Beer Beer Beer

Network update within a tiny time window

Change Driver

One of the largest breweries in Europe had a complex network infrastructure developed as a result of a series of acquisitions and mergers.

A group-wide defined network standard did not exist and was required urgently. In addition, 40% of all LAN devices were End of Service (EoS) and needed to be replaced.

Due to the continuous production requirements, many of the brewery sites only had a tiny maintenance window of one single day per year during which the machinery stands still and the network could be upgraded.

The IT managers were therefore looking for a partner who could successfully carry out the migration project to the highest standards under extreme time pressure.

Damovo Approach

Damovo convinced the customer with a highly detailed roll-out plan, including a roll-back scenario, which was measured against hard KPI's with serious penalties attached for non-compliance.

A low-level design was created in advance and tested in a dry-run. During the official cutover weekend, 5 technicians were continuously on site to implement the design created by Damovo.

In addition, the EoS components were replaced and all switches/routers were provided with new labels.

The transformation process was closely monitored by the project management team with hourly progress updates.

After 23 hours, the breweries were successfully put back into operation. In retrospect it was revealed that this was the third attempt within the last 3 years at 4 locations – the previous 2 attempts with other partners being unsuccessful.

Customer Value

How the **IT Manager** benefits

The network components are again state-of-the-art and comply with a group-wide standard.

The network has now finally been successfully migrated and new projects that will bring additional value to the business can now be started with confidence.

How the **company** benefits

The serious risk of production sites failure has been significantly reduced now that the business-critical network has been transformed.

Further innovations to streamline operations can now be developed as a result of the resilient, future-proofed network infrastructure.