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SafeExamBrowser
Use Cases & How To

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Introduction

What is Safe Exam Browser (SEB)

- Secured web browser application
- For conducting exams on computers (Windows/Mac OS/ iOS) using web-based
  - exam systems
  - quiz modules of learning management systems
- Exams using third party applications

But SEB is more…

- It is a safe environment to run exams
- Add-on free
- Clean user interface
- No disturbances from updates and social media
- Enabling new kinds of exams, which have a better alignment with the real world
- Helps ensuring fairness in exams
- Modular and highly configurable
- Allow third party applications and additional resources, open book exams
- Security and measures to prevent cheating (retrieving unwanted information and communicating)

Use Cases

Use case classification

Exam type:

A. Browser exam
B. Third party applications

Exam clients:

1. Managed devices (computer labs, MDM)
2. BYOD

Most important consequence:

B-2: Virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) required!

SEB with VDI

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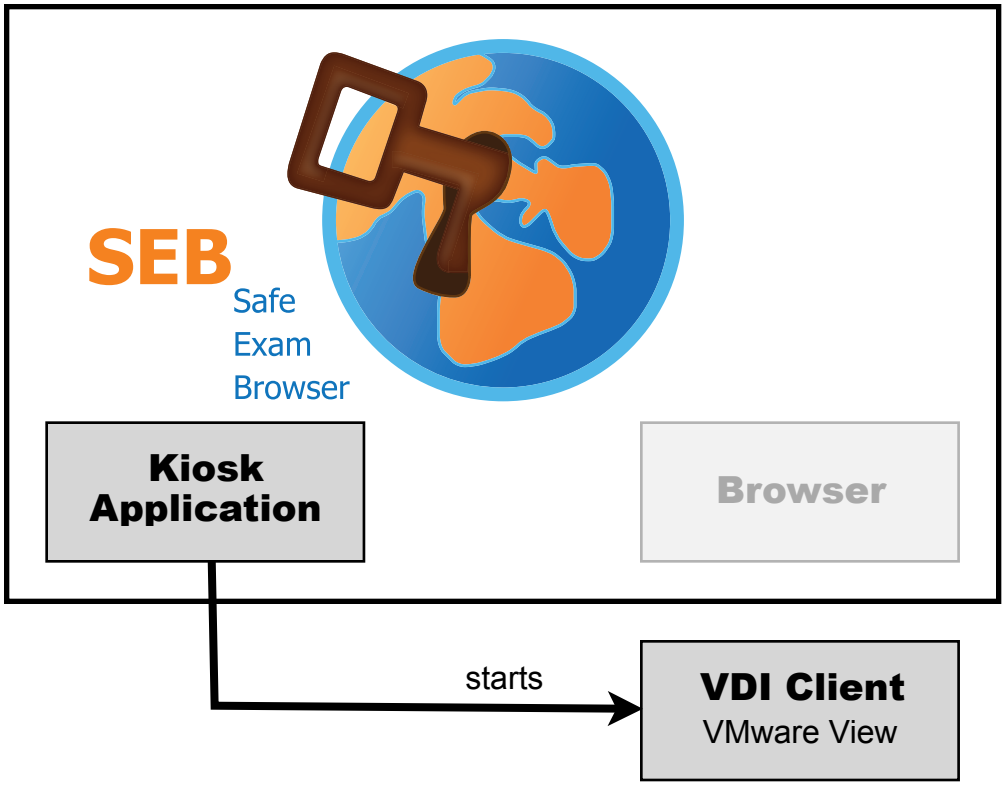
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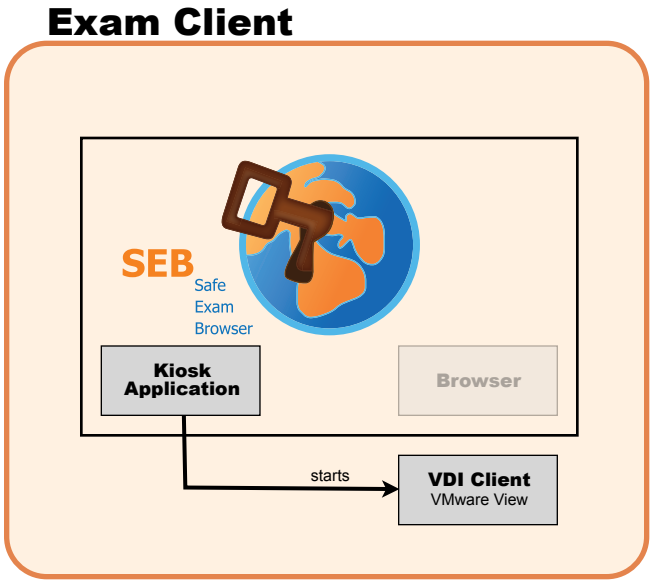

Individual Configuration

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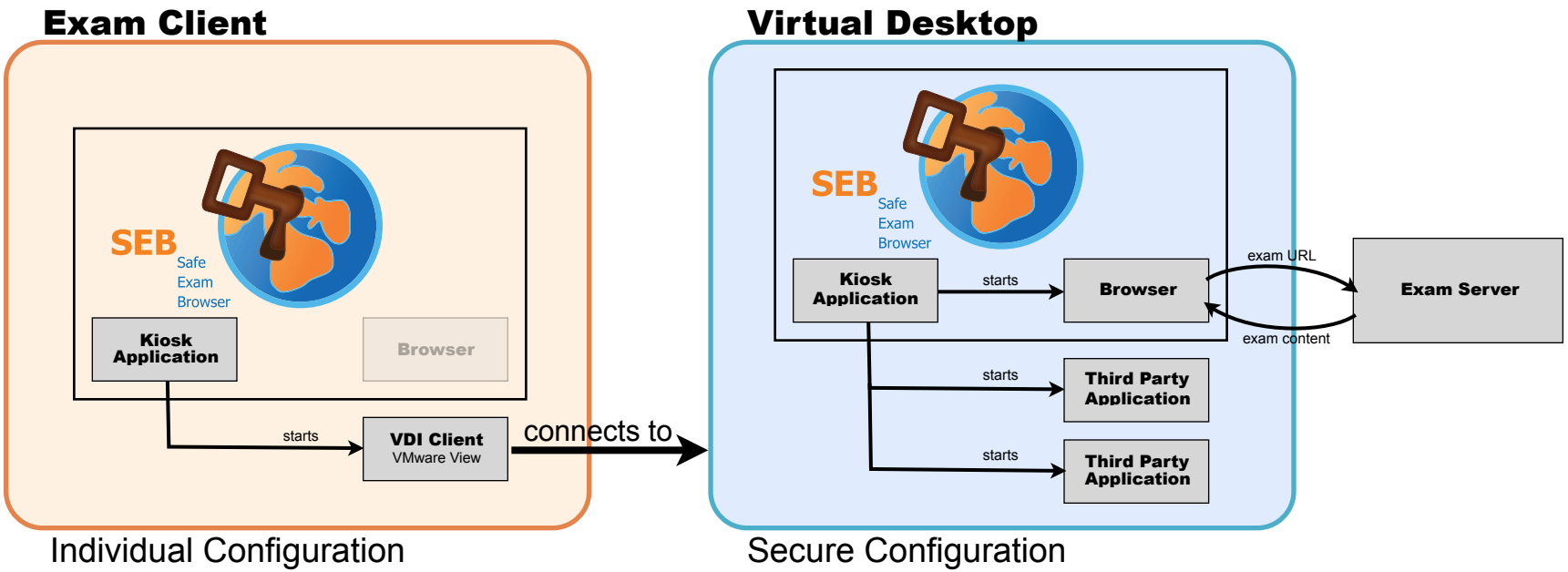
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Kiosk Application
starts
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exam URL
exam content
Exam Server
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Third Party Application
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Secure Configuration

How to deploy and configure SEB

Managed devices in computer labs

- Use a deployment system
- Windows packaging: SEB installer + client config file
- Use certificates (cryptographic identities) for config encryption
- Use an exam portal page or a dynamic exam link
- From SEB 2.2: Place individual exam config files into exam course (upload as course resource)

- Testing, testing, testing!

How to deploy and configure SEB

BYOD

- Send instructions on installing and configuring SEB to students well in advance, provide support
- Use a seb(s):// link to configure clients
- Use a mock/demo exam to test if it worked (testing!)
- Use an exam portal page & no quit password or quit link on portal/start page
- Use a settings password to start the exam
- Use the Browser Exam Key authentication
- Regulations: Require backups! Very good proctoring!

What's New

SEB 2.2

- Release for Windows, macOS, iOS
- Opening of additional resources in additional browser windows, accessible via individual icons and popup menus placed in the SEB task bar (configurable per exam).
- Additional resources can be embedded in SEB configuration files: Offline exams
- Improved opening of SEB configuration files (by seb(s):// links): Config files can now also be placed on authenticated servers, login session is remembered (also in Win version)
- Improved URL filter also in SEB for Windows
- New settings for audio (mute, preset level)

SEB for iOS

- For iPads and also iPhone/iPod Touch running iOS 9.3.5 or newer
- Works on managed iOS devices and with BYOD
- Supporting most setting options of the SEB desktop versions
- Easier initial configuration or just start SEB with a seb(s):// link from Safari, Mail or a message.
- Opening of permitted resources (HTML, PDF etc.) in additional browser tabs (SEB for iOS 2.2)
- With embedded additional resources offline exams are possible

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Thank you for your attention.
Please discuss…

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