

ROC Mondriaan Accelerate to a future-proof solution



The cooperation between AppiXoft and ROC Mondriaan, the largest school for intermediate vocational training in the western part of The Netherlands, goes back some 15 years. Most of that time, ROC Mondriaan has been using Scense for its Workspace Management needs.

When Peter Cornet, Head of IT Operations, heard in early 2021 that the long-awaited cloud version was nearing completion, he was immediately interested. At the time, he could not have imagined that six months later this SaaS solution would already be running on thousands of PCs at ROC Mondriaan. That had everything to do with a major hack that would affect the school in late August.

Challenges

Finding a cloud-based Workspace Management and Application Delivery solution to help rebuild the infrastructure after a ransomware attack

Solution

Implementation of worXpace for accelerated Application Deployment and Access

Benefits

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

"The hack at our school has accelerated the implementation of worXpace"

According to Peter, ROC Mondriaan has been working partially in the cloud for years while a very different 'calamity', namely the outbreak of COVID, had already provided an additional cloud boost. Says Peter: "Like pretty much all schools, we pulled out all the stops during the pandemic to facilitate online teaching and working from home. Working with Teams, SharePoint and Office 365 soon became second nature. In addition, we were already using some other SaaS applications. The ransomware attack that hit us only further fueled the cloud fire."



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Pilot

The school faced the immense task of rebuilding its entire infrastructure as quickly as possible. The fact that worXpace was essentially not quite 'finished' at that point was actually hardly a concern.

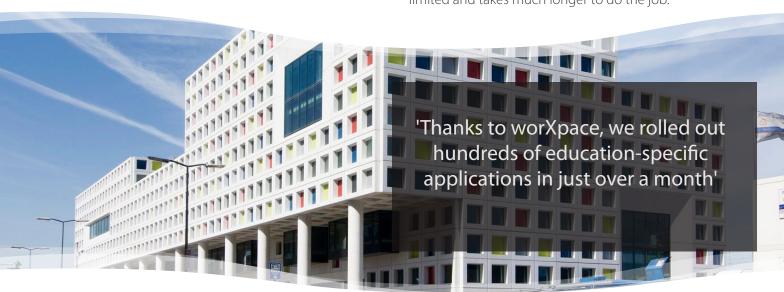
The men at AppiXoft themselves indicated that they were confident. All the more so because they had started a worXpace pilot at another school for intermediate vocational training almost at the same time. "Since they had not betrayed our trust once in fifteen years, we gave them the green light almost immediately. We then opted for a new way of using applications via Microsoft Azure and worXpace fits in perfectly with that."

Fast support

"The fact that we had already done a lot of packaging in Scense sped up the recovery process even more. When we pointed out to AppiXoft that the installation of a handful of applications went a bit clunky, for example due to specific authorization requirements or the installation itself, they responded immediately to fix it. They've always been like that."

The in-house student information system serves as the source system for provisioning, or group authorization. Through worXpace and Azure Active Directory, for identification and authentication, the applications are ultimately activated.

As far as Peter is concerned, this is a relief compared to Microsoft's Intune rollout tool, which is much more limited and takes much longer to do the job.



Even more flexible and comprehensive

"We decided to use at least the autumn break, at the end of October, to implement WorXpace. It soon became apparent that worXpace is even more flexible and comprehensive than its on-premise counterpart.

Ultimately, the job was completed in just over a month, which, with several hundred education-specific applications, is no mean feat. These range from software for controlling a milling machine for woodworking to hairdressing software and auto-CAD applications for technical training.

Students can now access the applications relevant and assigned to them at lightning speed from a total of 8,000 PCs spread across various computer rooms and buildings.

And everyone has his or her own personal settings at all times."

Cost and time savings

"Installing a new application and assigning it to all students is a matter of minutes with worXpace. Finally, storing data in the cloud is no longer an issue and several servers could be phased out, which means no more worries and no more management tasks. This obviously saves us both time and money.

Currently there are only two IT colleagues involved in application management and allocation, from a total IT staff of 50.

If we were to give marks, the product worXpace gets an A and the cooperation with AppiXoft an A+! So the question of whether we would be willing to recommend them to others is no longer an issue."





About ROC Mondriaan

With an offering of some 240 courses, ROC Mondriaan is the largest school for intermediate vocational training in the western part of The Netherlands. ROC Mondriaan has a total of 26 locations divided over the cities of The Hague, Leiden, Delft and Naaldwijk.

Number of students : over 20.000 (including adult education)

Number of employees : over 2.100 Number of managed devices (internal) : 8.000 Number of courses : 240



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