



CASE STUDY

Central Management Platform

Founded by William Lamb in 1887 In the Yorkshire town of Wakefield, William Lamb Group grew to become the largest clog maker in Europe. From producing boots and gas mask cases to support Britain in WW1, to pioneering the modern football boot in the 1950s.

The company were amongst the first to recognise the potential of the 'trainer', expanded their supply chain globally to keep its competitive edge and developed ethical practices before they were fashionable.

With on-the-ground teams in India, China and Vietnam, William Lamb Group have a global production network that guarantees they can create and deliver the best products.



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The IT Environment

Prior to the arrival of the new IT Director the IT network had not been updated for approx. 10 years. There were different makes of switches that were daisy chained together and single switches in all areas that offered no redundancy. The Wi-Fi didn't function properly, only covered the main building and offered no guest access. The perimeter security was non-existent and there was no centralised management.

The Challenges

Main issues were: Coverage, speed, resilience. There was a need for a new hub-spoke network with a 10G resilient core and edge switches with Wi-Fi that covers the entire site both inside and out to allow work to be completed by mobile devices in the car parks and loading area.

The Solution

Aruba 6100 48 port switches X 2 in the core and then installs in 3 locations around the site of 2 X Aruba 6100 24 port switches. 29 X Aruba AP 315/365 models spread evenly around the site to give even coverage with AP's closer together for high traffic areas. 10G Aruba SFP's joining all the switches together to form the required hub and spoke layout. Aruba Central management platform to manage and monitor the new network.

The Outcomes

The IT team at William Lamb Group can now see and centrally manage an IT network that spans the entire site from a central platform.

They can now see and respond to outages quickly and solve issues sometimes before the end users even notice. They can see through put across the entire estate and identify very high traffic areas and respond accordingly if latency starts to increase.

They can see all end user devices that are connected to any part of the network and monitor their performance and now with guest access in place, make sure their corporate LAN is secure.

Going forward as the company, with development of non-UK sites, they can now quickly add network products and adopt them into Aruba Central quickly and role out policy at the click of a button.

One major indication is that the new network is performing better-the login time to get a PC onto the network and then access to storage drives went from 4 and a half minutes to about 30 seconds!

"The configuration of all elements of the network was done to our requirements with constant checks that everything was working as expected. The Contrac account manager was in constant communication to make sure all was going as planned and the senior team were always available to me for escalation if needed. This was important to us and I think one of the USP's Contrac should be proud of!"



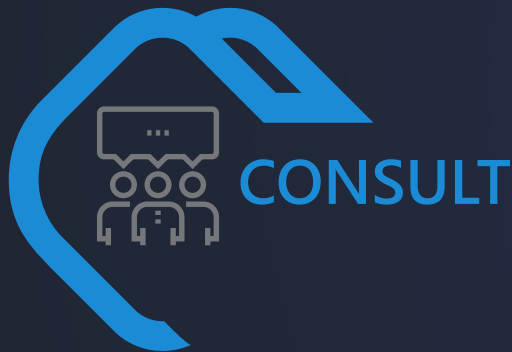
"Contrac is a trusted partner and do something few MSP's do, and that is listen. We didn't need the Rolls Royce of network installs, but we needed something that was future proof, expandable, easy to manage and met our budget aspirations. The install was painless and tightly managed by the Contrac PMO. The Engineers were all very competent and finished the cabling installation on time and with little disruption to the business, whilst keeping the William Lamb IT team appraised at all times."

Successful Projects are the Results of Great Partnership

Every success starts with development. The ability to create a trusted partnership is one of the most important aspects to assure an ongoing, stable implementation of the project goals, reduction of waste of resources and budget, and an overall decrease in the risk of failing.

At Contrac, we help our customers to deliver their IT projects within the time frame and effectively. Our company structure is made to be an integral part of the team so we are able to provide dedication and personalisation.

To differentiate stages of our customers' project needs and to assure the best delivery journey, we offer three unique areas of our professional services:



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