

Challenge:

eVision consultants typically perform work at client locations which are geographically dispersed and rarely work out of the home office. Depending on the size of an engagement, one or more consultants are organized into project teams that collaborate and work with the client to achieve project objectives. Typically a consultant will be engaged in two to four engagements at a given point in time. Due to the mobility of the consultants and the diversity of project work, eVision requires a mechanism where their consultants can easily update, review, and collaborate on project files in real time.

Solution:

Mangosoft's Mangomind Internet File Sharing Service allows eVision to create a virtual office where consultants can easily collaborate on projects regardless of their physical location. Consultants can easily update project files and make them available to all project team members immediately. The virtual office is secure, accessible from anywhere, and eliminates the necessity to install a Virtual Private Network (VPN).

About eVision Technologies

eVision Technologies, located in Reading, MA, is a consulting services company with a growing list of satisfied clients. With a depth of cross functional and its technology alliances, including being a Microsoft Certified Partner, eVision is quickly becoming one of the premier web development and business process consulting firms servicing middle market companies in New England.

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At eVision Technologies, project leaders typically manage multiple ongoing consulting projects that are being performed by consultants at client sites on a daily basis. eVision consultants are specialists and typically contribute to many projects at different stages. As a result, it is critical that the consultants are aware of the project progress and current status and able to deliver updates to other team members at any given time. Prior to installing Mangomind, eVision typically used email as the primary mechanism for communication.

“As the number of our projects grew we found that email quickly became an inefficient way to share information on project status,” said Michael Leary, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Often times several versions of a document would be circulating between project team members and it became difficult and time-consuming to reconcile the document edits. Mangomind provides us with a central location where everyone can access the most recent version of the file. We can even set up a conference call and work on the file simultaneously in real time.”

eVision's Mangomind drive has folders for each project, containing project status reports, schedules, deliverables, proposals, and document drafts, where authorized consultants can access project information. Company managers have set up restricted access folders for confidential files such as financial statements, business plans and business strategies. eVision also uses the drive to post human resource information such as W2 forms, tax documents, expense reports and other company policies and procedures that everyone can access. eVision plans to expand use of the Mangomind drive to enable secure file sharing and collaboration between their consultants and clients.

“Mangomind installed easily without a hitch on each one of our consultants' laptops and we were able to gain the advantages of the service immediately,” said Leary.

“Because Mangomind is integrated into Windows, we didn't require any special training, and our consultants can even work on files when they are not connected to the Internet, making them more productive when they are offsite. Mangomind eliminated the necessity to set-up and maintain a complex and costly VPN.”