

How Connect USB Dongle to a Virtual ...



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Hi All;

we are new in the virtual enviroment; we are planning to use VMware Infrastructure 3 VMware ESX 3.5 Update 3 and VirtualCenter 2.5 Update 3;

i craete i test enviroment from 3 esx servers and 1 virtual center; All our virtual machines are windows 2003 std and ent , one of our main application need a dongle; i didnt find anything in the documents available about how to assign a usb port from a host to a virtual machine

anyone have any idea????

thanks



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Jun 15, 2007 1. **Re: How Connect USB Dongle to a Virtual Machine?** Nov 24, 2008 6:09 AM

Hello and welcome to the forums.

To use a USB dongle with ESX, you will need to use something like the [AnywhereUSB](#) which uses USB over IP.



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Welcome to the Forums.

As VMroyale says you will need to utilise a USB to IP product to install your USB dongle. This does give you the benefit of being able to vmotion the dongled guest from Host to Host as required.

If you found this or any other answer useful please consider the use of the Helpful or correct buttons to award points

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Mar 9, 2005 3. **Re: How Connect USB Dongle to a Virtual Machine?** Dec 5, 2008 3:55 AM

We use the Lantronix Ubox

<http://www.alphamicro.net/components/product~line~11~id~511.asp>

Works fine with FLexLM & Security Dongles and can connect different machines to different usb devices.

Uses a windows client unfortunately but can be set as dedicated connection so the machine reconnects at boot time.