



Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences Takes the Next Step with Liquit Workspace



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Challenge: Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences wants to implement its Choose-Your-Own-Device (CYOD) concept with the latest hardware and software technology to provide staff with the ultimate user experience.

Solution: Liquit Workspace proved the solution for offering the hundreds of applications and thousands of Microsoft surface devices offered by the University for anywhere any device anytime access.

Results: Staff now have access to a choice of Microsoft Surface devices equipped with Microsoft 365 and the hundreds of applications based on individual user needs via Liquit Workspace.

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (HR) is the second university of applied sciences in the Netherlands and is growing fast, with over 39,000 students and 4,000 staff members. They formed the educational institute following a merger of 19 different schools in the region (initially the HTS in Dordrecht and Rotterdam and the HLO in Delft). In 2003, the University of Applied Sciences for Economic Studies joined this merger with the study programme offering a wide range of courses in most education sectors.

State-of-the art

In addition to the 5000 permanent workplaces that were already running Liquit, HR wanted to offer its staff laptops, capable of providing the ultimate user experience and security. The University also continually strives to boost productivity and promote the interaction between teaching staff and students. To achieve this, it chose state-of-the-art technology, including the Microsoft Surface line of laptops in combination with Microsoft 365. The University will conduct annual evaluations of other potential brands to add.



The University wants to offer its staff personal devices based on a Choose Your Own Device concept, according to Eric Kerkdijk, IT Architect at Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences:

“We consciously chose a CYOD approach so that staff can have a selection of devices to choose the one that meets their wishes and needs. This concept also ensures higher customer satisfaction that can help speed up the adoption and use of Microsoft 365. Microsoft offers an amazing solution, but the possibilities to distribute applications are still very limited with just the rollout and management of these new devices.”

Liquit Workspace works!

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences has been working with Liquit since switching from Windows 7 to Windows 10 in 2016, and Eric explained the many reasons:

“We chose Liquit because it allowed us to distribute all our Windows applications, including the very complex ones. Liquit has a lot of tools which enable you to install and tweak absolutely everything on a Windows PC. Another major advantage of Liquit is that it can distinguish between

device, user, and location (context aware) so that a user only sees the applications we want him to see. We have great faith in the product because Liquit is based in the Netherlands, and we know the people behind the technology.”

When is our turn?

In March 2019, the University with the technical organisation and project management supported by Netherlands-based IT integration and consulting partner Netflix launched a pilot. In October 2019, the pilot project moved to the control phase. The pilot project was still running at the time of the COVID-19 breakout, so the teams decided that an accelerated rollout was necessary so that education could continue as usual.

“We were able to bring the investments forward so that all teachers could start working as quickly as possible,” explained Eric. “This project has ensured that our education could continue as usual, even when the second year of covid started. Currently, almost all employees are equipped with a device, and they are completely used to being able to work anywhere thanks to Liquit in combination with Microsoft365.”

About Liquit

Founded in 2015 in the Netherlands, Liquit is a software vendor that delivers Enterprise-ready End-to-End Application Management for Hybrid Environments. Liquit bridges the gap between the IT department and the end-users. The Liquit platform makes accessing corporate IT resources for end-users less complex and easier than ever. With Liquit, IT departments have the tools that empower them to immediately respond to business requirements, enhance user productivity, and give their organization a competitive advantage.



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