

Case Study: X-Formation's License Statistics Helps SKODA Optimize Expensive License Purchases

About Skoda ICT s.r.o.

Skoda ICT s.r.o. provides ICT services for SKODA HOLDING a.s., which manufactures and repairs transportation machines (electric locomotives, subway, railway wagons, tramways, trolley buses) and manufactures steam turbines and related parts.

The Business Challenge

Like so many businesses today, Skoda is placing greater emphasis on using their resources wisely. Stanislav Cechura, IT Engineer, said, "During the current economic downtime, all companies are increasing their focus on minimizing costs and on effective use of expensive licenses." For Skoda, their high-priced CAD/CAM/CAE software licenses demanded a solid solution for monitoring and evaluating their license usage.

The license management tools supplied with their CAD/CAM/CAE products were not supplying all the information they needed. They added custom scripts to get simple reports on license usage, but needed more detailed information to more effectively manage their licenses.

The License Statistics Solution

Skoda chose License Statistics because the software met, at an affordable price, most of their requirements for monitoring license usage on their individual software applications.

Cechura explained, "License Statistics helps us to stay on top of our license requirements. This is vital for planning extension or reduction of the number of licenses we'll need in the future, helping us save license costs. The detailed monitoring of used licenses allows us to better divide the software costs for the individual companies of the Skoda holding and to find possible reserves."

Through better planning made possible by using License Statistics, Skoda was able to save 29,375 EUR on their CAD licenses. With their 500-user License Statistics license purchased at only 6200 EUR, their ROI was over 23,000 EUR.

Summary

X-Formation helped Skoda overcome initial problems with LUM server monitoring, and now, after using License Statistics for over a year, they are trouble-free and satisfied with the product and the level of support.