

KVM SWITCH

Adder Adderlink IP

Simple, effective IP-based remote control



Based on RealVNC remote control software, the Adderlink IP sets a new price point for IP-based KVM

VNC remote control software is widely used for server management, but can be a drain on the host processor and to work it needs a functioning operating system. Adder Technology addresses these issues by hosting a VNC (virtual network computing) server on its network-enabled Adderlink IP switch, which can be connected to analogue KVM (keyboard, video and mouse) switches. No host software is needed and Bios-level remote control over IP is available.

Effectively a tiny PC with a 10/100Mbps/sec Ethernet port, the Adderlink IP has two sets of KVM connectors: one for a local console, the other to connect to what you want to remotely control – a single server or an analogue KVM switch to which several systems are attached.

A modem can be attached for dial-in access, and you can attach a serial power switch to turn servers on and off as well as reboot them remotely.

The Adderlink IP runs VNC server software from RealVNC with minimal setup required – mostly to configure an IP address and optional encryption. Using the Windows client software provided or a Java-enabled browser, you can connect remotely to whatever is attached to the management interface from any network-accessible PC.

If managing a single host, you can control it directly as though sat in front of the console. If it's an analogue KVM switch, you'll see the currently selected host and, using hotkey keystrokes, can select the desired system in the usual way.

Up to four users can access the Adderlink IP

concurrently and it compares well against the competition in performance, and by setting a new affordable price point for IP-based KVM.

DETAILS

PRICE £699.13 (£595 ex VAT)

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SPECIFICATIONS

Hosts RealVNC remote control server software; KVM connectors for local console and managed system/ analogue KVM switch; serial port for dial-in access & attachment of power management hardware; KVM cable set

PROS

Works with any KVM switch; no host software required

CONS

Dearer than analogue KVM

VERDICT

IP-based KVM switch that uses VNC software to maximise performance and affordability

PERFORMANCE



FEATURES



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OVERALL

