



Connecting Employees Across Geographic Boundaries

Skyworks Solutions, Inc. deploys OpenText Exceed onDemand® to enhance enterprise mobility and security

Industry

Semiconductor Manufacturing

Customer



Business Challenges

- Employees in diverse geographical locations requiring access to multiple platforms
- Need for multiple desktops for a single user
- Securing proprietary intellectual property

Business Solution

OpenText Exceed onDemand®

Business Benefits

- Secure access from anywhere in the world to multiple applications
- Centralized management of licenses and software support
- Maximizing IT hardware and resources

Skyworks Solutions, Inc. is an innovator of high reliability analog and mixed signal semiconductors. Leveraging core technologies, Skyworks offers diverse standard and custom linear products supporting automotive, broadband, cellular infrastructure, energy management, industrial, medical, military, and mobile handset applications.

Skyworks, like most modern businesses, has a workforce dispersed across multiple offices and employees who need to access the network from various locations. A common challenge for organizations in this scenario is finding a way to seamlessly connect employees so that geographic distances are essentially inconsequential.

Skyworks' engineers rely on a number of applications for their work and require access to multiple platforms from which to get these applications. The challenge for the company was enabling their employees to access them in a cost effective manner without impacting productivity.

To address these challenges, Skyworks implemented OpenText Exceed onDemand®. Exceed onDemand is the next-generation X11 window server solution that gives users high-speed, reliable, and secure application access over any network connection. Created for the modern business environment, Exceed onDemand negates technical barriers imposed by geographical distances. Users can access multiple applications from one workstation, including complex and graphically intensive Computer-Aided Design (CAD)/Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) and other visualization, design, and analysis tools that are typically used in the semiconductor industry. Skyworks' engineers use various Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools for their design work including Cadence Virtuoso.

As veteran OpenText Exceed® users, Skyworks quickly realized results upon the implementation of this next-generation solution. Engineers at Skyworks now seamlessly access their applications from any office or location. Additionally, Skyworks is now better protected against the risk of data loss associated with connection outages. For Skyworks as a whole, the deployment of Exceed onDemand has allowed the company to effectively leverage its hardware resources.

Improved operational efficiency

Skyworks' adoption of Exceed onDemand has gradually increased over the years and today is being leveraged by several hundred engineers who rely heavily on accessing applications from UNIX and Linux environments. Prior to deploying Exceed onDemand, engineers required a Linux workstation and a Windows-based computer to access applications from both these computing environments. "This approach was just not cost effective or very efficient," says Joe Gotto, EDA Manager at Skyworks.



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By deploying Exceed onDemand, Skyworks has given their users the ability to access UNIX, and all of the applications they need, through one computer. “From a single computer, our engineers can now access business applications such as Word and Outlook, and log into Exceed onDemand to access applications in the UNIX environment,” says Gotto. “This allows us to pool our UNIX server into a centralized place for general access and to help improve computing efficiency. In addition, Exceed onDemand offers a centralized management platform to effectively deploy, manage, and support the program. These benefits were real selling points in our decision to choose Exceed onDemand.”

Productivity improvements and increased peace of mind

Skyworks has also noticed a marked improvement in system performance since upgrading to Exceed onDemand. “In the context of remote access connectivity, we have noticed that the performance when accessing design applications is much better with Exceed onDemand when compared to Exceed,” Gotto says.

Furthermore, because Skyworks’ engineers run simulations that often span multiple days, Exceed onDemand allows them to check on progress made and make adjustments as needed, including outside of normal business hours. The “Suspend and Resume” feature allows them the flexibility to check on their sessions at their own convenience from any location. “This flexibility has been a tremendous productivity advantage for Skyworks engineers, who will often go days without logging out of Exceed onDemand,” says Gotto.

Exceed onDemand also provides important safeguards to prevent a session from being cancelled and data being lost due to various

system outages. It has a built-in capability that will prevent data loss from occurring by saving the session as soon as communication has been lost. This feature helps mitigate the consequences from system downtime, which can result in lost man hours and critical work. “Our engineers have been able to log into a session and resume their work uninterrupted, providing great peace of mind,” says Gotto.

Solid foundation for future growth

Skyworks’ successful deployment of Exceed onDemand has been achieved through the strong technical support they have received from OpenText. “OpenText promptly dealt with any and all issues during the launch,” says Gotto. “Our deployment of Exceed onDemand helped us solve many of the business challenges we faced given our diverse work locations. We’re now easily connecting our employees to all of the major applications they need for their daily responsibilities, enhancing productivity while also reducing hardware costs. We’re looking forward to continuing our successful relationship with OpenText,” concludes Gotto.

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