

CASE STUDY



Just what the doctors ordered

Royal College of General Practitioners chooses Trustix™ Linux solutions to help keep GPs informed

“We needed a robust, scalable and configurable solution to enable some database applications to improve communications out to our members. After testing we decided the Trustix solution met our current needs and future plans based on known requirements and the potential move of more services to open systems.”

Tony Betts, IT Manager at the Royal College of General Practitioners

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) has chosen Trustix™ and IBM to supply a Linux based e-mail server solution to support the delivery of bulk e-mail to over 6000 GP's across the United Kingdom.

The solution, supplied by Cambridge-based reseller ee-scape, will also allow the RCGP to provide new services in the future, including the web enabling of some of the College's Quality initiatives.

The RCGP was already evaluating another Linux-based solution, which, although it was an excellent out of the box solution, even when compared to the existing proprietary solution, could not be scaled up to meet RCGP's needs.

Ee-scape suggested a solution based on Trustix™ web and e-mail servers running on an IBM xSeries server. The RCGP tested two Linux-based solutions for four weeks before it decided on the Trustix™ solution.

The main reasons for selecting the Trustix™ solution were the ability for the Trustix™ mail and web server applications to run without causing problems to other applications that had to be run on the same hardware and the excellent upgrade path offered by the IBM xSeries server platform.

Superior performance was also offered by the Trustix™ solution, with the fortnightly e-mail delivery taking less than two hours rather than the three days required by the proprietary solution.

"The pace of change within the medical profession has to be matched by the infrastructure of the royal colleges," commented James Dean UK Sales Director of Trustix. "We are delighted that the Royal College of General Practitioners has chosen a Trustix™ solution as the basis for its web-enabled communication with its members."

About Royal College of General Practitioners

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) is the largest membership organisation in the United Kingdom solely for GPs. It aims to act as the 'voice' of general practitioners on education, training and standards issues. Founded in 1952, the RCGP is a relatively young organisation with an outstanding record of achievement. Milestones in its history include the establishment of vocational training in general practice, the setting up of clinical guidelines for doctors, the expansion of research into general medical practice and the promotion of primary care.

About ee-scape.net limited

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