



>>> Automated Deployment

Navico is an enterprise company specialising in marine electronics for most marine industry segments, from small leisure boats through to professional vessels, as well as revolutionary new technology in development. Headquartered in Dordrecht, Netherlands, Navico have approximately 2,500 employees globally.

The New Zealand corporate division of Navico is based on Auckland's North Shore and has an Enterprise IT Infrastructure system. This Infrastructure is located both nationally (Albany) and internationally (Sydney) and encompasses 20+ servers and 150+ workstations located in both countries.

Navico conducted an audit of their Microsoft Office environment, with the intention of standardising all current Microsoft Office versions and subsequently reducing their support costs. Navico's existing administration software required manual input plus considerable time and effort from the IT Solutions team to deploy software. The entrada Corporate Tool Set was presented by Softsource as a solution for administration, deployment and system management problems. The entrada Tool Set helps teams fully automate their deployments, providing an easy-to-use push button environment for deployments. Navico used the entrada Tool Set to deploy Microsoft Office 2007 both nationally and internationally.



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The focus on IT equipment and devices comes from the increasing realisation that Server and Desktop management and administration is a major operational cost, with staff devoted to maintenance of various systems, and technical support personnel managing updates, patches, and break/fix issues for end users. IT automation—where software manages the routine, day-to-day tasks of IT maintenance—delivers relief from the administration, monitoring, and helpdesk chores that eat up so much IT time and budget.

"The value becomes clearer when calculated based on time and energy savings. If a support technician charges \$75 an hour, for example, and an automation tool reduces the yearly maintenance and repair workload by a conservative 10 hours per device, a company with 100 PCs will save \$75,000 per year." Confirms David Small, Technical Manager, Softsource. "We find the entrada solution is well placed in companies spending countless hours trying to manage their IT infrastructure with the end result reducing management costs and freeing up IT operations to work on new projects critical to their business."

The entrada Tool Set enabled Navico to complete a Microsoft Office 2007 software deployment to 130+ workstations within a single day.

"I couldn't believe the ease and speed of which this task was completed. Using the entrada Tool Set literally saved me days of time not to mention the cost savings", commented Solomon Arinana, Senior IT Operations, Navico. "It also gave me the additional bonus of access to advanced features for software reporting, managing other Windows updates and deploying patches."