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## Anydesk to Rustdesk

Hello, I am a licensed user of Anydesk and I provide helpdesk technical support to Windows and Macos customers.

Since they are completely different and random clients, I don't use the installed version of anydesk, but the "portable" one that doesn't require installation.

In the last year, Anydesk has doubled the license fee, and has some compatibility problems with MacOS.

I'm willing to test RustDesk further, but I wanted to understand the licensing part. I don't need a server because I always access different machines from clients, nor an address book because the version I run on clients is also portable, so never install anything just run the app.

I wanted to understand better what is the advantage of the paid Pro plan versus the free one.

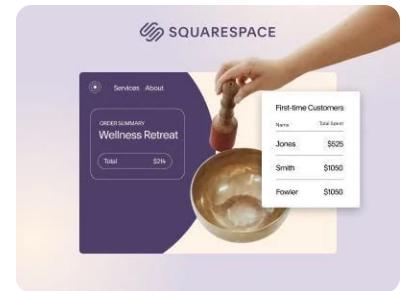
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The Server is what facilitates the connection - you both connect to the server which then allows you to connect to each other. it isn't just a direct connection.

You need the server. whether its rustdesk server or you self host.

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Yes there is click and run and also install based

License is how many computers on server and how many users

As you are doing it support get your own server for support not public server for reliability reasons as public is a test ground and can be slow personal servers fix this

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So I maintain a customer base of 600 customers and who knows how many computers

Since I am not their main IT guy I didn't want a centrally managed system.

So I run my own rustdesk server, I setup a rustdesk with a custom .exe with my server and key

When my customers need support they download run the app, I remote in and they close it

If they install and leave it running only other people with my server and key can even connect, so hacking risks are lower

Total cost is just my VPS cost to run it

(Which I use docker with other things)

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IMHO Anydesk (also ScreenConnect) well optimized for one time & infrequent use with random distant users for support purposes with minimal effort on by you & distant client to setup/use. Work w vendors using both w good results, suits their needs.

Rustdesk free works best w external server and appears better suited w distant users using a fully installed copy of the client. External server setup not difficult given static IP, proper DNS & minor cert config, works fine with fairly low bandwidth requirement. No license fees or license server nonsense. Continue to be impressed w RD constantly improving & narrowing any gap w similar services.

Have not tried RD pro version, but agree worthwhile project & would benefit w paid use. I'm retired now and do mostly free support, so free version suits my needs. If I was ramping up services would likely consider paid pro.

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works better... and for msp viewpoint definitely need pro with address book

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RustDesk also has per seat model, <https://github.com/rustdesk/rustdesk-server-pro/discussions/182#discussioncomment-10083053>

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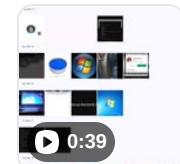
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