Press Release:

Students in Luxemburg learn using PowerFolder "In-House Cloud"

Luxemburg/Meerbusch. All students and teachers in Luxemburg will soon use software from Meerbusch, Germany. Corresponding orders were signed today between the Centre de technologie de l'éducation (CTE) of the Ministry of Education Luxemburg with PowerFolder. A gradual rollout of the software to all 45,000 students and 12,000 teachers is planned for Q1 2012. Teachers and students will be able to save all their data in a joint cloud-environment. Despite PowerFolder being German, all data remains in Luxemburg on the IT-infrastructure of the CTE, maintaining full control and sovereignty of all data.

Synchronisation – Backup - Collaboration

The solution allows students to learn more efficiently whilst saving teachers time and schools money. A consistent, shared and synchronized file space allows teachers to directly provide students with material and in real time using PowerFolder. Copying of Books and distribution of paper is a thing of the past. All students have direct access to the materials provided, at school and at home or even mobile – for example during holidays.

Homework and projects are being saved in real time and can be shared with the teacher digitally. Work groups and projects can use a joint file space to ensure that every member of the working group always has every version of the file, up to date and consistent. Each update is kept in an archive, providing a coherent trail of the work. Students and teachers benefit tremendously from this continuous back-up and versioning solution. No data is lost.

The flexible architecture of PowerFolder seamlessly integrates into existing IT-infrastructures and uses existing user authentication via LDAP / Active Directory. Students and teachers do not have to create new profiles and passwords but can make use of existing logins via single-sign-on. PowerFolder allows students to focus on the most important thing, learning.

Claude Weber, Attaché à la Direction (CTE) and Christian Sprajc, Chief Executive Officer of PowerFolder, emphasize the benefit of the co-operation to both sides. Luxemburg maintains the sovereignty over the data of its citizens while PowerFolder welcomes the first EU-Ministry to their customer base.

Specimen copy requested.

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