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How the University of Lorraine implemented collaborative environment based on Nextcloud and ONLYOFFICE Docs

In this use case, we will focus on the the University of Lorraine that adopted collaborative environment based on Nextcloud and ONLYOFFICE.

About the University of Lorraine

The University of Lorraine is a public institution created after the merge of four universities of the Lorraine region in north-eastern France. Its 43 teaching departments and 60 research centers make the UL one of the largest universities in the country.

The university has over 60,000 students, close to 6,900 staff members, among which 3,900 teachers and searchers, and many buildings and campuses distributed in the entire region. The UL offers curricula in all fields of knowledge: sciences, health, technology, engineering sciences, human and social sciences, law, economy, management, arts, literature, and language.

How the UL meets growing data storage needs

After the fusion of four universities into one in 2012, the campuses of the University of Lorraine are situated throughout the region in over 54 sites. This geographical context challenged the Information System Department to implement the collaborative environment, hosted and managed internally.

The UL tried many solutions such as the Nuxeo content management platform, Confluence wiki software, and individual storage spaces based on ownCloud. Given this experience, the IS Department chose Nextcloud, a free and open source, deployed on-premises file sharing and collaboration platform.

This service allows storing the data on the university's servers and seamlessly synchronizing files across multiple devices. Thus, users are able to access their documents from any web browser. What's more, Nextcloud can be integrated with third-party web services.

Why ONLYOFFICE

As highlighted by Camille Herry, their choice fell on the ONLYOFFICE suite for the following reasons:

- high compatibility with MS Office documents;
- easy installation and administration;
- ergonomic user interface and simple adoption of tools;
- low resource consumption;
- availability of tools anywhere and anytime;
- on-premises deployment that ensures compliance with the GDPR, a security policy for the information systems and the protection of the nation's scientific and technical heritage;
- affordable tariffs.

One year with ONLYOFFICE

Today, the collaboration platform of the University of Lorraine is available to 6,900 staff members including teachers, researchers, administrative employees.

After one year, Camille Herry is glad to share with us the achieved results:

"Our colleagues especially appreciate the fluidity, the ease of use, and a considerable time-saving thanks to online editing without having to install a desktop client. Previously, a user had to download the document, then edit it, and send it to the server. Now, many users are able to work simultaneously on the same document, regardless of where they are, and without any risk of overwriting the changes made by their co-authors."

Sébastien Morosi, Deputy Director of Information Technology at the University of Lorraine, outlines that this service was of great help during the quarantine:

"The collaborative environment that we had implemented allowed us to maintain our research and academic activities, and keep our staff productive while working remotely."

Useful information

Official website of the University of Lorraine:

www.welcome.univ-lorraine.fr

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