

Case Study



Pannone & Partners invest in new Microsoft .Net infrastructure.

“The seamless partnership between our IT team and ANS Group ensured that this project was delivered on time and without any problems. The new network infrastructure will now allow us to deliver tangible benefits to our staff and clients and gives us a foundation on which to develop and build our web-based information systems.”

Joy Kinglsey, Managing Partner, Pannone & Partners

Company Background

Pannone & Partners are a Manchester based legal practice that employs over 400 people and 62 partners. The firm specialises in providing a complete range of legal services in the areas of corporate, property, litigation, employment, construction, personal injury, business crime, banking, insolvency, intellectual property, clinical negligence, advertising & marketing, public sector, licensing, family and debt collection.

The Challenge

Business growth had necessitated increasing the capability of the existing Internet and Intranet infrastructure. The existing infrastructure based on Novell NetWare, GroupWise and Border manager, whilst adequate for current needs did not provide the level of flexibility required to support future business growth.

The Solution

ANS Group proposed the installation of a new infrastructure based on Microsoft technologies. Not only would this provide the necessary flexibility and growth potential required it also ensured that Pannone & Partners would be able to take advantage of the emerging .Net platform, allowing them to share their information and connect with their customers and suppliers via the Internet.

ANS Group were heavily involved with the planning of the new infrastructure and the necessary migration to ensure employee down time was kept to a minimum and the co-existence of both systems during the changeover period. The creation and deployment of a standardised corporate desktop Ensuring remote users could access the same applications as desktop users via a VPN.

The technology utilised by ANS Group was based on:

- Microsoft Windows
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Exchange
- Microsoft ISA Server
- Citrix MetaFrame
- Compaq Proliant rack mounted servers
- Cisco PIX

The new infrastructure has enabled Pannone & Partners to expand the services they can offer to their clients. Currently Pannone & Partners are evaluating the Microsoft SharePoint Portal server, with a view to providing an integrated portal for staff and customers to access their data - anytime, anyplace, anywhere.



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