

Monroe-Woodbury Central School District

Micro Focus® Retain™ Email checked all the boxes for the kind of archiving solution the school district was seeking: It runs on Linux, offers tight integration with GroupWise, and works in a VM environment.



Overview

Monroe-Woodbury Central School District is a forward-thinking, medium-sized school district in Southeastern New York.

Challenge

Hugh R. Cauthers, Director of Information Services and his assistant director, George Armstrong, have taken the lead in transforming their district into one of the most technologically advanced districts in the region. Monroe-Woodbury has deployed Micro Focus Open Enterprise Server in a virtual environment, allowing their 7,500 students and 1,400 staff members to universally log in to any Macintosh workstation. They can then authenticate through LDAP and using Samba, have their desktop, profile, and document folders push

down from the VM servers. Monroe-Woodbury was also the first district to fully implement an email archiving solution.

Concerned about regulations, Cauthers assigned Armstrong the task of finding a solution for email archiving. They were specifically looking for a solution that ran on Linux, offered tight integration with GroupWise®, and would work in a VM environment.

Solution

"The district is also in the process of moving as many servers as possible to Linux in a VM environment, in order to consolidate servers. With fewer servers we can be a little more "green" friendly as far as power consumption of the single servers," Armstrong pointed out.

"The fact that Retain ran on Linux and could archive GroupWise on Linux was a definite plus. I tested it and it worked out of the box, so we put it in place. Retain was definitely a plug-and-play solution," explained Armstrong. "Retain is a reliable, plug-and-play solution, which doesn't require much management at all. It was easy to install and just works."

Even though Armstrong knew he needed to find a solution to implement, he was concerned about the amount of work and management



At a Glance

■ Industry

Education

■ Location

United States

■ Challenge

Concerned about regulations the school district sought a solution for email archiving.

■ Solution

Use Retain Email as a reliable plug-and-play email archiving solution.

■ Results

- + Offers tight integration with GroupWise
- + Works in a VM environment
- + Provides easy installation

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time that might result from another solution connecting into GroupWise. “We really wanted something to successfully run in the background and be there when we needed it,” he mentioned.

Results

Retain Email runs five daily archiving jobs for the district. It runs two backups in the morning at four and six o’clock, one at noon and then two more in the afternoon at three and six o’clock. Users can even be logged into email without noticing any performance issues. The fact that there was no client piece to install was a big

plus for MWCS. Retain Email’s transparency allowed them to meet their requirements without involving the users. Armstrong is pleased with the seamlessness of Retain Email and feels that it has lived up to his expectations.

About Retain Unified Archiving

Retain Unified Archiving provides unified archiving of all business communication, including email, social media, and mobile communication data for case assessment, search, and eDiscovery. It can be deployed on-premises or in the cloud.



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