deployment is:

\\ServerName\ShareName\%USERNAME%\Novell\Sandbox\@TITLE@\@VERSION@

Do not place the sandbox under any privileged folders, such as **@WINDIR@** or **@PROGRAMFILES@**. The virtual application will fail to execute properly if the Novell engine is unable to write to the sandbox location at runtime.

Environment variables may be referenced within the sandbox location by enclosing the variable between percent signs, i.e. **%VARIABLE%**.

3.6.2 Sandbox location variables

In addition to the standard root folder variables, the sandbox location can contain the following token variables:

@**TITLE**@: Product title

@**PUBLISHER**@: Product publisher

@**VERSION**@: Full version string, in dotted quad format

@**WEBSITE**@: Publisher web site

@**BUILDTIME**@ Virtual application build time, in a format similar to **2008.02.01T08.00**.

With the exception of the @**BUILDTIME**@ variable (set automatically), these variables are based on the values specified in the **Properties** area of the **Settings** pane.

4 BUILDING MSI SETUP PACKAGES

ZENworks Application Virtualization includes the ability to generate Microsoft Windows Installer (MSI) setup packages to facilitate deployment of virtualized applications. In addition to deploying the virtual application executable file to the host filesystem, ZENworks Application Virtualization-generated MSI packages also allow creation of desktop and Start Menu shortcuts, creation of shell file extension associations to virtualized applications, and Control Panel uninstallers for application cleanup.

This section describes configuration and build processes for MSI setup packages.

4.1 CONFIGURING PACKAGE INFORMATION

This section describes global MSI package configuration options. These options are located on the **MSI** root tree node of the **Setup** settings pane.

4.1.1 Setting the MSI package location

The MSI package generated by ZENworks Application Virtualization will be written to the file specified in the **Output Location** textbox. This textbox should contain the fully qualified name of the desired output file, including the output path and MSI file name.

By default, MSI packages are not automatically generated or updated when the virtual application is rebuilt.

To automatically update MSI packages after the virtual application is rebuilt, check the **Automatically generate MSI after successful application build** option.

Regenerating MSIs may significantly increase the time required to complete the build process. Therefore, Novell recommends that this option be disabled during the virtual application development process.

It is also possible to manually force the MSI package to be regenerated. To manually build the MSI package, click the **Build MSI** button.

Note: You must build the virtual application executable *before* the MSI package may be generated. The **Build MSI** button will be disabled if the virtual application executable has not yet been built.

4.1.2 Specifying package metadata

MSI setup packages contain a package manifest describing the product's name, version (can only be numbers and periods), and manufacturer. To configure the MSI package metadata, enter the appropriate values in the **Product Info** area.

Note: The metadata published on the MSI package is distinct from the metadata published on the virtual application executable itself. To modify executable shell metadata, specify the appropriate metadata on the **Settings** pane.

4.1.3 Installation parameters

Installation parameters allow installation options such as install location and permissions parameters to be configured.

Applications may be installed either for the current user or for all users of the target device. To install the application for all users, check the **Install applications for All Users** option.

Note: Installing applications for all users requires privileged access to the host device. Do not enable this option if the MSI package is designed for use by end users with standard user permissions.

The **Application Folder** specifies the location where the application executable will be installed. The standard form is [**Application Data**][**Company Name**][**Product Name**]. These values are populated by the **Product Info** data by default.

In the event that a user runs the setup package on a device which already has a version of the application installed, the MSI package may be designed to update the existing application version or side-by-side install with the existing application version.

To automatically update existing versions, select the **Automatically upgrade earlier application versions** option; to use side-by-side installation, select the **Allow side-by-side versions of the same application** option.

Note: Building with the **Allow side-by-side versions of the same application** option enabled causes a new setup package GUID to be generated. Once a build is completed with this option enabled, previous installations will no longer be upgraded in place, even if you revert to **Automatically upgrade earlier application versions** mode.

4.1.4 Extended properties

MSI setup packages may also contain extended metadata, such as keywords, product author, product description, and publisher URL. To configure MSI package extended properties, click on the **Extended Properties** tree node in the **MSI** pane and enter the desired values.

4.2 CREATING DESKTOP AND START MENU SHORTCUTS

Desktop, Start Menu, and Send to shortcuts enable you to launch virtual applications directly from the Windows shell as if they were native applications. Shortcuts created during the snapshot process of a normal install will automatically be picked up in the configuration.

Complete the following steps to manually configure shortcuts for a virtual application:

- Select **Setup**.
- Expand **Shortcuts** and choose one of the following three destinations: **Desktop** (displays shortcuts which appear on the desktop); **Programs Menu** (displays shortcuts that appear in Start Menu > Programs); **SendTo** (displays shortcuts that appear when you Right-Click > Send To on a file or folder).
- Select **Add Shortcut** to add a shortcut to the selected destination.
- Enter the shortcut **Name**.
- Set the **Target** drop-down to the desired application entry point for the shortcut. This drop-down is populated with the startup file list, enabling shortcuts to quickly connect to jukebox entry points. Select **Edit List** to make a quick change.
- Configure the **Arguments**, **Show As**, and **Description** fields.
- Select **Browse** to associate a shortcut with an icon. Locate the .ico, .dll, or .exe file that contains the icon and select Open. Choose the correct icon from **Icon Browser**.
- Select **OK** to finish adding the shortcut.

Select **Add Folder** to add a shortcut folder to the selected destination. Use folders to organize shortcuts. You can remove or modify a shortcut by selecting it from the tree view and choosing **Edit Shortcut** or **Remove**.

Virtual application shortcuts appear on the desktop, Start Menu, and Send to locations once the application is registered to the Microsoft Windows shell.

Note: For MSI installations, the Start Menu items appear in the current user's Start Menu or in all users' Start Menus, depending on the **Install Application For All Users** setting in the MSI installation parameters section. This setting is located under **MSI** in **Setup**.

4.3 CREATING FILE ASSOCIATIONS

File associations allow the appropriate viewer or editor application for a given file type to be automatically launched when the user double-clicks on a document in the Windows shell. For example, the **.doc** file extension might automatically launch a virtualized word processing application. File associations created during the snapshot process of a normal install will automatically be picked up in the configuration.

To create a file association:

- In **Setup**, Click on the **ProgIds** node and click **Add ProgId**.
- Enter a ProgId and Description in the **Create ProgId** dialog. File associations naming generally follows the convention **[Company Name].[Product Name].[Version]**.
- In the new ProgId, click **Add Extension** and enter an Extension and an optional MIME Type.
- In the new file extension, click **Add Verb** and enter a Verb, Command, and choose the Inherit behavior and Default.

Some common verbs are **open**, **edit**, **print**, and **view**. The **Verb** that is entered will be the text that is displayed when the user right-clicks on the file. When **Inherit** is checked, the behavior of the **Verb** will be controlled by the setup information in the virtual environment. When **Inherit** is unchecked, a **Target Startup File** and **Arguments** will need to be entered manually. The **Arguments** field should contain **"%1"** which is the full path to the file. When **Default** is checked, the **Verb** will be automatically executed when the file is double-clicked.

File association properties may be modified or deleted by selecting the appropriate **ProgId** in the **Setup** tree view and modifying the settings as appropriate.

5 DEPLOYING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS

This section describes several different methods for deploying applications built in ZENworks Application Virtualization.

5.1 DEPLOYING USING THE PUBLISH TO USB FEATURE

This section describes how to deploy virtual applications to USB storage devices using the **Publish to USB** feature.

5.1.1 Publishing virtual applications to USB storage devices

The **Publish to USB** feature publishes virtual applications to USB storage devices. When the USB storage device is attached to a host system, the virtual application automatically registers the **Setup** information to the host shell environment. This information is automatically unregistered when the USB device is removed from the host system.

To deploy virtual applications on USB devices:

- Open an existing virtual application configuration.
- Attach a USB storage device to the host system.
- Click **Publish to USB**, select the USB storage device, and click **Publish**.
- After the virtual application is published to the USB storage device, click **OK**.

To use virtual applications that are published to USB storage devices:

- Attach the USB storage device to the host system.
- (If prompted by AutoPlay, choose the **XUsb.exe** option. XUsb will then register the file associations and shortcuts associated with the virtual application.)

Remove the USB storage device to unregister the virtual applications from the host system.

Note: If AutoPlay is disabled on the host system, open the USB storage device's contents and manually run **XUsb.exe**.

5.2 REGISTERING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS IN THE WINDOWS SHELL

This section explains how to use the SpoonReg deployment tool via the Windows shell or command-line script to register and manage virtual applications built using ZENworks Application Virtualization.

5.2.1 Introduction to the SpoonReg registration tool

SpoonReg is a tool that provides a simple command-line interface for deploying virtual applications and managing the virtual desktop environment. Users and administrators can use SpoonReg to register virtual applications for a single user or, in the case of administrators, a group of users or devices. SpoonReg can be used to deploy and manage virtual applications and layers built using ZENworks Application Virtualization.

After virtualizing an application with ZENworks Application Virtualization, it is often desirable to make the application Start Menu icons, shortcuts, and file associations available on the users' desktop. SpoonReg allows you to register Novell virtual applications in the shell, creating all of the shell associations that would generally be created during a standard install process. Unlike performing an installation, however, registration and un-registration can be performed instantaneously.

SpoonReg also provides the ability to create, reset, and remove application sandboxes- virtual environment "bubbles" where the virtualized applications reside. Sandbox management provides fine-grained control over application linking and intercommunication.

5.2.2 Registering virtual applications using SpoonReg

SpoonReg provides a simple command-line interface for managing the virtual desktop environment. This section describes basic SpoonReg command-line syntax, including steps for registering, updating, and unregistering virtual applications.

5.2.3 Command-line syntax

The following naming conventions are used in this section:

Table 5-1: SpoonReg Parameters

Parameter	Description
AppSpec	The path (relative or fully qualified) to a virtual executable or layer built with ZENworks Application Virtualization. This may also be the URL to the XML configuration file of an application hosted on a standalone server.
SandboxSpec	The name or path of a virtual sandbox.

5.2.4 Registering a virtual application

To register an application, use the command:

SpoonReg.exe AppSpec

This command creates all Start Menu items, desktop shortcuts, and file associations associated with the virtual application executable.

By default, registration will create a local cached copy of the virtual application executable and use the user's local profile as the sandbox location.

Note: The sandbox location specified during the virtual application build is ignored when registering applications using the SpoonReg tool.

5.2.5 Advanced registration options

Command-line parameters can be used to control the caching behavior and sandbox where the virtual application should be registered:

SpoonReg.exe[Options] AppSpec[@SandboxSpec]

Table 5-2: Advanced SpoonReg Parameters

Parameter	Description
/nocache	The virtual application executable will not be copied to the client machine. All shortcuts and file associations will point to the full path as given by AppSpec .
SandboxSpec	This parameter refers to the name and path to an existing sandbox. If this parameter is specified and a sandbox with that name exists, the application will be registered into that sandbox. (See the "Sandbox management" topic in this section for additional details.)

5.2.6 Updating registration settings

Application registration settings can be changed by re-executing the registration command with the desired options:

SpoonReg.exe[Option] AppSpec[@SandboxSpec]

Table 5-3: Updating SpoonReg Parameters

Parameter	Description
/nocache	Disable caching of the specified application (reverses the /cache setting).
/remote	Same as /nocache .
/cache [move]	Enable caching of the specified application (reverses the /nocache setting). The optional move flag deletes from the current location.
/local [move]	Same as /cache .
/checkforupdates	User will be prompted to update the application if updates are available (default behavior).
/noupdatecheck	User will not be prompted to update the application.
/noupdate	Application will not be updated (only valid in combination with /noupdatecheck).

/autoupdate	Application will be updated without prompting user (only valid in combination with /noupdatecheck).
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5.2.7 Unregistering a virtual application

Unregistering a virtual application reverses the registration process, removing the virtual application, Start Menu icons, shortcuts, and file associations.

To unregister a virtual application, use the following command:

SpoonReg.exe /unregisterAppSpec[@SandboxSpec]

It is also possible to unregister all applications with the single command:

SpoonReg.exe /unregisterall

5.2.8 Introduction to XLaunch

XLaunch is an internal application used to execute virtual applications that have been registered to the desktop by SpoonReg, Standalone Server or the ZAV plugin. All desktop shortcuts and file associations will reference the XLaunch application as the way to launch the ZAV virtual applications cached on the system.

5.2.9 Install location

Location when installed by SpoonReg:

@APPDATALOCAL@\Spoon\XLaunch

Location when installed by ZAV browser plugin (standalone server):

@APPDATALOCAL@\Spoon\Client\Components

5.2.10 Command-line syntax

XLaunch.exe <Path to default.xclient> <RegistrationId> [<Shell Execute Info> | /XUninstall | /XUninstallQuiet]

Table 5-4: XLaunch Command-line Parameters

Parameter	Description
Path to default.xclient	This is the path to the XClient file where the app was registered.
RegistrationId	This is the uniquely identifying GUID of the virtual application specified on the SpoonReg command line using the /id parameter.
Shell Execute Info: <verb> <path> [<additional parameters>]	verb: The verb used to shell execute the application or document (e.g. open, edit, print). path: The path to the application or document to execute, may use path variables, like @PROGRAMFILES@, or not. additional parameters: Any additional parameters to pass to the application being executed.

/XUninstall	Uninstalls the application and informs the user when complete.
/XUninstallQuiet	Uninstalls the application with no user feedback.

5.2.11 Introduction to the XClient file

The XClient file is an XML file that provides information about applications that are registered to the user's machine.

5.2.12 File location

Applications registered with SpoonReg:

@APPDATALOCAL@\Spoon\Client\5\Default.xclient

Applications registered from the ZAV plugin (standalone server):

@APPDATALOCAL@\Spoon\Servers\<server>\Users\[<username>|Anonymous]\Desktops\Default\Client\Default.xclient

5.2.13 XClient file format

Table 5-5: XClient File

Element	Description
ConfigReferences	List of all external configurations from which this configuration inherits.
KnownServers	List of any portals the ZAV plugin has accessed. Also contains a recentServer element that lists the last portal the console was logged in to. The parameters for each server are: name : Name of the portal. portalUrl : Web address of the portal. portalSecureUrl : Web address of the portal if SSL is enabled. syncUrl : Web address of the synchronization service.
Sandboxes	Every time a new application is launched, a sandbox is created. This element lists the location of each sandbox for the user account.
Folders	This element contains information for the My Documents, Desktop, Music, Pictures, or Videos folders the user has synchronized to their account.
SyncSettings	Contains the settings used by the synchronization service. Sub-elements of SyncSettings are: BandwidthManager : Controls the Upload Throttling feature of synchronization. SyncUser : Contains the name, server, and url of the primary user's synchronization service.

5.3 CLIENT PROFILES

The SpoonReg command can be applied to the **Local**, **All Users** or **Roaming** Windows profiles. These profiles correspond to the user profiles available on the Windows operating system. It's recommended that the SpoonReg command is applied to the **All Users** profile whenever possible.

5.3.1 The Local profile

Each user on a Windows device has a local user profile. Any changes to the local profile affect only that user on that device.

The Local profile is the default profile used by SpoonReg if no profile is explicitly specified on the SpoonReg command line.

5.3.2 The All Users profile

Each device has a single **All Users** profile. Any changes made to the **All Users** profile affect all users on the device.

To register an application to the **All Users** profile, execute the SpoonReg command with the **/allusers** command line flag.

You must have administrative permissions on the device to register applications to the **All Users** profile.

5.3.3 The Roaming profile

Each user in an Active Directory environment can have a roaming profile which is mirrored to other machines according to directory policy. Typically, the roaming profile is stored on a network server and is available from all devices on a network.

To register an application to the **Roaming** profile, execute the SpoonReg command with the **/roaming** flag.

Note: There is no roaming profile for **All Users**. Therefore, the **/roaming** flag has no impact when used in conjunction with the **/allusers** flag.

Note: Because SpoonReg is applied to specific user profiles, it cannot be used for the **LocalSystem** account (has no associated profile).

5.4 SANDBOX MANAGEMENT

The SpoonReg tool allows creation and management of one or more virtual environment sandboxes.

A *sandbox* contains all of a virtual application's isolated data and settings as determined by the virtual application's isolation configuration settings. Applications registered to the same sandbox can view and modify each others' virtualized data and settings.

By default, all applications are registered into a single default sandbox named **Default**. In some cases, it may be desirable to group related applications into a sandbox that can be treated as a single management unit. When a sandbox is reset, all of the application content and data stored in that sandbox is purged and reverts back to the default state.

5.4.1 Creating a sandbox

If no sandbox is specified during registration, the application will be registered to the default sandbox (**Default**).

To create an additional sandbox, use one of the following commands:

SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /create [SandboxName] [SandboxPath]

SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /c [SandboxName] [SandboxPath]

If no path is provided, a default path is created under the **AppData** folder under the specified profile.

5.4.2 Resetting a sandbox

Resetting a sandbox reverses all changes made to the sandbox, including any changes to data or settings made by the user. This restores all applications registered to the sandbox to their default state.

To reset a sandbox, use one of the following commands:

SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /reset [SandboxSpec]

SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /r [SandboxSpec]

If a **SandboxSpec** is not supplied, the default sandbox is reset.

5.4.3 Deleting a sandbox

Deleting a sandbox removes all applications, data, and settings from the sandbox.

To delete a sandbox, use one of the following commands:

SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /delete [SandboxSpec]

SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /d [SandboxSpec]

If a **SandboxSpec** is not supplied, the default sandbox will be reset (the default sandbox cannot be deleted). Any applications registered to the deleted sandbox will be moved to the default sandbox.

5.4.4 Moving a sandbox

You can use SpoonReg to move the sandbox location to a given path.

To move a sandbox:

```
SpoonReg.exe [Profile] /move [SandboxSpec] [SandboxPath]
```

5.5 DEPLOYING IN ACTIVE DIRECTORY ENVIRONMENTS

This section describes how an organization using Microsoft's Active Directory can leverage that infrastructure with the SpoonReg tool to deploy Novell virtual applications to their users.

5.5.1 Active Directory

Active Directory allows the network administrator to manage users and groups within an organization. Many organizations use Active Directory to manage their network services. By combining Active Directory with SpoonReg, administrators can deploy virtual applications easily and reliably to one or more users in their organization.

5.5.2 SpoonReg

SpoonReg manages the virtual desktop environment for a given user by registering and unregistering virtual applications. A typical SpoonReg command to register an application such as Firefox would be:

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe \\VirtualAppServer\Apps\Firefox.exe
```

This represents the basic functionality of SpoonReg which would copy the virtual application executable, create Start Menu items and desktop shortcuts and setup file associations.

5.5.3 Using SpoonReg with Active Directory

Organizations tend to manage a group of users rather than single users one at a time. By combining Active Directory with SpoonReg you can manage the virtual environment for a user, group, or organizational unit.

Note: In order to manage virtual applications using Active Directory, the users must have access to a shared network drive where the virtual application executable files exist. This can be specified by a full UNC path, or by using a mapped network drive.

5.5.4 Scenario 1: Linking an organizational unit (OU) to a group policy object (GPO)

Active Directory offers many ways to manage network services for an organization. Here we are going to look at how we can use an OU in combination with a GPO to manage the virtual application environment for a set of users.

5.5.5 Organizational unit (OU)

In Active Directory, OUs are containers where you can place users, groups and other OUs. Using these containers the administrator can create a structure that models the hierarchical or logical structures within the organization. By setting up the OUs we can isolate the different groups of users that will receive their own set of virtual applications. Some examples would be Accounting, Sales, Marketing, etc.

5.5.6 Group policy object (GPO)

GPOs are a way of applying a set of rules and features to a targeted set of users. Typically GPOs handle security, application installation, logon/logoff scripts, Internet Explorer settings and

more. A GPO generally gets applied when a user logs on to a given domain. Based on their profile, various GPOs will be applied.

5.5.7 SpoonReg and the GPO

For the purposes of virtual application deployment we can configure the GPO to run the necessary SpoonReg commands to register a given set of virtual applications. You can create and edit GPOs using the **Group Policy Object Editor**. This comes as an add-on to Microsoft's Active Directory. The simplest way to deal with the virtual application management is by creating a logon script that registers the virtual applications for a particular group in the organization. You would do this under **User Configuration > Windows Settings > Scripts** in the **Group Policy Object Editor**. You might add the following logon script for the accounting group:

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe \\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Excel.exe
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Firefox.exe

\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\AcrobatReader.exe
```

Whereas you might add the following for the graphic design group:

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\AdobeIllustrator.exe

\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Firefox.exe

\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\AcrobatReader.exe
```

5.5.8 Linking the GPO to the OU

Once you have set up the OU and the GPO, you simply have to link them through the **Group Policy Object Editor**. After they are linked, any users that are put into that OU will have the linked GPOs applied when they logon. All of their virtual applications will appear when they logon to any machine on the domain where the GPO applies.

Note: SpoonReg has many other capabilities that can be applied in the GPO logon script, such as unregistering applications or registering applications to a specific sandbox.

5.5.9 Scenario 2: Using Startup Scripts with GPO's to deploy virtual applications

This section will describe using Startup Scripts to deploy virtual applications to the **All Users** profile on a host system.

5.5.10 Create a GPO with the Startup Script

For the purposes of virtual application deployment we can configure the GPO to run the necessary SpoonReg commands to register a given set of virtual applications to the **All Users Profile**. This will allow any user who logs into a host system to have access to the registered virtual applications.

Start by creating a new GPO with the **Group Policy Management Console (GPMC)**:

- Open the **GPMC**
- Right-click on the OU that you want to link a GPO to
- Select **Create and Link a GPO Here** and give it a name
- Right-click the GPO and select **Edit**. This will open the **Group Policy Object Editor**
- Navigate to **Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Scripts**
- Open the **Startup** item
- Click **Show Files**
- In the directory that is displayed by the **Show Files** button, create a **.bat** file. This file will serve as the **Startup Script** that will deploy your virtual applications to all the computers in the specified OU.

Use these samples as a guide to create the startup script:

Sample 1. Register virtual applications to the default sandbox in the **All Users** profile:

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Excel.exe
```

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Firefox.exe
```

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\AcrobatReader.exe
```

Sample 2. Register virtual applications to the specified sandbox in the **All Users** profile:

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers /c sandboxname
```

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Excel.exe
```

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\Firefox.exe
```

```
\\VirtualAppServer\Tools\SpoonReg.exe /allusers
\\VirtualAppServer\AllVirtualApps\AcrobatReader.exe
```

Once the Startup Script is created, add it to the GPO:

- Navigate to **Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Scripts** in the **GPMC**
- Open the **Startup** item
- Click **Add**
- Click **Browse**
- Select the **Startup Script** that was created
- Click **Open**

- Click **OK**
- Click **OK**

5.6 DEPLOYING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS USING MSI SETUP PACKAGES

Novell allows virtual applications and components to be deployed using legacy MSI setup package technology.

5.6.1 Create MSI setup packages directly within ZENworks Application Virtualization

ZENworks Application Virtualization can be used to create standalone MSI packages directly within the ZENworks Application Virtualization environment. Generated MSI setup packages can include Start Menu items, desktop shortcuts, file associations, and other custom shell integration behaviors.

Deployment using generated MSI packages is appropriate in situations where existing MSI package deployment mechanisms are in place, or for deploying applications with shell integration without the SpoonReg tool.

Virtual application and component shell integration settings are shared between MSI- and Virtual Desktop-based deployment, enabling easy migration between deployment models.

Refer to the section “Building MSI setup packages” for more information on the creation of MSI setup packages.

5.6.2 Deploy virtual applications into legacy MSI setup packages

ZENworks Application Virtualization also supports deployment of virtual application executables into legacy MSI setup packages.

5.6.3 Import legacy MSI setup packages

ZENworks Application Virtualization supports one-click import of legacy MSI setup packages into the ZENworks Application Virtualization environment. Following import, the application can be customized and deployed as a Novell-based virtual application or SVM.

5.7 DEPLOYING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS USING MICROSOFT TERMINAL SERVICES REMOTEAPP

This section describes how to deploy Novell virtual applications using Microsoft Windows 2008 Terminal Services RemoteApp server.

5.7.1 Terminal Services RemoteApp

Terminal Services RemoteApp is a server-side program that provides end-users remote access to applications on a terminal server. Applications configured with TS RemoteApp appear as though they are running locally on the user's machine. End-users can run RemoteApps side-by-side with local programs or other RemoteApps.

To utilize virtual applications created in ZENworks Application Virtualization with Microsoft TS RemoteApp:

- On the TS RemoteApp server, open the TS RemoteApp Manager and choose **Add RemoteApp Programs** by right-clicking inside the **RemoteApp Programs** list or through the **Action** drop down menu.
- Click **Next** in the **RemoteApp Wizard**.
- Click **Browse** and select the virtual application executable.
- After the virtual application is added to the list, select it and click **Properties**.
- If the virtual application has multiple Startup Files, configure the RemoteApp Program **Name** and **Alias**. If this is not done, the TS RemoteApp server will not distinguish between the separate applications in the suite.
- Still in the **Properties** window, select **Always use the following command-line argument**, enter in the **Trigger** for the Startup File that is to be executed, and click **OK**.
- In the **RemoteApp Programs** list, right-click the program that you added and choose **Create .rdp File**. There are no special requirements for the .rdp files.

If there are multiple Startup Files, repeat these steps for the other applications in the suite and deploy the shortcuts on the host systems.

5.8 DEPLOYING VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS TO ZENWORKS CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

This section describes ZENworks Application Virtualization Startup and Bundle Publishing features. All options described in this section can be found in the **ZENworks** panel.

5.8.1 ZENworks Startup

Virtual applications built with ZENworks Application Virtualization can be configured to require the ZENworks Configuration Management Agent to be installed on the host device executing the virtual application. By default, virtual applications built with ZENworks Application Virtualization do not require the ZENworks Configuration Management Agent.

To require the ZENworks Configuration Management Agent to be installed on the host system, check the **Require ZENworks Configuration Management Agent to be installed on workstation executing the virtual application** checkbox in the **ZENworks** panel.

When virtual applications built with ZENworks Application Virtualization require the ZENworks Configuration Management Agent to be installed, they can also be configured to restrict execution to a specific ZENworks Configuration Management Zone.

To restrict virtual application execution to a specific ZENworks Configuration Management Zone, check the **Only allow devices registered in specific zone to execute the application** checkbox in the **ZENworks** panel. When prompted, enter the **ZENworks Server Address**, click **Connect**, enter the appropriate **Username** and **Password**, and click **OK**.

When specifying the **ZENworks Server Address**, it is necessary to use the secure HTTP prefix (**https://**) in order to connect to a secure ZENworks Configuration Management Server.

When specifying the **ZENworks Server Address**, you must also use a port number suffix (e.g. **:81**) if the ZENworks Configuration Management Server has been configured to use a custom port number.

5.8.2 ZENworks Bundle Publishing

ZENworks Application Virtualization can publish virtual application bundles directly to a ZENworks Configuration Management Zone. Note that if a virtual application has been built with ZENworks Configuration Management Zone restriction, the application will not execute on devices outside of the restricted zone.

To manually publish a virtual application bundle directly to a ZENworks Configuration Management Zone:

- Select **MSI** or **Executable** for the **Project Type**. The MSI or Executable must be built before publication can occur.
- Click **Select Zone** under the **ZENworks Bundle Publishing** pane.
- When prompted, enter the **ZENworks Server Address** and click **Connect**.
- Log in to the ZENworks Server with the appropriate **Username** and **Password** and click **OK**.

- Assign a **Bundle Name**.
- Assign a **Bundle Folder**. The **Bundle Folder** is the location in the bundle hierarchy where the bundle will be published.
- Assign a **Bundle Group**. The **Bundle Group** is the name of the management group where the bundle will be added.
- Assign a **Destination Path**. The **Destination Path** is the location on the host system where the bundle will be installed and must be resolvable by the host system. This option will only be available if the **Project Type** is **Executable**.
- Click **Publish Now** to publish the bundle to the ZENworks Configuration Management Zone.

Additional options:

- To change the credentials used to publish the bundle, click the **Change Credentials** button and enter the new credentials (**Username** and **Password**).
- To store the credentials in the **XAPPL** file, check the **Store Zone credentials in .xappl file** checkbox. Using this option eliminates the credentials prompt when publishing the bundle after the virtual application has been built. This is a potential security risk as it will store the ZENworks credentials in the **XAPPL** file as plain text.
- To automatically publish future virtual application bundles to the selected ZENworks Configuration Management Zone after a successful build, check the **Automatically publish application as ZENworks bundle after successful build** checkbox.

Note: Application configurations that have more than one startup file will create a bundle for each startup file that has a unique **Trigger** value defined. The name of each bundle will be <Bundle Name> & <Trigger>.

6 WALKTHROUGHS

This section provides step-by-step instructions for using ZENworks Application Virtualization in common scenarios.

6.1 MANUALLY CONFIGURING A SIMPLE VIRTUAL APPLICATION

This section provides a walkthrough of manual configuration for a simple virtual application in ZENworks Application Virtualization, based on the Windows Notepad application. In general, manual configuration should only be performed by experienced software developers virtualizing internally developed software applications.

Complete the following steps to add Microsoft Windows Notepad to the virtual application configuration:

- Select Filesystem.
- Open the Filesystem > System Drive > System32 tree node.
- Select Add Files.
- Navigate to the System32 folder under your Microsoft Windows installation directory, usually located at C:\Windows\System32, and double-click on notepad.exe.
- Right-click on notepad.exe from the display on the right and select Set as Startup File.
- For Microsoft Windows Vista and 7: While the System32 node is still selected, choose New Folder and set the name to en-us.
- Set the isolation for the en-us folder to Merge.
- Open the en-us folder node and select Add Files to add the notepad.exe.mui file, which is required by the Notepad application. The file is located in the System32\en-us folder inside your Windows installation.

Complete the following steps to add a text file to the virtual application configuration:

- Using Notepad, create a file called hello.txt containing the text "Hello world" and save it to your desktop folder.
- In ZENworks Application Virtualization, open the Filesystem > Current User Directory > Desktop node and select Add Files to add the hello.txt file.

Complete the following steps to build a virtual application from your configuration:

- Select the Virtual Application tab to display the virtual application settings.
- Verify that the Startup File points to notepad.exe. The startup file indicates which file to execute when a virtual application is started by the user.
- Select Browse for the Output File setting, then navigate to your desktop folder and Save. The output file indicates where to save the virtual application executable.
- Choose Build. ZENworks Application Virtualization will display a status dialog while it builds your virtual application. When it finishes, select OK.

To launch the newly built virtual Notepad, navigate to your desktop using Microsoft Windows Explorer and double-click on notepad.exe.

Complete the following steps to verify that you are inside the virtual application:

- Using Windows Explorer, delete the hello.txt file from your desktop folder.
- Launch the virtual Notepad application and navigate to File > Open.
- Navigate to the Desktop folder and verify that the hello.txt file is still present. This occurs because the virtual Notepad application is using the virtual system, which includes the hello.txt file that was added in the build process. You can open and view hello.txt exactly as if it were a real file in the physical filesystem.

6.2 BUILDING OPENOFFICE VIA SNAPSHOT PROCESS

This walkthrough describes creation of OpenOffice as a virtual application using the snapshot, jukebox, and setup features of ZENworks Application Virtualization. Although the examples used in this walkthrough are for OpenOffice, the processes described can be used to virtualize and configure almost any application.

6.2.1 Snapshotting

The snapshot process consists of two phases -- the "before" snapshot and the "after" snapshot. The before snapshot takes an inventory of all files and settings that are installed on the computer. The after snapshot is taken after the application being virtualized is installed. The contents of the after snapshot are compared to the before snapshot to determine all changes that were made to the host system during installation. The after snapshot also copies the new or modified files to a snapshot directory specified by the user.

Since it is required to install and capture all application dependencies during this process, it is important that snapshotting be performed on a clean Windows machine. This guarantees that all dependencies will be included in the installation and captured by the snapshot process.

To snapshot the OpenOffice installation:

- Capture the before snapshot by clicking **Capture Before** on the ZENworks Application Virtualization ribbon bar. The snapshot process may take a few minutes.
- Install OpenOffice and all of its necessary dependencies.
- Capture the after snapshot by clicking **Capture and Diff**. ZENworks Application Virtualization will prompt for the directory where the snapshot files are to be stored. This directory is usually located on an external PC or network share.

6.2.2 Saving the virtual application configuration

It is important to save the virtual application snapshot in its original state in case errors are introduced during virtual application customization and optimization. This also allows the application to be tested and modified without the need to re-snapshot after each iteration.

To save the virtual application configuration:

- Open the configuration menu and click **Save Configuration** or **Save Configuration As**.
- ZENworks Application Virtualization configuration files are stored in the **XAPPL** file format. The **XAPPL** file does not contain the filesystem content. The filesystem content is stored in the **Files** directory which is created during the "after" snapshot.

Note: The **XAPPL** file uses relative paths to identify snapshot files. Therefore it is required that the **Files** directory and the **XAPPL** file be located in the same directory.

6.2.3 Configuring the Virtual Application

Once the application snapshot has been created, the configuration can be modified or optimized depending on the desired virtual application behavior. For example, OpenOffice is a suite of

applications; therefore program entry points need to be setup so each application can be run individually.

The following will need to be configured to get OpenOffice to function as a virtual application:

- Set the **Output File**
- Configure the **Startup Files** (Jukeboxing)
- Configure the **Setup** options
- *(Optional)* Remove unused installation files

6.2.4 Setting the output file name

The **Output File** is the name of the virtual executable file or **SVM** that is created by ZENworks Application Virtualization.

To set the **Output File**, click **Browse** next to the **Output File** field and assign it a file name.

6.2.5 Startup files (Jukeboxing)

The **Startup File** settings identify the specific executable files that can be started by the virtual application. These can be started by executing the virtual application, from a command prompt, or from the shortcuts.

To configure the **Startup Files**:

- Select **Virtual Application**.
- Locate the **Output** group and select the **Multiple** to open the **Startup Files** window.
- The **Start Files** window displays all entry points for the application. If an entry point is missing for your application, you can add one by:
 - Using **Start Files**, enter the **File** location on the first line and select **Enter**.
 - Using **Filesystem**, locate the target file. Right-click on the file and select **Add to Startup Files**.
- **Command Line** enables you to add parameters for each **Startup File**.
- **Trigger** sets the command-line parameter that specifies which **Startup File** to launch.
- Note: each **Startup File** must have a unique value for its **Trigger** field.
- Select **Auto Start** for the **Startup File** that should run by default if no **Trigger** is passed to the virtual application.

6.2.6 Setup options

When virtualizing application suites such as OpenOffice, the user may want to create a setup file. Setup files generated by ZENworks Application Virtualization are created using the MSI setup file format. ZENworks Application Virtualization setup files only install the virtual application and create file associations and shortcuts. No other installation functions are performed.

To create a setup file for the virtual application, the **Output Location**, **Product Info**, **Installation Parameters**, **Shortcuts**, and **File Associations** need to be configured.

- The **Output Location** defines where the setup file is created.
- The **Product Info** is the metadata that will be associated with the setup file. The Product Info is displayed in the **Add/ Remove Programs** window. It is recommended that this information be accurate to avoid confusion.
- The **Installation Parameters** control how the virtual application will be installed on the host system.
- **Shortcuts** allow the end user to launch the application directly from the Windows Start Menu or Desktop.

6.2.7 Output Location

To define the Output Location for the virtual application setup file:

- Click **Browse** next to the **Output Location** and assign it a file name.
- Check the **Automatically generate MSI after successful build** checkbox if the setup file should be created automatically after the build process.

6.2.8 Product Info

The following fields specify metadata associated with setup files and is visible in the Add/Remove Programs window. These fields are accessed from the MSI tree node under Setup.

- **Product Name:** The name of the application.
- **Product Version:** The version of the application.
- **Company Name:** The name of the company that made the application.

6.2.9 Installation Parameters

To install the virtual application for **All Users**, check the **Install application for All Users** checkbox. If checked, this option requires administrative privileges on the target system.

To automatically update existing versions, select the **Automatically upgrade earlier application versions** option. This option will update previous versions of this virtual executable.

To use side-by-side installation, select the **Allow side-by-side versions of the same application** option.

Note: The **Company Name\Product Name** needs to be entered in the **Application Folder** field. If neither is entered, the virtual application will be installed under folders named “**Company Name\Product Name**”.

6.2.10 Creating Shortcuts

To create shortcuts that open specific application within the OpenOffice suite:

Click **Add Shortcut** and assign it a **Name**, assign it a **Target**, select an **Icon**, and enter any arguments that need to be passed to the specific application.

Folders that are created by the setup package can also be setup in this pane.

6.2.11 File Associations

To create File Associations:

Click on the **Add ProgId** button and enter the **ProgId** and a **Description** of the file association.

Click **Add Extension** and enter the file extension and **MIME Type** (if necessary) to the **ProgId**. If a verb is needed for the file extension, click **Add Verb** and enter the necessary information.

6.2.12 Removing unnecessary files from the snapshot

During the installation process for many applications, temporary installation files are created. While these files are necessary for the installation, they are not required for the virtual application to run.

In OpenOffice, the installation files are created in the same directory that the install executable was executed from.

To remove these files from the snapshot:

- Open the **Filesystem** pane
- Navigate to the location of the installation files, right-click the folder, and select **Delete**.

Note: For OpenOffice, removing the installation files from the snapshot may reduce the output virtual application binary size by up to 151 MB.

6.2.13 Build and Test

After the virtual application has been configured, customized, and optimized, it can now be built and tested.

To build the virtual application:

- Click on the **Build** or the **Build and Run** button. This will create virtual application binary file where the **Output File** is defined. The build process may take a few minutes.

To test the virtual application:

- Execute the virtual application binary file. The OpenOffice splash screen will display and the OpenOffice Quickstarter will open.
- Execute the virtual application binary file from a command prompt with the "**swriter**" Trigger. For example, run "**openoffice.exe swriter**" from a command prompt and the OpenOffice Writer application opens instead of the Quickstarter.

To test the Setup options:

- Execute the setup file on a system without OpenOffice installed. The virtual application, shortcuts, and file associations will be installed on the host system.
- Open the OpenOffice Writer Program from the start Menu shortcut.
- Open a file that is associated with the OpenOffice Writer program.

7 BEST PRACTICES

This section describes various best practices for making use of Novell ZENworks Application Virtualization. Note that these methods of use are all optional.

7.1 BEST PRACTICES FOR SNAPSHOTTING

The following practices are recommended for optimal use of the snapshotting feature.

7.1.1 Machine configuration

- Perform snapshotting on a clean machine: Snapshotting on a clean machine assures that all dependencies will be installed by the application setup. Installing on a machine with existing components may cause dependencies to be inadvertently included in the "before" snapshot and therefore excluded from the final virtual application output.
- Use snapshotting in conjunction with whole-machine virtualization: Configuring a clean machine using a whole-machine virtualization tool such as Microsoft Virtual PC and saving a "before" snapshot based on this image allows many distinct virtual applications to be snapshotted in rapid succession by reverting the whole-machine virtual state.
- Snapshot on the earliest operating system variant you expect to target: Most applications can be successfully configured by snapshotting on the earliest (least common denominator) base operating system to be targeted. A small number of applications may require multi-platform snapshotting for successful deployment across all operating system variants.

7.1.2 Snapshot process

- Save the "before" snapshot: Saving the snapshot assures that you need only take the "before" snapshot a single time. It may be necessary to restart the target application during the installation process, in which case you will need to reload the "before" snapshot prior to capturing the "after" snapshot.
- To prevent problems with open file handles, it is recommended that processes and services that were started during installation are stopped prior to capturing the "after" snapshot. In most cases it is sufficient to exit the target application, unless the application installs services, such as Microsoft SQL Server, in which case the services should also be stopped prior to taking the "after" snapshot.
- Clean up your image: While ZENworks Application Virtualization automatically excludes many unnecessary files and registry keys, snapshotting often picks up many unnecessary items. If you have adequate technical understanding to do so, you may significantly reduce virtual application size by manually removing unnecessary items from the snapshot delta.

7.2 CAPTURING UPDATES TO AN APPLICATION VIA SNAPSHOT PROCESS

Virtual application updates can be captured within ZENworks Application Virtualization via the snapshot process.

To capture an update via snapshot process:

- Install the original native version of the application you wish to update on a clean machine.
- Click **Capture Before** to snapshot the original version of the app.
- Install the necessary updates to the native application.
- Click **Capture and Diff** to create the “after” snapshot of the app. This will capture the deltas between the original version and the updated version.
- Make sure the Project Type is set to **Component**, then click **Build** to create the **SVM** file.

This process will only capture the changes between the original EXE and the installed updates. The resultant **SVM** file can then be applied to the original virtual executable (for more information on updating **SVM** files, refer to the topic “**Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**” in the “Advanced topics” section).

7.3 USING A PIPELINE BUILD PROCESS

Novell recommends that certain steps in the virtual application build process be performed on multiple operating systems in order to ensure maximum compatibility and performance. Because many of these steps are time-consuming, the process can move more efficiently if the steps are performed on multiple machines in parallel. This process is referred to as “pipeline building” and is particularly useful when virtualizing a high volume of apps.

For each application built, Novell highly recommends using three separate snapshot machines in parallel (Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7), connected via local network.

The following steps should be performed on each machine in the “pipeline”:

7.3.1 Capturing the initial virtual application configuration via snapshot

The snapshot process is covered in detail in the “Snapshotting Applications” topic of the “Getting Started” section.

The snapshot process should be performed on each machine in the pipeline in order to create the multiple **XAPPL** files to be later merged into a single **XAPPL** file.

Each configuration should be saved in a way that denotes the operating system it was created on (E.g. **<Application><Version>Snapshot_<OS>.xappl**), and copied to a network accessible folder.

The relative paths to files in the folder will be queried when the configurations are merged into a single **XAPPL** file. This process- called “platform merge”- can be done on a single machine and is covered in detail in “Platform Merge” topic in the “Advanced Topics” section.

7.3.2 Profiling the application

The profiling process involves ZENworks Application Virtualization observing normal user behavior during short virtual application usage sessions, and creating transcripts- or *profiles*- of the behavior. The process is covered in detail in the “Creating application streaming models” topic in the “Advanced Topics” section.

The profiling process occurs after a merged **XAPPL** file has been created. It should be performed on each machine in the pipeline in order to create the multiple transcripts that will later be used to build a streaming model of the virtual application.

Each transcript should be saved in a way that denotes the operating system it was created on (E.g. **<Application><Version>Transcript_<OS>.xt**), and copied to a network accessible folder. It is recommended that multiple profiles are created for each machine in the pipeline (for more information on building streaming models using transcripts, refer to the “Creating application streaming models” topic in the “Advanced Topics” section).

7.4 SNAPSHOTTING INTERNET EXPLORER

Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode should be used when snapshotting Internet Explorer application setups. This mode ensures a more complete capture of the Internet Explorer portions of the registry and filesystem, whereas a normal snapshot process ignores those parts of the registry and filesystem.

To use Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode, click the **Options** menu above the ribbon bar in ZENworks Application Virtualization, and select **Internet Explorer snapshot compatibility mode** from the dropdown.

8 ADVANCED TOPICS

This section deals with advanced topics you may encounter while using ZENworks Application Virtualization.

8.1 CUSTOMIZING THE ZENWORKS APPLICATION VIRTUALIZATION INTERFACE

This section describes ZENworks Application Virtualization interface customization options. All options described in this section can be found under the **Options** menu item.

8.1.1 Proxy settings...

ZENworks Application Virtualization uses the Internet to check for product updates and download update packages. If your computer is located behind a firewall, it may be necessary for Internet access to take place through a proxy server. By default, ZENworks Application Virtualization will use the default Internet settings configured on the host machine. In some circumstances, however, it may be necessary for you to manually configure the proxy server settings.

To manually configure proxy settings, select the **Proxy settings...** option from the **Options** menu. Provide the proxy server address, the server port and the type of authentication, if any, the proxy server uses. Select the 'Bypass proxy server for local addresses' option to bypass the proxy server when accessing resources located on the local network. Please contact your network administrator if you need assistance configuring the proxy settings.

8.1.2 Automatically detect associated runtimes and components

By default, ZENworks Application Virtualization will scan the virtual filesystem at build time and verify that the current configuration includes all available runtimes and components associated with file types contained in the virtual filesystem. This behavior is recommended to assure maximum virtual application reliability.

If you wish to disable this scan, uncheck the **Automatically detect associated runtimes and components** option in the **Options** menu.

8.1.3 Play sound on build completion

By default, ZENworks Application Virtualization plays a short sound to notify the user of virtual application build completion.

If you wish to disable this sound, uncheck the **Play sound on build completion** option in the **Options** menu.

8.1.4 Copy new files into the Files folder

When files are added into the virtual application configuration, they can optionally be added to the Files directory. This can be helpful for portability of the build files. However, this may not be desirable for software developers doing automated builds where each build should reference the original source location.

8.2 QUICK SNAPSHOT MODE

By default, ZENworks Application Virtualization uses a "quick" snapshotting algorithm that attempts to minimize the amount of time spent scanning the host system device state during snapshotting. In very rare cases, use of this mode may result in an improperly configured virtual application. Use of quick snapshot mode may also slightly increase the size of the virtual application configuration contents. It is strongly recommended that snapshotting be performed using the quick snapshot mode, as this is compatible with the vast majority of applications. Disabling quick snapshot mode significantly increases the amount of time required to complete the virtual application configuration process.

To disable quick snapshot mode, uncheck the **Quick snapshot mode** item from the **Options** menu.

Note: "Before" and "after" snapshots must be taken using the same snapshotting algorithm. Loading a saved snapshot image causes ZENworks Application Virtualization to automatically configure the snapshotting mode to be consistent with the algorithm used during the saved snapshot capture.

8.3 WELL-KNOWN ROOT FOLDER VARIABLES

The Novell engine dynamically remaps well-known root folders such as **My Documents** and **Program Files** to the appropriate location based on the host operating system at runtime. This assures, for example, that the virtualized **My Documents** folder will be mapped to **\User\USERNAME\Documents** when running on Windows Vista or **\Documents and Settings\USERNAME\My Documents** when running on Windows 2000.

Most of the time, configurations are constructed using snapshotting or in the graphical user interface. However, if manually modifying the **XAPPL** file, the following well-known root folder variables may be used to configure virtual filesystem locations. Root folder variables are case sensitive.

The following is a complete list of root folder variables recognized by ZENworks Application Virtualization and the corresponding folder name displayed in the filesystem graphical user interface, followed by a brief description of the root folder.

- **@APPDIR@** (Application Directory): Folder where the executing virtual application executable resides.
- **@WINDIR@** (Windows): The operating system install location root.
- **@SYSDRIVE@** (System Drive): The root folder of the drive containing the operating system installation.
- **@PROGRAMFILES@** (Program Files): The Program Files folder.
- **@PROGRAMFILESX86@** (Program Files (x86)): The Program Files folder for 32 bit applications on a 64 bit platform.
- **@PROGRAMFILESCOMMON@** (Program Files\Common): The Program Files\Common Files folder.
- **@PROGRAMFILESCOMMONX86@** (Program Files (x86)\Common): The Program Files\Common Files folder for 32 bit applications on a 64 bit platform.
- **@SYSTEM@** (System Drive\Windows\System32): The Windows System32 folder.
- **@SYSWOW64@** (Windows\SysWOW64): The Windows folder that manages compatibility with 32 bit applications on a 64 bit platform.
- **@APPDATALOCAL@** (Current User Directory\Local Application Data): The folder that serves as a common repository for application-specific data that is used by the current, non-roaming user.
- **@APPDATA@** (Current User Directory\Application Data): The folder that serves as a common repository for application-specific data for the current roaming user.

- **@STARTUP@** (Current User Directory\Start Menu\Programs\Startup): The folder containing the current user's startup items.
- **@PROGRAMS@** (Current User Directory\Start Menu\Programs): The folder that contains the user's program groups.
- **@STARTMENU@** (Current User Directory\Start Menu): The folder containing the user's Start Menu contents.
- **@DESKTOP@** (Current User Directory\Desktop): The current user's Desktop folder.
- **@TEMPLATES@** (Current User Directory\Templates): The folder that serves as a common repository for the current user's document templates.
- **@FAVORITES@** (Current User Directory\Favorites): The current user's Favorites folder.
- **@DOCUMENTS@** (Current User Directory\My Documents): The current user's My Documents folder.
- **@MUSIC@** (Current User Directory\My Music): The current user's My Music folder.
- **@PICTURES@** (Current User Directory\My Pictures): The current user's My Pictures folder.
- **@PROFILE@** (Current User Directory): The folder that stores the current user's profile data.
- **@APPDATACOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Application Data): The folder that serves as a common repository for application-specific data that is used by all users.
- **@STARTUPCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Start Menu\Programs\Startup): The folder containing startup items for All Users.
- **@PROGRAMSCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Start Menu\Programs): The folder for components that are shared across applications.
- **@STARTMENUMCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Start Menu): The folder containing the Start Menu contents for All Users.
- **@DESKTOPCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Desktop): The shared Desktop folder.
- **@TEMPLATESCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Templates): The folder that serves as a common repository for shared document templates.
- **@FAVORITESCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Favorites): The shared Favorites folder.
- **@DOCUMENTSCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Documents): The shared Documents folder.
- **@MUSICCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Music): The shared Music folder.

- **@PICTURESCOMMON@** (All Users Directory\Pictures): The shared Pictures folder.
- **@PROFILECOMMON@** (All Users Directory): The folder that stores the shared profile data.

8.4 BUILDING FROM THE COMMAND LINE

ZENworks Application Virtualization can optionally be executed from the command line. This is particularly useful for building virtual applications as part of an automated build process.

The command line version of ZENworks Application Virtualization is called **XStudio.exe** and can be found in the ZENworks Application Virtualization installation directory. To build a virtual application from the command line, execute **XStudio Configuration.xappl** from the command prompt, where **Configuration.xappl** is the name of the ZENworks Application Virtualization project created using the graphical interface.

Options specified in the configuration file may be overridden with the command line arguments given in the following table. Add these arguments to the end of the build command, e.g.:

XStudio Configuration.xappl [Arguments]

Table 8-1: Command Line Build Arguments

Argument	Description
/before [/beforepath Snapshot Path]	Performs a before snapshot and saves the snapshot to the optionally specified snapshot folder. If no snapshot folder is specified, the default snapshot folder is used.
/after [/beforepath Snapshot Path] /o Output Path]	Performs an after snapshot using the optionally specified before snapshot path. If no before snapshot path is specified, the default snapshot folder is used. The output XAPPL and snapshot files are saved to the optionally specified output path. If no output path is specified, the output XAPPL and snapshot files are saved to the current user's desktop.
/component or /layer	Forces the output type to component. This mode causes an SVM to be generated.
/d	Forces a diagnostic-mode output to be generated.
/l License file	Applies the specified license file. The license file must be saved with encoding set to Unicode.
/uncompressed	Results in an uncompressed payload (payloads are compressed by default). This option overrides the selection in the Configuration.xappl file.
/deletesandbox	Forces the virtual application to delete the sandbox on application shutdown.
/isolatecom	Imports COM registration information from the host registry into the Configuration.xappl file based on any DLL or OSX files in the filesystem. Note that this process is supplemental to the snapshot process and would only be used in cases where the original snapshot is incomplete. E.g. XStudio.exe Configuration.xappl /isolatecom

/profile [App Path] [Transcripts Folder]	Profiles the application at the specified App Path , and creates a transcript in the specified Transcripts Folder .
/buildmodel [App Path] [Transcripts Folder] [Model Folder] [Connection Speed]	Builds a streaming model of the application at the specified App Path , from the transcripts in the specified Transcripts Folder , and places the model in the specified Model Folder . Optionally, Connection Speed can be specified in MB/second, default value is 1.5.

Note: Snapshots generated from the command-line using the **/after** flag will not have an output path specified. When using programmatic snapshotting, it is strongly recommended that additional scripting be performed to apply necessary additional configuration to the generated **XAPPL** file.

Note: If running XStudio displays the error, "<SandboxCollision> is missing from the string table", it is because the XStudio application cannot be run while ZAV Studio is running. ZAV Studio must be closed before running XStudio via the command line.

8.5 IMPORTING CONFIGURATIONS FROM EXTERNAL TOOLS

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows configurations from certain external application virtualization tools to be automatically converted into ZENworks Application Virtualization configurations. Supported external configurations currently include MSI setup packages, ThinApp configurations, and Novell AXT snapshots.

To import a configuration from an external tool:

- Click the **Start menu** button control menu (or press **Alt-F**)
- Select **Import Configuration**. This displays the configuration import wizard.
- Click **Browse** to select the configuration to be imported.
- Click **Next**.
- Follow the step-by-step instructions in the wizard to complete the import process.

Note: Some applications which depend on specialized custom actions during the MSI installation process may require additional configuration following MSI import to be fully functional. Such applications may need to be imported using the snapshot capture method.

8.6 RUNNING NATIVE APPLICATIONS IN VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows natively installed applications to launch in virtual sandboxed environments. This is helpful when a natively installed application can utilize resources contained in a virtual package. For example, a user virtualizing a plugin for Microsoft Outlook would want to enable a local version of Outlook to run in the same virtual sandbox as the plugin. This is accomplished in ZENworks Application Virtualization by setting the natively installed application as the startup file (or one of the startup files).

To enable a natively installed application to launch in a virtual environment:

- In the **Virtual Application** tab, click on the **Multiple** button next to the **Startup File** field
- In the **File** column, enter the local path of the natively installed application.
- (Optional) Check the **Auto Start** option to have your natively installed application automatically run when the virtual application is launched
- Click **OK**

This will enable your virtual application and natively installed application to interact with each other in the same virtual environment.

A sample startup file path for Microsoft Word would look like this:

@PROGRAMFILES@\Microsoft Office\Office14\WINWORD.exe

If **Auto Start** has been enabled, Microsoft Word will launch with the virtual application, in the same virtual environment.

8.7 MODIFYING VIRTUALIZATION BEHAVIOR AT RUN-TIME

Most virtualization behavior is specified during virtual application design using the ZENworks Application Virtualization interface. However, in some cases, it is useful to override virtualization behaviors at application run-time.

Novell allows the following virtualization settings to be specified on the virtual application command line. Settings specified on the command line supersede design-time virtual application settings.

Table 8-2: Run-Time Virtualization Arguments

Argument	Behavior
/XEnv=Variable Name=Value	Specifies additional environment variables. Multiple /XEnv arguments can be used to add additional environment variables.
/XLayerPath=Layer Path	Adds the given SVM into the virtual environment. Multiple /XLayerPath arguments can be used to add additional virtual layers.
/XSandboxPath=Sandbox Path	Specifies the path to be used for the application sandbox.
/XShellEx=Command	Specifies a shell execute command to be launched from within the virtual application environment. This option overrides any startup files specified in the virtual application configuration. Only one /XShellEx argument can be specified.
/XShellExVerb=Command Verb	Specifies the verb to be used in conjunction with the XShellEx command. The default verb is OPEN.
/XLogPath=Log Path	Specifies the destination path for generated log files (only applies to executables built in diagnostic-mode). This path can include a custom file name pattern, e.g. c:\logs\mylog*.log
/XSpawnVmExceptions=Process Exceptions	Accepts a semi-colon delimited list of processes to be added to the child process exception list (refer to the Child processes section for more information). E.g. /XSpawnVmExceptions=notepad.exe
/XEnable and /XDisable	Enables or disables specific process configuration options. These options include: SpawnVm, ReadOnly, ExeOptimization, SpawnComServers, IsolateWindowClasses, IndicateVirtualization, DeleteSandbox, NotifyProcStarts, ReadShare, DRMCompat,

	<p>ChildProcAsUser, ShutdownProcTree, DEPCompat, and IndicateElevated; all of which correspond to specific options in the Process Configuration tab, e.g. /XEnable=SpawnVm;DEPCompat. In addition, SuppressLogging can be specified to enable or disable diagnostic mode.</p>
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8.8 CAPTURE UPDATES TO AN APPLICATION VIA SNAPSHOT

Virtual application updates can be captured within ZENworks Application Virtualization via snapshots.

Complete the following steps to capture an update via snapshots:

- Install the native version of the application on a clean machine.
- Select **Capture Before**.
- Install necessary updates to the native application.
- Select **Capture and Diff** to create the after snapshot. This captures the deltas between the original and updated versions.
- Set the **Project Type** to **Component**, then select **Build** to create the **SVM**.

This process only captures changes between the original executable and installed updates. You can then apply the resulting **SVM** to the original virtual package.

8.9 SPECIFYING ADDITIONAL SVM LAYERS FOR A VIRTUAL APPLICATION

ZENworks Application Virtualization users may want to specify additional **SVM** layers for applications, in the case of updates or patches. ZENworks Application Virtualization allows three mechanisms for doing this.

The first mechanism is via the command line using the **/XLayerPath=** syntax. This syntax takes a path with optional wildcards to additional **SVMs** to load.

An example of a specified **SVM** path using a wildcard:

```
virtual-app.exe /XLayerPath=@APPDIR@\patches\*.svm
```

An example of specifying **SVMs** from multiple locations:

```
virtual-app.exe /XLayerPath=@APPDIR@\patches\*.svm  
/XLayerPath=@APPDIR@\officepatches\*.svm
```

An example of specifying **SVMs** on a network share:

```
virtual-app.exe /XLayerPath=\\network\share\patches\*.svm
```

An example using Microsoft Office:

```
Msoffice.exe /XLayerPath=c:\Patches\Msoffice_*.svm.
```

This would do a wildcard match finding any files such as **Msoffice_001.svm** in the **c:\Patches** directory.

Note: The **SVMs** are applied in reverse-alphabetical priority. This means that items in **Msoffice_002.svm** have higher priority than items in **Msoffice_001.svm**.

The second mechanism is a **XAPPL** file specified way to load additional **SVM** files. It is via the **<XLayers>** portion of the **XAPPL** file and has the following elements:

Table 8-3: XAPPL XLayer Elements

Attribute	Description
XLayerSearchPattern	Attribute to provide the default search pattern, similar to what would be passed to /XLayerPath .
<RequiredXLayername="@APPDIR@\APP.svm">	Sub-elements specifying which SVM must be loaded, or else an error is reported.

A Sample **XAPPL** configuration is as follows:

```

<XLayers XLayerSearchPattern="@APPDIR@\ZENworks Application
VirtualizationDependencies.svm">
<RequiredXLayer name="ZENworks Application VirtualizationDependencies.svm" />
</XLayers>

```

The third mechanism is available in the ZENworks Application Virtualization interface. To access this method:

- Click on the Settings button
- Click on the Process Configuration tab
- Click on the **SVM** button

The first field is the **SVM Search** field. Here users can enter the complete path to where multiple **SVMs** are located using a wildcard. An example of using a wildcard in the search field is **@APPDIR@\patches*.svm**. This is similar to what is passed to **/XLayerPath** using the command line approach.

In the second field users can also specify required **SVMs**. In this case, the wildcard is removed and a specific file is referenced. An example of this format is **@APPDIR@\ZENworks Application VirtualizationDependencies.svm**. If the file is not found during application launch, an error will be reported.

All methods allow the use of the **@VARIABLE@** format.

Multiple **SVMs** may be specified after the **XLayerSearchPattern** attribute in a semi-colon delimited list. **SVMs** specified first in the list will take precedence over **SVMs** specified later in the list. If multiple **SVMs** are specified in one search pattern through the use of the '*' wildcard, the **SVMs** are applied in reverse-alphabetical priority. For example, items in **Msoffice_002.svm** would have higher priority than items in **Msoffice_001.svm**.

Note: Newer versions of ZENworks Application Virtualization make use of **SVM** files as opposed to **XLayer** files. Older **XLayer** files must be rebuilt as **SVM** files as there is currently no supported conversion utility. **SVMs** function in the same way as **XLayer** files in that they will be auto-integrated with a virtual executable by being placed in a path matching the **XLayerSearchPattern**.

8.10 PLATFORM MERGE

The Merge Platforms feature allows virtual application configurations snapshotted on multiple operating system variants (Windows XP, Vista, etc.) to be combined into a single configuration. At runtime, the virtualization engine dynamically applies the configuration options appropriate for the operating system variant used for execution.

Tip: The most common platform merge scenario is a merge of snapshots taken on Windows XP and Windows Vista. This is because some newer applications use operating system features specific to Windows Vista.

To merge configurations from multiple platforms:

- From the **Advanced** tab, click the **Merge Platforms** button.
- Click **Browse** and open the appropriate configuration for each applicable operating system variant.
- For operating systems without a configuration, choose which configuration it should use by using the Inherit option.
- When all configurations have been selected or set to **Inherit**, click **Browse** in the **Merge Settings** area, choose where to save the merged configuration, and click **Merge**.

To display or edit a specific operating system from a merged configuration:

- Open the merged configuration.
- From the **Advanced** tab, click on the **Display** drop down menu.
- Select the operating system that you want to display or edit.

The **Filesystem** and **Registry** panels will only display settings specific to the selected operating system. Note that you cannot edit configurations which are inherited from other platforms; to edit inherited configurations, you must select and edit the master configuration.

To change the inheritance of an operating system in a merged configuration:

- Open a merged configuration.
- From the **Advanced** tab, click the **Display** drop down menu.
- Select the operating system that you want to modify.
- Select the platform from which to inherit using the **Inherits** drop down menu.

8.11 CREATING APPLICATION STREAMING MODELS

The **Streaming** section of the **Advanced** tab allows you to profile and build streaming models for a virtual application.

The **Profile** feature generates transcripts, or *profiles*, which are then used to create a streaming model for the virtual application. Clicking the **Profile** button launches the application and creates a single transcript file based on observed user behavior during that run. It is recommended that multiple transcripts are created before creating a streaming model. Using multiple transcripts allows the streaming system to take into consideration different use cases for the application. It is also recommended that at least one transcript be created for each operating system.

Note: Only uncompressed virtual applications can be profiled and streamed. Compression is automatically disabled during the model build process.

To profile virtual applications:

- Build the virtual application.
- Click the **Profile** button on the **Advanced** tab.
- Select the output location for transcripts and click **OK**.
- After the virtual application launches, use the application for approximately one minute, as if you were a typical end-user.
- Close the application. Once the application terminates, the transcript will be created in the selected output location.
- Create additional transcripts as needed.

Once the necessary profiles have been created, the streaming model is ready to be built. The model build process uses the transcripts and **Connection Speed** parameter to compute a model of execution. After the model build process is complete, the streaming files are written to the selected output folder. The **Connection Speed** setting is used to optimize delivery of application content to the end-user.

To create a streaming model:

- Select the desired **Connection Speed**. The 1.5Mbps connection speed setting is recommended for most scenarios.
- Click the **Build Model** button.
- Select the folder where the transcripts are located and click **OK**.
- Select the folder where the streaming model will be created and click **OK**.

The resulting model is made up of an .xm file and a collection of .xs files.

8.12 LAUNCHING STREAMING MODELS USING SPOONPLAY

The SpoonPlay tool can be used to launch the streaming models created using ZENworks Application Virtualization (refer to the section “Creating application streaming models” for additional information). SpoonPlay can be used to launch streaming models which exist on your local machine, a file server, or a web server which has been configured to stream applications. In addition to launching streaming models, SpoonPlay can also be used to cache applications on your local machine.

8.12.1 Launching a streaming model

Launching a streaming model requires the use of the **/model** and **/xvm** flags. The **/model** flag specifies the location to the model files and the **/xvm** flag specifies the location of the XVM file that will be used to launch the application. The example below demonstrates the command line usage for launching a streaming model from a file server:

```
Spoonplay.exe /model=\\server1\apps\myapp\1-2-3-4__0\xstream\0\model.xml
/xvm=\\server1\tools\xvm.exe
```

8.12.2 Launching an application from a web server

SpoonPlay can also launch a streaming model from a web server which has been configured to stream applications. SpoonPlay requires the **/config** flag, which specifies the location of the application configuration file that exists on the web server (refer to the section “Generating site license certificates and application configurations” for more information regarding application configurations.) The example below demonstrates the command line usage for launching a streaming model from a web server:

```
Spoonplay.exe /config=http://mysite.com/configs/app.xml
```

8.12.3 Caching an application

After launching a streaming model, SpoonPlay has a feature which allows the application to be cached as an SVM file on your local machine. This will eliminate the need to re-stream the model for this application during future launches. The example below demonstrates the command line usage for caching an application after launching a streaming model:

```
Spoonplay.exe /model=\\server1\apps\myapp\1-2-3-4__0\xstream\0\model.xml
/xvm=\\server1\tools\xvm.exe /cache=c:\apps\myapp
```

8.12.4 Command line flag overview

The following table provides a summary of all command line arguments that can be used with SpoonPlay.

Table 8-4: SpoonPlay Arguments

Argument	Description
/model	Specifies the location of the steaming model (points specifically to the .xml file). Requires the

	/xsandboxpath argument.
/xsandboxpath	Specifies the location of the application sandbox. This is required when using the /xmodel argument.
/xvm	Specifies the location of the XVM file to be used to launch the application (XVM.exe). If this is not included, SpoonPlay will look in the same folder as it is located for a valid xvm.exe.
/config	Specifies the location (as a URL) to an application configuration file.
/cache	Specifies the location to store the cached SVM file after the application has launched.

8.13 APPLICATION EXPIRATION

This section describes the **Expiration** feature. With the **Expiration** feature, virtual applications can be set to expire after a certain number of days or after a certain date.

To set a virtual application to expire after a specific number of days:

- Click on the **Expiration** button.
- Check the **Disallow execution after number of days** box.
- Select the number of days after the application is first executed on a system it will take to expire.
- Choose the **Time Source** the virtual application will use to validate the date.

To set a virtual application to expire after a certain date:

- Click on the **Expiration** button.
- Check the **Disallow execution after date** checkbox.
- Select the date the virtual application will expire.
- Choose the **Time Source** the virtual application will use to validate the date.

For all expiration modes, the **System clock** setting will use the host system's clock to validate the date. The **Web server clock** setting will validate the date against an HTTPS-based web server. Check the **Disallow execution if web server is unreachable** checkbox to prevent the application from being executed offline.

Tip: The **Web server clock** setting is more secure than the **System clock** setting since it prevents the expiration mechanism from being circumvented by modifying the system clock. However, this setting will prevent applications from executing on devices which cannot connect to the time server source.

Optionally, an **Expiration Warning** can be set to warn the user when the virtual application is about to expire. The message will be displayed each time the virtual application is executed when it is within the specified threshold.

8.14 APPLYING THE VIRTUAL APPLICATION CONFIGURATION TO THE HOST DEVICE

ZENworks Application Virtualization allows the virtual application configuration to be applied to the host system. Applying the virtual application configuration to the host system is helpful when creating **SVM** updates for virtual applications.

To apply the virtual application configuration to the host system:

- Click the **Apply Configuration** button in the **Start menu** of the ZENworks Application Virtualization application.
- Enter the path of the sandbox to be merged into the current configuration.
- Click **Yes** to acknowledge that the **Apply Configuration** process cannot be undone.

Note: The **Apply Configuration** feature is not intended for use as an installation process for virtual applications.

For example, to create an **SVM** update to the Firefox virtual application template:

- Use the **Configuration Wizard** to create a Firefox virtual application.
- With the Firefox configuration loaded, run the **Apply Configuration** process as above.
- Open a new virtual application configuration.
- Capture a before snapshot.
- Open Firefox, select **Help>Check for Updates**, and apply any updates.
- Capture an after snapshot.
- Build the captured updates as an **SVM**.
- Execute the built **SVM** on top of the original virtual Firefox browser and notice that the updates have been applied.

8.15 GENERATING SITE LICENSE CERTIFICATES AND APPLICATION CONFIGURATIONS

ZENworks Application Virtualization now allows you to generate site license certificates, which can then be used to generate application configurations for use with Novell's ZENworks Application Virtualization Streaming Server. This section describes how to use each feature, respectively.

To generate a site license certificate:

- Click on the **Advanced** tab.
- In the **App Certificates** box, click the **Create Site Certificate** button
- In the **Organization Name** field, enter the organization name
- In the **Organization Unit** field, enter the user/ unit name
- In the **Allowed Portal Hosts** field, enter the allowed host name of the server from which the application will stream. This name needs to match the website where the application will be launched (E.g.: **mysite.com**).
- Hit **Enter**.
- Click **Create** to create the license certificate, then save the certificate to a desired location in the resulting **Save File** dialog.

To create an application configuration:

- Click on the **Advanced** tab.
- In the **App Certificates** box, click on the **Create App Configuration** button.
- In the **Name** field, enter the application name
- In the **Version** field, enter the application version, in Major.Minor.Build.Revision format (E.g. **3.8.12.895**)
- In the **Startup Path** field, select the desired startup file. If the application has multiple startup files, they will be listed here.
- In the **Layer Revision** field, enter the current revision of the application build
- For **Type**, select either **SVM** or **XM (streaming model)**
- In the **Model Revision** field, enter the current revision of the application streaming model
- In the **Application Url** field, enter the path to the location where the application will be hosted (file will be of the type **.svm** or **.xm** as defined by the **Type** checkbox)
- In the **Xvm Configuration Url** field, enter the path to the location of the virtual machine configuration

- In the **Certificate Path** field, enter the path to the requested site license certificate that was saved during site license certificate generation. Click on the **Browse** button to search for this location.
- Click **Create** to create the application configuration.

To create multiple configuration files for one SVM (multiple startup files):

In order for multiple applications to point to the same cached SVM, all of the following data in the configuration must be the same.

- **Name**
- **Version**
- **Layer Revision**
- **Type**
- **Model Revision**
- **Application Url**
- **Xvm Configuration Url**

Note: All URL paths must be valid at the time of application configuration creation.

8.16 ENABLING SHARED OBJECT ISOLATION

ZENworks Application Virtualization provides the ability to isolate shared objects in memory. Certain applications will refer to objects in memory by a specific name, which can cause runtime errors if a named object in a virtual application's memory collides with other objects of the same name in the memory of a natively installed version of the application on the same device. Shared object isolation creates unique names for memory objects at runtime, in order to allow a virtual application and a natively installed version of the same application to run side by side without conflict.

Shared object isolation can only be enabled by manually editing the **XAPPL** file for a virtual application. A global setting to enables/disables named object isolation. The global setting controls whether named objects are renamed by default. There are exceptions to the global setting which take regular expression values. Any shared object having a name matching an exception is given the opposite behavior of the default. The regular expressions can also be replaced by a replacement value. The first match of the regular expression in a named object will be replaced by the replacement value.

The following example, OBJECTN (of the form OBJECT1, OBJECT2, ... OBJECT99), includes named objects used by a virtual application that conflict with identically-named objects used by a natively installed application. Common named objects include mutexes and named pipes. The second example, Test Value.* (of the form "Test Value 1612"), will be changed to simply "Test Value", but also appended with a unique signature for the application.

Complete the following steps to enable shared object isolation for OBJECTN in a virtual application:

- Open the **XAPPL** file of the virtual application you are working with in a text editor
- Replace the `<NamedObjectIsolation ./>` element with the example below:

```
<NamedObjectIsolation enabled="False">
<Exception regex=""OBJECT\d+" />
<Exception regex="Test value.*" replacement="Test value" />
</NamedObjectIsolation>
```

- Reload the **XAPPL** file in ZENworks Application Virtualization and build the application

The resulting virtual application will have shared object isolation enabled. Note that multiple objects in memory can be isolated simultaneously.

8.17 XAPPL FILE FORMAT

A **XAPPL** file is an XML representation of all the virtual application configuration settings.

All paths in the **XAPPL** file are relative to where the **XAPPL** file resides. For example, the **source** attribute of a File element will begin with ".\Files\". The ".\" directory is the path where the **XAPPL** file should reside in order for ZENworks Application Virtualization to locate the physical source files during the build process.

The **XAPPL** file must adhere to all XML syntax rules. If there are syntax errors in the **XAPPL** file, ZENworks Application Virtualization will not load the file.

In this section, attribute values are shown in parenthesis after their description and default values are shown in **bold**.

8.17.1 XAppl Configuration Elements and Attributes

OutputLocation

- The **outputlocation** attribute is the path to the folder where the virtual application executable will be created. This can be a local path, a UNC path, or a mapped drive.

OutputFile

- The **outputfile** attribute is the file name of the virtual application executable.

ProjectType

- The **project type** attribute denotes whether this configuration is for a virtual application (Application) or an **SVM** file (Component).

Licensing

- The **licensing** attribute contains information about the license that was used to build the virtual application.

Output

- The **diagnosticMode** attribute denotes when the application output should log diagnostic information (**True**) or not (**False**). If true, the virtual application will create diagnostic logs in the directory where it was executed from.
- The **sourcePackage** attribute is not used.

MSI

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the MSI setup file.

- The **outputMsiPath** attribute indicates the location where the setup MSI will be built.
- The **title** attribute indicates the value of the MSI title property.

- The **subject** attribute indicates the value of the MSI subject property.
- The **keywords** attribute indicates the value of the MSI keywords property.
- The **productName** attribute indicates the value of the MSI product name property.
- The **productVersion** attribute indicates the value of the MSI product version property.
- The **manufacturer** attribute indicates the value of the MSI manufacturer property.
- The **productLanguage** attribute indicates the value of the MSI product language property.
- The **author** attribute indicates the value of the MSI author property.
- The **description** attribute indicates the value of the MSI description property.
- The **manufacturerUrl** attribute indicates the value of the MSI manufacturer URL property.
- The **autoBuild** attribute denotes whether the MSI should build when the virtual application build completes successfully (**True**) or not (**False**).
- The **isolatePerUser** attribute denotes whether the MSI setup should be installed on a per-user basis (**True**) or installed for all users (**False**). When installing per-user, the install root path is Application Data. When installing for all users, the install root path is **Program Files**.
- The **applicationFolder** attribute indicates the subfolders into which the virtual application should be installed (**Company Name\Product Name**).
- The **upgradePreviousVersion** attribute denotes whether the setup should maintain the same Upgrade code when it builds (**True**) or change the Upgrade code for each build (**False**). This allows the setup to upgrade previous versions when it is installed, or to exist side by side.
- The **productCode** attribute indicates the value of MSI product code property.
- The **upgradeCode** attribute indicates the value of MSI upgrade code property.
- The **componentId** attribute indicates the value of the MSI component id property.

Packages

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the packages included in the virtual application.

Clr

The .NET *Clr* runtime element and all sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the virtual .NET Framework runtime.

Direct X

The DirectX element and all sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the virtual DirectX runtime.

Java

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the virtual java runtime.

RunTime

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the java runtime (Java).
- The **platform** attribute indicates the platform that the java runtime is designed for (x86).
- The **version** attribute indicates the version of the java runtime. The available versions are Java 5 (1.5.0.140) and Java 6 (1.6.0.30).

Settings

- The **startupType** attribute denotes whether to use the jar file (JAR) or class path (Class) command line parameters for java.exe to launch the application.
- The **startup** attribute indicates the jar file path or class name depending on the StartupType.
- The **classpath** attribute indicates the path to the class files of the Java runtime.
- The **options** attribute denotes any additional command line parameter.

Package

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the component or runtime.
- The **platform** attribute indicates the platforms that the component or runtime is supported on. The following are the only available values:

Any platform (Any)

x86 platform (x86)

- The **version** attribute indicates the version of the component or runtime.

Virtualization Settings

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the virtual operating system.

- The **suppressBranding** attribute controls the branding pop-up that is displayed (**False**), or not displayed (**True**) in the lower right-hand corner during application startup.
- The **isolateWindowClasses** attribute is used to isolate windows classes, as registered via the **Windows ::RegisterClass** or **::RegisterClassEx** APIs. For example, this allows a virtualized Firefox instance to run while a non-virtualized instance is running.
- The **readOnlyVirtualization** attribute denotes whether the virtual application has the ability to modify virtual files and registry settings (**False**) or not (**True**). Setting this attribute to **True** will prevent modification to the virtual filesystem and virtual registry.
- The **disableXenocodeCommandLine** attribute controls the ability to execute (**False**) any file from within the virtual filesystem.

- The **subsystem** attribute indicates the application output type. It can be inherited from the startup file (**Inherit**) or set explicitly to be a Windows application (**GUI**) or console application (**Console**). If **Inherit** is set, but the startup file is either not in the virtual filesystem or not an executable, then the output will be a Windows application.
- The **ie6Emulation** attribute denotes a special mode required for the Internet Explorer 6 template (**True**). For all other apps, this should be disabled (**False**).
- The **sandboxPath** attribute indicates the base path of the application sandbox (**@APPDATALOCAL@\Novell\Sandbox\@TITLE@\@VERSION@**).
- The **workingDirectory** attribute defines what directory the application will run in.
- The **compressPayload** attribute controls whether the output executable will be compressed (**True**) or not (**False**).
- The **trimUACManifest** attribute removes items from the virtual application manifest file that may require elevation and trigger UAC prompts (**True**).
- The **enableDRMCompatibility** attribute ensures compatibility (**True**) with applications protected by software formerly known as “Armadillo” and other DRM software.
- The **deleteSandbox** attribute will cause the sandbox to be reset automatically when the virtual application is shutdown (**True**).
- The **shutdownProcessTree** attribute will cause the all child processes spawned within the virtual environment to be shutdown when the root process exits. By default, the root process is specified by setting the startup file.
- The **exeOptimization** attribute will attempt to launch the startup executable with the initial virtual machine process, preventing the creation of a separate application process (**True**).
- The **enhancedDEPCompatibility** attribute provides compatibility for systems with Data Execution Protection enabled (**True**). This setting is used primarily for virtual applications running on Windows 2003.
- The **notifyProcessStarts** attribute causes a notification to be sent as a debugging output string whenever a new process is started within the virtual environment (**True**).
- The **forceReadShareFiles** attribute forces any file opened by any process within the virtual environment to do so with the READ_SHARE flag set (**True**).
- The **launchChildProcsAsUser** attribute causes all child processes to be provided with the same level of privileges as the virtual machine root process (**True**).
- The **forceIndicateRunningElevated** attribute forces the application to run as if it has elevated security privileges (**True**).
- The **suppressPopups** attribute will prevent an error dialog popup if the virtual application encounters a fatal startup error, and will cause the application to exit silently (**True**).

ChildProcessVirtualization

- The **spawnExternalComServers** attribute controls whether the virtual application launches ComServers in the virtual environment (**True**) or the external environment (**False**).
- The **spawnVm** attribute denotes whether the spawned external applications are spawned inside the virtual environment (**True**) or outside the virtual environment (**False**).

ChildProcessException

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the executable file (extension included) to except from the effects of the **spawnVm** attribute.

CustomMetadata

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the individual custom metadata items.

CustomMetadataItem

- The **property** attribute indicates the name of the custom metadata item.
- The **value** attribute indicates the value of the custom metadata item.

StandardMetadata

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the individual standard metadata items.

StandardMetadataItem

- The **property** attribute indicates the name of the standard metadata item. The following are the available standard metadata:

Product Title (**Title**)

Publisher (**Publisher**)

Description (**Description**)

Website (**Website**)

Product Version (**Version**)

SplashImage

- The **path** attribute indicates the source path to the splash image displayed at application startup.
- The **transparency** attribute indicates the color in the splash image that should be made transparent when the image is displayed (E.g. **Magenta**).

StartupFiles

All sub-elements contain configuration pertaining to the individual startup files.

StartupFile

- The **node** attribute indicates the path of the startup file.
- The **tag** attribute indicates the command line trigger used to specify this entry as the startup to use.
- The **commandLine** attribute indicates the command line arguments to pass to the startup file.
- The **default** attribute denotes whether this entry is executed automatically when no tag is specified (**True**) or not (**False**).

StartupShim

The startup shim is a virtualized binary that is invoked prior to the startup file. Startup shims are used to perform customized licensing checks or other initialization tasks.

- The **useShim** attribute indicates whether to use the startup shim.
- The **shimDllPath** attribute indicates the path to the virtual shim DLL implementation.
- The **paramOnInitialize** attribute indicates a string to be passed to the shim **OnInitialize** function.
- The startup shim signature is **typedef BOOL (__stdcall *FnOnInitialize) LPCWSTR pwcsInitializationToken**). The return value indicates whether virtual machine execution should proceed.

Layers

All sub-elements are individual virtual layers.

Layer

The **Layer** element and all sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of this layer of the virtual operating system.

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the layer. The default layer (**Default**) is the only layer for whom the name matters. All other layer names are purely informational.

Condition

- The **variable** attribute indicates the host system setting that will be evaluated. The operating system version (**OS**) is the only available option.
- The **operator** attribute indicates the Boolean operation that will be used to evaluate the host system. The available Boolean operations are:
greater than or equal to (**GREATEREQUAL**)

greater than (**GREATER**)

equal to (**EQUAL**)

not equal to (**NOTEQUAL**)

less than (**LESS**)

less than or equal to (**LESSEQUAL**)

- The **value** attribute indicates the value against which the host system will be evaluated, using the Boolean operation. The available values in ascending order are:

Windows 2000 (**Win2k**)

Windows XP (**WinXP**)

Windows 2003 (**Win2k3**)

Windows Vista (**Vista**)

Filesystem

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the virtual filesystem.

Directory

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of this directory of the virtual filesystem.

- The **rootType** attribute indicates the root system folder that this virtual folder is mapped to on the host filesystem. Directory elements with the **rootType** attribute are always directly beneath the **Filesystem** element. The following are the available **rootType** values:

Application Directory (**Application**)

Windows\System32 (**System**)

Windows (**OS**)

System Drive Root Directory (**SysDrive**)

Program Files\Common (**AllProgramsCommon**)

Program Files (**AllPrograms**)

Current User - Start Menu (**StartMenu**)

Current User - Start Menu\Programs (**Programs**)

Current User - Start Menu\Programs\Startup (**Startup**)

Current User - Application Data (**AppData**)

Current User - LocalSetting\Application Data (**AppDataLocal**)

Current User - Desktop (**Desktop**)

Current User - Templates (**Templates**)

Current User - Favorites (**Favorites**)

Current User - Music (**Music**)

Current User - Pictures (**Pictures**)

Current User - My Documents (**Documents**)

%PROFILE% (**Profile**)

All Users - Start Menu (**StartMenuCommon**)

All Users - Start Menu\Programs (**ProgramsCommon**)

All Users - Start Menu\Programs\Startup (**StartupCommon**)

All Users - Application Data (**AppDataCommon**)

All Users - Desktop (**DesktopCommon**)

All Users - Templates (**TemplatesCommon**)

All Users - Favorites (**FavoritesCommon**)

All Users - Music (**MusicCommon**)

All Users - Pictures (**PicturesCommon**)

All Users - My Documents (**DocumentsCommon**)

%ALLUSERSPROFILE% (**ProfileCommon**)

- The **isolation** attribute indicates the isolation setting of the virtual folder. The available values are:

Full isolation (**Full**)

WriteCopy isolation (**WriteCopy**)

Merge isolation (**Merge**)

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the virtual directory.

- The **hide** attribute denotes whether the directory is marked as hidden (**True**) or visible (**False**).

File

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the file.
- The **hide** attribute denotes whether the file is marked as hidden (**True**) or visible (**False**).
- The **source** attribute indicates the source path to the file.

Registry

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the virtual registry.

Key

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of this key of the virtual filesystem.

- The **rootType** attribute indicates the root system folder that this virtual folder is mapped to on the host filesystem. Key elements with the **rootType** attribute are always directly beneath the **Registry** element. The following are the available **rootType** values:

HKEY_CLASSES (ClassesRoot)

HKEY_CURRENT_USER (CurrentUser)

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE (CurrentUser)

HKEY_USERS (Users)

- The **namePathInformationTuples** indicates that there is a path in the name or value of the registry item. There are 3 comma delimited integers for each path found in the name/value.

1. Flags that indicate the state of the path (valid combinations: 0x0, 0x1, 0x2, 0x4, 0x5, 0x6)

0x1 – All Uppercase

0x2 – All Lowercase

0x4 – Uses Short Path Names

2. Start index of the path

3. Length of the path

- The **isolation** attribute indicates the isolation setting of the virtual folder. The available values are:

Full isolation (**Full**)

Merge isolation (**Merge**)

Value

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the value.
- The **type** attribute indicates the type of the value. The available values are:
 - REG_SZ and REG_EXPAND_SZ (**String**)
 - REG_DWORD (**DWORD**)
 - REG_QWORD (**QWORD**)
 - REG_BINARY (**Binary**)
 - REG_MULTI_STRING (**StringArray**)
- The **namePathInformationTuples** indicates that there is a path in the name or value of the registry item. There are 3 comma delimited integers for each path found in the name/value.
 1. Flags that indicate the state of the path (valid combinations: 0x0, 0x1, 0x2, 0x4, 0x5, 0x6)
 - 0x1 – All Uppercase
 - 0x2 – All Lowercase
 - 0x4 – Uses Short Path Names
 2. Start index of the path
 3. Length of the path
- The **value** attribute indicates the value of the value. This is true for all types, except **StringArray**, which contains the String sub-element.

Environment Variables

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the environment variable.
- The **value** attribute indicates the value of the environment variable.

Services

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the windows service.
- The **autoStart** attribute denotes whether the windows service starts when the virtual application starts (**True**) or not (**False**).
- The **commandLine** attribute indicates the startup command line of the windows service.
- The **friendlyName** attribute indicates the friendly name of the windows service.
- The **description** attribute indicates the description of the windows service.
- The **objectName** attribute indicates the account under which the windows service ran when not virtualized.
- The **keepAlive** attribute denotes whether the windows service should continue running after the startup application has closed (**True**) or not (**False**).
- The **start** attribute indicates the value of the **Start DWORD** value in the Windows Services registry key.
- The **type** attribute indicates the value of the **Type DWORD** value in the Windows Services registry key.
- The **errorControl** attribute indicates the value of the **ErrorControl DWORD** value in the Services registry key.

Shortcuts

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the MSI shortcuts.

Folder

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the MSI shortcuts in this folder.

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the folder. The two top level folders represent the Desktop (**Desktop**) and the Programs menu on the Start menu (**Programs Menu**).

Shortcut

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the shortcut.
- The **targetPath** attribute indicates the path of the StartupFile that is the target of the shortcut.
- The **targetParameter** attribute indicates the Trigger or Tag of the StartupFile that is the target of the shortcut.
- The **arguments** attribute indicates the arguments passed to the target of the shortcut at runtime.

- The **showCmd** attribute denotes whether the application should start in a maximized(**3**), minimized(**7**) or regular(**1**) window state.
- The **description** attribute indicates the description of the shortcut.

IconResource

- The **IconResource** sub-element contains an identifier of the icon that is used for the Shortcut.

ProgIds

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the ProgId.

- The **name** attribute indicates the name of the ProgId.
- The **description** attribute indicates the description of the ProgId.

IconResource

- The **IconResource** sub-element contains an identifier of the icon that is used for the file association.

Extension

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the file extensions for the ProgId.

- The **extension** attribute indicates the file extension that is associated with the ProgId.
- The **mimeType** attribute indicates the MIME type of all files with the extension.

Verb

All sub-elements contain settings pertaining to the configuration of the Verb for the file extension.

- The **title** attribute indicates the title of the verb.
- The **verb** attribute indicates the verb value.
- The **arguments** attribute indicates the arguments passed to the target of the verb at runtime.
- The **default** attribute denotes whether this verb is the default verb (**True**) or not (**False**).

8.18 EXAMPLE STARTUP SHIM AND HEADER

Below is an example of a startup shim that would be put in place to verify if an external service or application was already running before the virtual application could be launched.

Note: This example is a 32 bit DLL. If the application is a 64 bit application, the shim should be compiled as 64 bit.

8.18.1 Setup

Use Visual Studio 2010 (or install Visual C++ 2010 Express for free)

8.18.2 Create Project

Create a new project and select **Visual C++ > General > Empty Project** and give it a name (ZAVShim)

8.18.3 Edit project properties

- Right click on the Project and select **Properties**
- Set Configurations to **All Configurations**
- Go to **Configuration Properties > General > Project Defaults > Configuration Type** and select **Dynamic Library (.dll)**
- Go to **Configuration Properties > C/C++ > Code Generation > Runtime Library** and select **Multi-threaded (/MT)**. If you need to debug, set this to **Multi-threaded Debug (/MTd)** for the Debug configuration.
- Click OK

8.18.4 Create Header Files

- Right Click on **Header Files** and click **Add > New Item**
- Select **Header File (.h)** and give it a name (ZAVShim)

```
// ZAVShim.h

#ifdef ZAVSHIM_EXPORTS
#define ZAVSHIM_API __declspec(dllexport)
#else
#define ZAVSHIM_API __declspec(dllimport)
#endif BOOL __stdcall OnInitialize(LPCWSTR pwcsInitializationToken);
```

- Right Click on **Header Files** and click **Add > New Item**
- Select **Header File (.h)** and name it **stdafx**

```
// stdafx.h : include file for standard system include files,
// or project specific include files that are used frequently,
// but are changed infrequently

#pragma once
```

8.18.5 Create a Module Definition File

- Right Click on **Header Files** and click **Add > New Item**
- Select any file type, but name the file **Exports.def**
- Note that the DLL name is in the code after **LIBRARY** this should correspond to the name of the DLL (ZAVShim)

```
LIBRARY "ZAVShim"
EXPORTS
OnInitialize
```

8.18.6 Edit project properties (again)

- Right click on the Project and select **Properties**
- Set Configurations to **All Configurations**
- Go to **Configuration Properties > Linker > Input > Module Definition File** and type in **Exports.def**
- Click OK

8.18.7 Create main C++ file

- Right click **Source Files** and click **Add > New Item**
- Select **C++ File (.cpp)** and give it a name (ZAVShim)

```
// This is the main DLL file.

#include "stdafx.h"
#define WIN32_LEAN_AND_MEAN
#include <windows.h>
#include "ZAVShim.h"
#include <ShellAPI.h>

/// Main dll entry point
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain( HMODULE hModule, DWORD ul_reason_for_call, LPVOID
lpReserved)
{

    switch (ul_reason_for_call)
    {

        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
        case DLL_THREAD_ATTACH:
        case DLL_THREAD_DETACH:
        case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH:
            break;
    }

    return TRUE;
}

/// Function called when the virtual app is being initialized
BOOL __stdcall OnInitialize(LPCWSTR pwcsInitializationToken)
{
    BOOL fLaunchApp = FALSE;
    /// perform operation to check if app should launch
    if (!fLaunchApp)

        /// let the user know that the application is unable to launch
        MessageBox(NULL, "Unable to launch the application. Please check with
```

```
your administrator.", NULL, NULL);  
  
    /// return whether to launch the app  
    return fLaunchApp;  
}
```

8.18.8 Build and test

Now you can build the DLL and test it by selecting the DLL in ZENworks Application Virtualization under **Settings > Startup Settings > Startup shim DLL**.

9 TROUBLESHOOTING

This section describes the most common configuration errors that occur when using ZENworks Application Virtualization.

If you encounter a problem with a virtual application, please carefully read this section or query the online knowledge base before using other support options. It is very likely that the issue you have encountered is addressed in one of these places.

9.1 PROBLEMS ACCESSING INTERNET-BASED RESOURCES

Several ZENworks Application Virtualization features require access to Internet-based resources in order to function properly. These features may be unavailable if ZENworks Application Virtualization is unable to connect to the Internet.

In many corporate environments, access to the Internet is filtered through a firewall or proxy server. In these cases, ZENworks Application Virtualization will attempt to automatically configure itself for Internet access based on the system Internet settings. In some cases, however, it may be necessary to manually configure the proxy server settings.

To configure proxy server settings:

- Click the **Proxy Settings...** option on the **Options** menu. This displays the **Proxy Settings** dialog.
- Enter appropriate proxy server settings in the dialog. It may be necessary for you to consult your system administrator to obtain your organization's proxy server settings.

For users not on a corporate network, it may be necessary to ensure that Windows Firewall is configured to allow an exception for ZENworks Application Virtualization so the program can access resources.

To add an exception to Windows Firewall (Windows Vista and Windows 7):

- Open the **Control Panel**.
- Select **Windows Firewall**.
- Click the **Allow a program or feature through Windows Firewall** link.
- In the popup window, find **ZENworks Application Virtualization** and ensure the proper boxes are checked.
- Click **OK** and close the window.

9.2 GENERATING DIAGNOSTIC-MODE VIRTUAL APPLICATIONS

Occasionally, errors during virtual application configuration result in an executable which fails to run properly; that is, to exactly emulate the behavior of the original source application. Usually this is a result of an error in the virtualization configuration, such as a missing file or registry entry.

To assist in diagnosis of these problems, ZENworks Application Virtualization offers the option of creating *diagnostic-mode executables*. Diagnostic-mode executables generate logging data during execution that can assist in diagnosis of problems related to virtualization.

To generate a diagnostic-mode executable, check the **Generate diagnostic-mode executable** option on the **Output** section of the **Virtual Application** ribbon bar. Then click **Build** to generate the instrumented executable.

Execution of the instrumented executable will generate a **xclog_<id>.txt** file in the application startup directory that contains detailed diagnostic data gathered during execution. Inspection of this file, particularly of entries labeled **WARNING** or **ERROR**, often allows diagnosis of virtualization errors. If you require assistance from Novell technical support to resolve your problem, we strongly encourage you to submit this information along with your support request to facilitate resolution of your issue.

Note: Because diagnostic-mode executables run significantly slower than standard executables and generate very large log files, diagnostic-mode executables should not be distributed to your end-users.

THANK YOU FOR USING ZENWORKS APPLICATION VIRTUALIZATION!

We hope you enjoy using ZENworks Application Virtualization. Please let us know any way we can improve your Novell experience.

- The Novell Team