Aventus

A tale of early adopters and great accomplishments

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'We started using worXpace well before the release for a reason'

With 12,000 students, 1,200 employees and six locations spread across Apeldoorn, Deventer and Zutphen, Aventus is a medium-sized school for intermediate vocational training.
As an innovative organization, they were already almost 90% in the cloud by 2020. This was partly made possible by an investment in Cisco's Digital Network Architecture. This brought the ratios of wireless versus wired users to 85% versus 15%, which used to be the exact opposite.
What was particularly missing was a good cloud product for workspace management. That was found in May 2021 in worXpace.

Challenges

Finding a cloud-based Workspace Management and Application Delivery solution to ease and unify application distribution and enable anywhere and anytime access.

Solution

Implementation of worXpace for accelerated Application Deployment and Access

Benefits

Cost savings, unburdening, software flexibility and multi-functionality, fast response

'worXpace gets even severely outdated applications up and running'

To roll out applications across employees' laptops, the IT department had already used Microsoft Intune and set up a company portal in Azure. The performance, however, was disappointing. Until recently, the thousands of student laptops in turn used Scense from AppiXoft for application distribution. However, to access their applications they still had to connect to a local server first. When Senior Administrator Infrastructure Barry Pakkert and System Administrator Wout van Bruchem heard in May 2021 that AppiXoft's cloud version, worXpace, was about 75% finished, they did not hesitate for a moment. "With over ten years of experience with AppiXoft and Scense, we dared to start far ahead of the official release date.
We haven't regretted that for a moment," says Wout.

Barry Pakkert
Senior Administrator Infrastructuur

Wout van Bruchem
Senior Network Engineer

Additional intelligence

"The new cloud product has the same basic ease of use as its on-prem counterpart, Scense. This includes the unburdening of users and IT administrators, the simple provision of links to extensive installations and additional intelligence to create a total product.
The possibilities of worXpace are even more elaborate and offer even more flexibility. With Intune, for example, we would not have achieved our goals by as much as 25% for sure.
In addition, with worXpace we have even been able to solve issues that the product was not primarily designed for. It really takes something special to beat Microsoft, even if it's only in a subarea!"

Savings on resources

"Not to mention the fact that the worXpace environment in Azure is faster in terms of installations and that, for example, a refresh of the client is no longer necessary if something is changed in the management console. And that both the backend and the clients are updated automatically, and that new functions automatically become available.
The licenses may have become a bit more expensive, but that is more than compensated for by the fact that we no longer need our own resources.
During the initial implementation, a few small things didn't go right at once, but AppiXoft solved that very quickly."

'worXpace fits perfectly into our 'Microsoft, cloud and wireless, unless...' policy'

Almost magical

The initial implementation was completed in just three months. Deploying new applications is now just a matter of hours. Barry: "The primary goal was to realize that everyone, staff and students alike, would have quick access to applications anywhere and anytime. It also had to be so easy to use that students could install the applications relevant to them on their own. We more than succeeded, because everything works like clockwork.

The fact that students are quiet as a mouse speaks volumes as they generally come to us if something does not work. worXpace even manages to get some very outdated applications to work effortlessly. It's almost magical."

Self-appointed ambassadors

"They also didn't mind coming to our site for a few days. They always think along with you and their vocabulary simply doesn't include the word 'impossible'."

As self-appointed fans and ambassadors, Barry and Wout are even going to promote worXpace to fellow organizations during the MBO Digitaal knowledge-sharing meeting in September 2022. But even that does not go far enough for them. Wout: "We have heard AppiXoft say that their product might not yet be standard enough for the masses. We absolutely do not agree with that as there is not much fine tuning needed at all. Besides, most other SaaS products are not 100% standard in use either."

About Aventus

Aventus College is a relatively large school located in the middle of the Netherlands offering intermediate vocational training. Aventus has a total of 6 locations divided over the cities of Apeldoorn (HQ), Deventer and Zutphen.

Number of students   : 12.000 (including adult education and integration courses)
Number of employees   : 1.200
Number of managed devices (incl. BYOD)   : 9.000
Number of courses   : 200

AppiXoft Community

"AppiXoft are simply too modest and they should realize how special their products are. If I had to mention one minor criticism, however, it would be the lack of an AppiXoft Community. The desire to share knowledge and exchange software with other organizations, both in- and outside of education, has been around for some time. We are even thinking about a worXpace-wide software catalog. That is of course easier than ever now that everything is in the cloud. Hopefully we will be able to tick that box too in the near future."

'Normally we only hear from our students when something goes wrong, but they are quiet as a mouse...'

About Appixoft
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