

SG Leonardo da Vinci

More control, less work, satisfied users



'We have much more control over applications with workXpace.'

The Leonardo da Vinci School Group in Leiden, The Netherlands, not to be confused with the Da Vinci College in and around Dordrecht, offers public secondary education to over 3,200 students across four locations. The school group distinguishes itself with a Technasium, a program for top sports talents, and classes for newcomers learning Dutch as a second language (ISK). Despite having a relatively small IT department, led by Sander van Tongeren, and managing a few thousand workstations, the implementation of workXpace has made the task manageable.

Challenge

Creating a digital workspace that is user-friendly and minimizes the IT department's workload.

Solution

Implementation of workXpace and application management and distribution through a user portal.

Benefits

Significant time savings during on- and offboarding, cost savings by reducing required FTEs, better control over applications, and prevention of license sprawl.

Sander, who started his career in accountancy and ended up in Leiden through various IT service providers, has been working with Scense from AppiXoft since his first day in 2016 and was, in his own words, already 'spoiled' from the start. System administrator Theodoor van der Kooij, who joined two years later, also gives a relaxed impression. Sander explains, "I had to get used to supporting all primary processes for one organization instead of providing partial solutions to a diverse group of clients. The IT needs in education are very specific and dynamic, which makes our work interesting."

Although finding a suitable cloud environment for all digital workplaces with AppiXoft's cloud variant, workXpace, seemed like a no-brainer, there was still a major competitor in the running. However, this competitor could not match the combination of innovative functionality and cost-efficiency provided by AppiXoft.



Sander van Tongeren
Head of ICT at Scholengroep
Leonardo da Vinci

'Laptop Cart'

According to Theodoor, the migration to worXpace is almost complete. "After a brief kick-off, we built installation packages from Scense and transferred them to worXpace with the help of an external party. Except for a few specific applications, everything is now in the cloud environment, effectively making worXpace 'leading'.

All future updates will be in Azure/Microsoft Entra ID with synchronization to the MS 365 cloud. We used to have a few hundred fixed workstations, supplemented with loan devices from the so-called 'laptop cart'. This will soon be a thing of the past, as all first-year students will soon purchase their own laptops."

Close to Development

Thanks to worXpace and its predecessor, we need fewer FTEs and have more control over all applications and who uses what. This control has resulted in us reducing the number of applications from around 300 to about 100, which also saves a lot of costs. Additionally, the guys from AppiXoft respond quickly when needed, constantly think along with us, and we have close ties to development, which is why we have chosen AppiXoft for years."



'Offering applications in the portal is user-friendly and significantly reduces the management workload!'

User portal

In the new setup, the user portal plays an important role, especially for onboarding and offboarding. This functionality is offered through the worXpace Service Point, better known to students and staff at Leonardo Da Vinci as the 'LDV AppStore.'

Sander: "We set up all applications in the portal with a shortcut to the start menu, similar to how it was in Scense. The software automatically checks if a user already has the application. If not, the application is installed immediately. If the existing application is not up-to-date, it is updated automatically. This not only makes it easy for users but also significantly reduces our management burden.

About SG Leonardo da Vinci

SG Leonardo Da Vinci is a group of schools providing public secondary education (mavo, havo, vwo, and vmbo) across four locations in Leiden: Leonardo College (offering facilities for top sports talent), Da Vinci College Kagerstraat (with a Technasium), Da Vinci College Lammenschans, and Da Vinci College ISK (International Transition Class).

Number of students	: 3,250
Number of employees	: 500-600 (approximately 300 FTE)
Device distribution	: 450 fixed workstations, about 2,000 laptops (soon to be 3,200 laptops as all students will buy their own devices)
Number of applications	: 100+



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