
Subject: Re: RealVNC

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Ok, i'll do a quick summary from my experience:

1. All the free VNC client/servers out there to my knowledge are NOT encrypted, this means your password is sent in plain text, easily sniffed then used by someone else.
 2. It's risky to run VNC at all, especially on a standard port as most servers limit you to 8 character passwords.
 3. If you use VNC (which I do) you should be running through a tunnel to encrypt it (ssh or hamachi will suffice). I tunnel my VNC thorough ssh which means I don't even have to open 5900, just 22, which I already had open for ssh.
 4. Windows Remote Desktop does the same kinda thing as VNC, but links more closely into user accounts and makes better use of the connection
 5. Logmein is a good service, it handles most of this stuff for you, including NAT traversal, only downside is you can't rely on it.
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