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Established in 1946 Ridge now employs over 950 people in 12 locations across the UK. Over this period, Ridge has built a proud history from a rich and interesting range of projects and experiences in all aspects of property and construction from around the world. Ridge places a strong focus on social values and this is reflected in five key themes:

- Developing and growing a skilled workforce
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles and independence
- Supporting more people to be active in their communities
- Supporting local businesses to develop and grow
- Supporting reduction in the carbon footprint and eliminating unnecessary waste.

> *Moving to uniFLOW Online was a natural transition for us. Embracing the cloud enables us to remain agile, provides the latest technology to our employees and reduces infrastructure with a corresponding reduction in workload on IT.*

Russell Cannings – Finance Partner

uniFLOW online

Customer challenges and requirements

Under the existing uniFLOW server design, 12 locations require at least 12 RPS servers with associated hardware assets and communication links. Our server consolidation and simplification project meant, that instead of just renewing our existing uniFLOW server, we looked for better ways of achieving the same result using the latest technologies.

Any new solution must be able to minimize this infrastructure, but not at the expense of security which is one of our company's guiding principles.
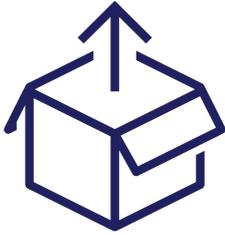
The solution

uniFLOW Online allows a single print and scan solution across the organization without the requirement for servers. It allows users to print to a single queue and pick up the print job at any location within the organization.

Guest printing caters for subcontractors and suppliers, whilst mobile printing can be achieved by anyone with a valid user account and an internet connection – no complex device management or corporate WiFi is required.

Connected devices
- imagePRESS 165 – across UK locations
- iR ADV DX C5850i / 5550i – across UK locations
- iR ADV C3525i – across UK locations

Software solution
- uniFLOW Online
- Secure Printing
- Mobile / Guest Printing
- Scan to SharePoint / OneDrive

Benefits

Transitioning from a traditional uniFLOW server environment to uniFLOW Online has seen the eradication of back-end infrastructure, removing servers and complexity. However, for the end user, the experience has remained more or less the same which removes the re-training requirement and other costs associated with such a radical change.

Simplifying the management of the print solution has been a significant benefit, not just from a commercial cost viewpoint, but also time and resources. Less infrastructure to support and no further upgrade projects or budgets to factor into the future have added to the list of benefits.

The security element was expected to be a challenge however this proved to be no problem at all.