



A complete Output Management solution designed to manage, convert and distribute output files from any system



YKK Success Story using Compleo and MapForm

Overview

Chris Larkin, Sr. Manager Information Systems at YKK Europe is responsible for the SYSTEMI® infrastructure across Europe and Africa. YKK currently have 14 SYSTEMI® servers in this region which produce a large amount of spool files on a daily basis.

Challenges

Few months ago, Chris had to face multiple challenges to solve a number of problems such as document reformatting, printing and on-going maintenance. It was essential for Chris to address these problems for business critical documents such as invoices, dispatch notes, purchases orders, etc. which were produced on a large scale from multiple SYSTEMI®'s. He also needed a solution to improve YKK's network efficiency between all servers and physical sites across Europe and Africa. Chris remembered: "Sending PDF was chaotic as the spool files were huge. Our in-house system was hard to manage... there was no GUI (Graphical User Interface)."

Solution

To solve these issues, YKK looked at multiple solutions but decided to purchase Compleo and MapForm to run on their in-house built system. Chris started looking at Symtrax's award-winning product Compleo and MapForm after another company recommended it to him. Compleo and Mapform are now running on 14 SYSTEMI® spread thought out YKK's sites in Europe and Africa.

The Compleo suite of products interacts directly with the SYSTEMI® Output Q's, reformats, archives and distributes spool files into various PC formats such as Excel, Word, PDF, etc. Recently awarded IBM Honor Roll – January 2008, Compleo and Mapform are designed to reduce time and costs associated with SYSTEMI® Outputs. Chris stated: "Compleo allows a methodology to standardise handling output without buying an expensive reprint."

YKK

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Results

Compleo and Mapform have proved to be extremely beneficial to YKK as Chris has been able to address a number of challenges such as processing a large volume of spool files, automation using emailing and fax, reformatting text, adding bar codes and graphics, etc.

Chris also added that "the most significant benefit with Compleo is that it improves communication between YKK's sites, thereby utilising less network resources and bandwidth". The size of invoices and other documents have been reduced from 300 kilobytes to 100 kilobytes per file; with approximately 7,500 documents produced per day, this has added value to YKK business.

Compleo was seen as an ideal replacement for the company's in-house function of downloading spool files stored in DB2 database to PCs and then reformatting them manually. The easy installation of the product is also something that Chris took into account when choosing Compleo, as the product was to be deployed in 34 countries. YKK have currently installed Compleo and Mapform 16 countries with 18 to follow in the near future.

Chris sums it all up in a few words: "Compleo has given us a cost effective solution which flexibly handles SYSTEMI® output in multiple locations and reduces communication overhead."

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Compleo

A complete Output Management solution designed to manage, convert and distribute output files from any system (system i, system z, unix, oracle, windows and ERPs like JDE, SAP and more), all from a Windows-based PC. The Compleo suite also offers powerful modules that automate electronic form creation and delivery plus fully-featured archiving capabilities.

MapForm

An Electronic Forms solution that provides fully-featured design, formatting, distribution and archiving capabilities for business documents of all kinds, with full control over character fonts, patterns, borders and colours, inserting logos, images and generating bar codes.

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