

Scala College

Instant conflict-free application distribution via centralized management.



“Thanks to the ease of use of the management console, we are finally able to deliver applications in-time and conflict-free to our students and teachers.” - Mr. Gerben Westerveld, Project Manager at Scala College.

Allround at Scala College

The Scala College in Alphen aan de Rijn, the Netherlands, teaches bilingual secondary education to over 3,000 students. Scala College offers tailor made and allround courses aiming at students with both a practical and/or a theoretical mindset. The school invests time and energy in coaching and guiding its students in their education and personal development. Besides the regular students, the school has special programs for young talented sportsman.

The IT challenges

The school buildings of Scala College are spread over multiple locations and like within most education institutes these days, the IT department is struggling with managing the desktops and educational applications within these locations.

Students need to be able to use educational applications during class. Because teaching methods change frequently, the school needs to be able to implement new educational applications on a regular basis and in a short amount of time. As soon as the decision is made to purchase a new application, the IT department needs to make sure that the application is available and ready to use for all students on every location, before the new classes start.

Scala's IT department faced a variety of factors that made it hard to get the educational applications available in time. The amount of time between the purchasing of the applications and the start of the new classes was often too short and installing applications in multiple classrooms on multiple locations also proved to be a big challenge. The quality and design of educational applications in general also proved to be a major factor resulting in a situation where Scala just wasn't able to use the applications they bought.

Application delivery

Gerben Westerveld, project manager at Scala College, explains: “Some educational applications are just not designed well enough to be used within an educational environment with students sharing desktops and classrooms. One of our vendors for instance, develops applications to support mathematics. The vendor used one separate application for each school year. Only one of these applications could be installed on one desktop at the time. The result was that students following different math-classes were not able to share a desktop.”

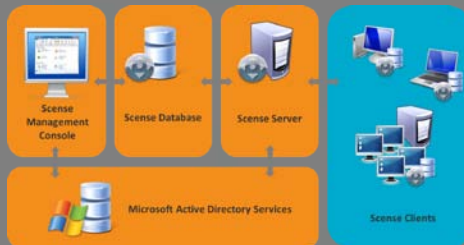
Scense Workspace Management

Scala's desktop management provider admitted that they weren't able to offer a solution for this situation and suggested to search for a new application delivery provider. Scala's IT department selected and compared a number of application delivery and desktop management solutions and decided to implement Scense's workspace management suite including Scense's application virtualization solution.

Gerben Westerveld: “The other vendors we evaluated were machine oriented, not addressing the flexibility required by our users. Other's didn't offer an application delivery layer at all or were just too expensive to fit in our budget sheets. Scense workspace management offered exactly what we needed: user-centric application delivery at a reasonable price”.

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- Conflict-free provisioning
- Central application distribution
- Full user flexibility
- Every location and every desktop
- Ease of use



Challenge

Centrally deliver conflict-free application to multiple locations and shared desktops.

Solution

User Workspace Management for conflict-free and instant application provisioning.

The implementation

Implementing new IT architectures within educational institutes means thorough planning and strict execution. Professional and accurate project management is essential because new systems are usually implemented during holidays and need to be up and running as soon as students and personnel are back.

Because of the strict project management support in combination with the ease of use of Scense's management console, Scala College was able to implement Scense in time. After installing the server and client software, all applications were virtualized and imported into the Scense database and the desktop configurations were created within Scense. After the holiday, teaching personnel and students were able to start using their applications immediately and conflict-free on every location and every desktop.

Location flexibility and central control

By implementing Scense, Scala has now one workspace management solution in place managing and delivering all applications and desktops that are in use within the school. Scala's IT department has full centralized control and complete overview of all locations. There is no more need to visit locations to install applications, install updates, configure desktops or troubleshoot issues. This resulted in considerable savings in both time and money. Applications are prepared and delivered in a short amount of time and can finally be used on every desktop on every location.

Additional Results and Benefits

Next to the added value mentioned by Scala College, Scense has a proven track record with application distribution and conflict-free provisioning. Adding Scense to any desktop environment will result in:

- Prepare and deliver Applications to users in just two mouse clicks
- Applications are instantly available anytime, anywhere
- Support for all type of Windows applications (virtual and physical)
- Real-time conflict isolation
- Increased productivity and efficiency for the IT department

About Scense

Scense is the thought-leader in Next Generation Workspace Management by delivering dynamic applications in a personalized workspace to hundreds of thousands of satisfied users worldwide. Scense's unique patented technology dynamically configures Windows applications and provision them in real-time with the necessary personal setting to physical and virtual personalized workspaces.