ThinPATH PC Tip #1: Adding Local Applications

Customer Requirement
Customer wants to define local applications to run on ThinPATH PC

Benefits
While RDP and ICA access to Microsoft Terminal Services is standard with ThinPATH PC, it is also very easy to create and customize local applications for a user. For example, a system administrator might want to add a local terminal emulator and allow the user to create multiple instances of it in Connection Manager to different hosts.

Solution
The solution involves two steps: first create the local application definition and second, add a specific instance of it to the Connection Manager for access by users.

Step 1. Define a generic or specific type of application.

From Connection Manager:
a) Press F2 to enter NCD ThinPATH PC Properties interface.
b) Expand "Local PC", then click "Register Applications."
c) Select "Add" and browse to your desired application (typically an .exe file.)
d) Double click on the application or select it and click "Open."
e) In the "Specify Connection Type" pop-up window, specify the following:
   - Connection Type (enter any connection type name desired)
   - Friendly Name (this is what the application will be called and the user will see when creating a specific instance of it in the Connection Manager)
   - Description (General information describing this type of connection that might help an end-user)
   - Then click OK.
f) Exit NCD ThinPATH PC Properties.

For example: To add a generic "telnet" application that users can later customize to access specific hosts.
Connection type:	telnet
Friendly Name:	Telnet host connection
Description:	Creates a telnet connection to a host supporting this protocol.

Step 2. Add a specific instance of the application to the Connection Manager list.

From Connection Manager:
a) Select the Configure Tab.
b) Click on "Add" and select the desired application from the drop-down list in the "Add Connection" window. Note that the description supplied above is displayed as a help feature.

c) In the "Add <type> Connection" pop-up window, where <type> is the name of the executable to be run for the connection, specify the following:

- Name of the new connection (this will be the connection's description listed in Connection Manager.)
- Optionally you can also specify a default document for your application to reference or start-up parameters to pass to the application, such as a host name.

For example: To create a "telnet" session to the host "solar" using the telnet application created in step 1:

Name of new connection: "Telnet to Solar"
Path to file or start-up parameter: solar.AcmeCorp.com

Your application is now listed in the Connection Manager. To launch it highlight the application and choose "Connect" or double click on the application name.