

Taking Microsoft to court

Results at a Glance

Problem

Novell network would not seamlessly support future Microsoft application platform

Solution

Designed and migrated to Microsoft Active Directory and Windows Server 2008

Results

Integrated support for Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 to simplify network administration and allow greater control of desktop administration and security

Client Profile

The client is a government court system covering an area of more than 91,000 square miles and comprised of seven divisions. It serves the judges, the bar of the court and members of the public by maintaining court records, communicating procedures and providing case information, courtrooms and case management administration.

Business Problem

The client utilizes approximately 23 locally developed applications to manage the activities of the organization. Their long range plan is to centralize many of these applications, improving user productivity, facilitating growth and improving operations through the implementation of SharePoint Server 2007.

Their existing environment was operating on a Novell network, so the implementation of Microsoft Windows Server 2008 and Active Directory became a top priority in order to accomplish their overall goals.

The Provali Solution

In preparation for the SharePoint implementation, Provali assisted with the design and implementation of a new Microsoft network platform.

This project included:

- A Windows Server 2008 and Active Directory design, supporting 32 servers across 14 sites
- Migration of 650 user accounts from Novell eDirectory to Active Directory
- Implementation of strong group policies to lock down client PCs

Provali also created a DNS and DHCP solution based on Microsoft platform and configured highly available systems to ensure continued operations and facilitate disaster recovery planning.

Value Delivered

The final implementation of the Microsoft network platform will allow the client to install Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 to eliminate redundant management tasks with a single interface. This will also allow for a full set of desktop controls through group policies.

Studies show organizations that move to Active Directory save an average of \$171 per desktop per year. In addition, the move to a Microsoft platform is proven to be easier to maintain, simplifies management tasks and has more support options available than Novell.