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Case Study 09 - Server Virtualisation and major network upgrade for fast growing training provider

30 USERS, 2 SERVERS, 4 UK SITES

Acorn Training are a fast growing training provider based in Stoke-on-Trent. With a strong foot-hold in the Welfare to Work arena, Acorn Training are helping people across the country gain the skills required to find and remain in employment.

About the project

Acorn Training approached D2NA as a result of a recent contract win which will see Acorn Training deliver the Government's flagship Work Programme across Leicester City and Leicestershire.

D2NA designed and installed a centralised, scalable and secure network to suit the corporate environment and the training education environment. Due to the nature of the Government contract, the security of the new network had to be FIPS compliant and secure enough to successfully pass third-party penetration testing.

The project involved the installation and configuration of all hardware including; virtualised servers, firewalls, switches, wireless access points, UPS and back-up drives. Market leading security encryption software was used on all devices throughout the organisation to ensure the integrity of all data.

Benefits Summary

- Greater control of data and users (due to centralised management)
- Increased Security has reduced the risk of data loss
- Flexible Remote Working has Increased productivity
- Diverse Infrastructure to suit different work environments
- Scalable Infrastructure allows easy integration of new sites

Acorn Training passed the required penetration testing at the first time of asking which means the the training provider can safely and securely deliver the Work Programme and help people get back into employment.

What the Managing Director says about the major network upgrade

"The network upgrade recommended and installed by D2NA was crucial for assuring that we met tight deadlines and strict government security guidelines. We now benefit from a centralised, secure and scalable solution which gives us the flexibility to integrate new sites across the UK. D2NA are now an integral part of our business"



Gareth Fallows
Managing Director