



LoQutus

LoQutus boosts availability of data and reduces risks with new infrastructure delivered by Proact

Overview

Challenge

Deliver a brand-new, safe, secure, and hosted infrastructure that could support LoQutus in developing state-of-the-art software solutions for its customers.

Solution

A Dell EMC-based infrastructure with storage, switches, servers, VMware virtualisation and Microsoft licenses, hosted at Proact's data centre in Aalst, and monitored 24x7.

Benefits

- A future-proof, safe and secure. and easily scalable infrastructure
 - 24x7 monitoring of servers and storage by Proact's experts.
 - Optimal price/performance through the use of an OPEX finance model.
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When LoQutus' existing on-premise IT infrastructure reached the end of its life, the company was also planning to move to a new office in the Ghent region - it was time for a new approach. Bram Deschagt, IT consultant at LoQutus, said: "LoQutus is part of the Möbius Group, which has three major brands: Möbius for business consulting, LoQutus for software development and Ground lion for case management software. LoQutus is the central IT partner for all three brands. When it became clear we were moving office, we put out an RFP for a new hosted infrastructure."

The challenge

According to Bram Deschagt, the choice for a hosted solution was a very clear one. "First of all, our new office did not provide facilities to build our own data centre. But more importantly, we also wanted to boost availability and enhance the security of our data, better supporting our data centre. In plain terms: we wanted to get rid of all the iron. We were looking for a safe, secure, and easily scalable solution for the coming years, provided by a partner, rather than a supplier. We were looking for a true partnership.

"Of all the companies that responded to our RFP, Proact's proposal came out best. The main reasons were its price/performance ratio, its OPEX financing model, which enables us to spread the cost over a longer period of time and its European scale, and also the guarantee that we always have access to experts with very specific knowledge. Moreover, we had worked together on a number of client projects before, and those went very well."

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How we helped

Proact and LoQutus started working together on this project by planning the migration from the old on-premise data centre to Proact’s facility in Aalst. Deschagt said: “Proact did a tremendous job here as we had to deal with extremely tight deadlines. When you move office, you know exactly when the new system needs to be up and running.”

Proact designed a new infrastructure, based on Dell Unity 300 storage, Dell EMC Datadomain for deduplication, Dell EMC servers, VMware, and Microsoft licenses. “As far as all hardware choices were concerned, we left this to Proact. Our only preference was for Cisco Meraki technology for the network, which we can manage from the cloud. In the first phase, Proact did a full lift and shift of the infrastructure with a downtime of only two hours. We now have a strong basis for the further development of our infrastructure.”

According to Deschagt, LoQutus’ main advantages are lower risk and higher availability. “This new approach offers us peace of mind. We do not have to worry about availability, safety and security of our data. They are located in a professional, purpose-built data centre with all the features you would expect of such an environment. This is not only important for LoQutus and the group members we support with IT, but also for our customers. We can guarantee that the projects we do for clients are managed on a state-of-the-art and very secure infrastructure. We look back on an excellent migration, performed by a party with the right expertise, knowledge and experience.”

The benefits



Future-proof infrastructure

New environment based on latest technology.



Data is safe, secure, and available

Proact offers colocation in a Tier III data centre.



Highly scalable infrastructure

Sufficient scalability to address data growth.



OPEX pricing model

New infrastructure offered on lease basis.

About Proact

Proact is Europe’s leading independent data centre and cloud services provider. By delivering flexible, accessible and secure IT solutions and services, we help companies and authorities reduce risk and costs, whilst increasing agility, productivity and efficiency. We’ve completed over 5,000 successful projects around the world, have more than 3,500 customers and currently manage in excess of 100 petabytes of information in the cloud. We employ over 800 people in 15 countries across Europe and North America. Founded in 1994, our parent company, Proact IT Group AB (publ), was listed on Nasdaq Stockholm in 1999 (under the symbol PACT).

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