

Frank van het Hof, IT Manager at School Community Ubbo Emmius, on Easy Software Deployment



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School community Ubbo Emmius has eight locations throughout the province of Groningen. Every day, about 3,000 students walk through our doors. Moreover, we have about 500 employees, from teachers to cleaning staff.

Facilitating an IT environment is quite a task. All the locations are connected through an eVPN connection, but the beating heart can be found in Stadskanaal, on the street Stationslaan. This is where I meet Frank to find out how Easy Software Deployment has helped him with his work.

Frank: “About ten years ago, we made the transition from Novell Server to a Microsoft environment. In those days we used Novell’s ZENworks to image the workstations and to offer software on desktops in the so-called NAL.

Because of take-overs and lack of clarity at Novell and the uncertain future of ZENworks, we moved on. We bought Microsoft’s SCCM for imaging and started looking for a solution to offer the software on the desktops in an easy way again. That proved to be difficult with SCCM.

But we managed to do it with Easy Software Deployment. Thanks to Easy Software Deployment we can make the software available on the desktops in a very easy way.

This way, deploying and patching software and applications requires next to no time now. We can work with more flexibility, peace and oversight. Moreover, our systems are much safer thanks to regular updates.

This also has a positive effect on the organisation. For example, the work pressure at the helpdesk has significantly dropped, which means they have more time to solve problems of a different nature.

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