

SafeMove's ease of use makes it an effective solution for all kind of users!



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Background

The directors and trustees at a municipal or city administration typically have a very mobile job. When traveling, a lot of time is spent at hotels, airports and trains, creating a need to put the time spent in waiting and traveling into good use. The scope of regional services in the Mikkeli region has expanded, creating more and more needs for secure mobility. It can already be foreseen that mobile use of business applications will grow significantly especially in the social sector.

An ever-increasing amount of workstations are laptops, which require mobile use at business trips and at home. Of all workstations at the city of Mikkeli's administration, about 500 are laptops, and nearly all are used wirelessly. A typical user is a very mobile user belonging to an ordinary domain. "Nowadays, one must have secure access to email regardless of time and place, which improves the efficiency of the entire organization. Decisions can be made more dynamically", says Mr. Jarmo Tiainen, CEO of Etelä-Savon tietohallinto Oy.

Challenges in the work environment

Since mobile users have very different skill levels and requirements, the challenge was to find a flexible and easy-to-use solution, which could be used by anyone, not just IT professionals. The requirements also specified a minimal need for support for mobile users, centralized administration, and encryption of data traffic.

ETELÄ-SAVON TIETOHALLINTO OY

Located at Mikkeli, Finland, Etelä-Savon tietohallinto Oy is a company that provides IT administration services for its owners. The company was established in 2007, during a time when municipality functions were being broadened with a more regional approach, thereby creating a need for a common regional IT management service provider. The company provides IT management and technology services for the city of Mikkeli, and from January 2009 onwards, the company will provide IT management and support services for the Etelä-Savo Health Care District. For more information, please visit www.esth.fi.

Solution piloted at the municipal elections

The administration of the city of Mikkeli gave its support to the SafeMove solution, and SafeMove was piloted in Mikkeli in the municipal elections in the fall 2005. SafeMove provided secure connections from a library bus to the Finnish election system, with the bus being one of the voting locations. The pilot received positive feedback as the library bus traveled around Mikkeli, bringing a voting location close to citizens.

SafeMove makes mobile work easier

After the successful pilot, SafeMove was purchased as the data traffic solution for mobile users and small fixed locations at the city of Mikkeli administration. The service is provided by Etelä-Savon tietohallinto Oy. The company provides effective IT solutions which support the development of municipal functions. "Since the network used might be any network, depending on the location (hotel, home, Hot Spot), we must have the control of data security in our own hands. That is why we have SafeMove", says Jarmo Tiainen.

"The most important feature is session persistence across networks at the office, meeting room, and home. Connections are switched on automatically by location", describes Tiainen. "Furthermore, data security has improved, enabling us to use laptops anywhere, also in social work and health care. We will see an increase in the use of laptops especially due to SafeMove's ease of use", continues Tiainen.



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