

Kristinehamn municipality

Saving millions with ThinLinc

COMPANY PROFILE

INDUSTRY

Government

FOUNDED

1971

POPULATION

24.000

WEB SITE

www.kristinehamn.se

ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS PER YEAR

SEK 2.5 million



Kristinehamn municipality has decided to provide its staff with thin clients instead of conventional PCs. It is estimated that, in addition to easier administration and support, it will save the municipality around 2.5 million SEK per year in operating costs.

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STRICTER REQUIREMENTS ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE SAVINGS

Politicians have placed stricter requirements on local authorities to make long-term savings. There are also additional requirements to take the environment into consideration. Kristinehamn municipality was faced with a choice: either continue purchasing conventional PCs for its staff, or go for the new thin client technology. Since most of the authority's applications and support systems are now web-based, this means that the average user no longer needs the same high level of computing power as before. So the choice was easy. The evaluation showed that thin clients were the future for local authorities. Now, both long-term financial savings and consideration for the environment have been achieved.

THE SOLUTION: THIN CLIENTS

The Cendio ThinLinc software links thin clients to a central server. By concentrating the computing resources on a central server and providing users with thin clients, which are just receivers, all applications can be centralised on the server. Instead of full processing operations, the screen contents is sent from the server to the client. The result is that neither powerful computers nor a high bandwidth network are required.

ANNUAL BENEFIT

For the user, the new technology has resulted in computers that are easier to manage, since they are updated at a central location.

For the IT department, the solution means a reduction in support. The IT department can also easily monitor all the user computers. By using thin clients, power consumption for all the PCs has dramatically fallen. From levels of 94 watts per computer, it has now dropped to a mere 8.5 watts.

"We estimate that we save SEK 2.5 million a year by using thin clients," says IT Manager Harry Enbom. "We also make savings by not having to pay licence costs for Microsoft Office and by getting rid of Windows."

THE CENDIO THIN CLIENT SOLUTION HAS LED TO:

- Simpler administration
- Simpler support for the IT technicians
- Simpler monitoring
- A reduction in power consumption

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