

Aalborg Studenterkursus

Zentyal Success Story

Zentyal as an Office Server, Infrastructure
Manager and Gateway

AALBORG STUDENTERKURSUS

Aalborg Studenterkursus is a private educational institution located in the town of Aalborg in Denmark. The school offers secondary education for students that usually come for either a full exam or just to attend courses they need before continuing to the university.

IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGE

Until 2007 Aalborg Studenterkursus was running NetWare 6.5 for file and print services, but as Novell was moving it to Suse, they were forced to make a change. After an initial evaluation, they concluded that they would need file, print and proxy services and there were two options for servers: Linux or Windows, the latter being the obvious choice.

However, as Aalborg Studenterkursus had had good experiences with open source software, they opted testing Linux. At first, they found the setup and service integration time consuming tasks - too costly taking into account that there was only one person in charge of the IT support and maintenance - but then they came across Zentyal and decided to give Linux a second chance.

Zentyal worked well, made the network administration easy, it was possible to get professional support and the system came with an option that allowed to mass import/delete users, so it met all their needs.



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Palle Knudsen
IT Manager, Aalborg Studenterkursus

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IMPLEMENTATION SOLUTION

When Aalborg Studenterkursus migrated to Zentyal, their primary concern was the lack of experience with Linux. In order to reduce the risks, they made first a comprehensive analysis of the computer network, simplified it and removed all the unnecessary objects accumulated over the time.

Thereafter Zentyal was deployed on one server (HP Proliant 350 with 8 GB RAM) that supports around 80 Windows clients and the laptops that the students bring with them. Additionally, there is one Windows server running the e-mail and collaborative system.

At first Zentyal was used for Files sharing, Printers sharing, DNS server, DHCP server and Proxy to their LAN and later they added another NIC to the Zentyal server in order to control also their students wireless LAN.

More information: www.zentyal.com