

SONY DADC: Client-Migration

The customer

Sony DADC has been manufacturing top quality replication and solutions for optical media since 1986, such as Blu-ray discs, DVDs, audio CDs and CD-ROMs. The company is headquartered in Salzburg and operates a global network of 11 production facilities in Europe, China, Australia, USA, Canada, Brazil, Mexico and India. Sony DADC and its work force of 1,600 employees in Austria generated revenues of EUR 480 million in the period April 2006 – March 2007, producing more than 650 million discs annually.

The challenge

It was planned to migrate the administration of about 2,000 clients of Sony DADC to Microsoft Active Directory. Whereas experts had to interfere in the central IT nervous system of the company, all employees had to do was to reboot their systems.

Within the framework of the Group strategy, the decision was made to migrate the server and client systems to a new Microsoft Active Directory platform.

The project

Accordingly, interfering in the “central nervous system” of the IT infrastructure required a particularly careful planning phase. After making adjustments to the productive server, the challenge was to implement the migration of 2,000 clients from Novell Netware to an Active Directory administration. The specialists decided in favor of a two-phased migration.

The uninstalling process for Novell Netware Client was carried out automatically by means of scripts. The clients were installed via Active Director enabling the global administration of basic network services, file and print clusters using state-of-the-art technologies.

Benefit to the customer

- simplified administrative tasks
- better control of access and user authorization
- no interruptions in production processes

“The migration proceeded completely on schedule, so that we had full confidence in S&T when the decision was made to convert the entire system right in the midst of the peak production period. Today we are glad that we chose S&T to be our partner for this project“.

Harald Absmann, IT manager at Sony DADC

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