

The University of Calgary Finds WebDrive the Obvious Choice

With an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students, the University of Calgary has grown to become one of the finest institutions in Canada. Since its founding in 1967, the university provides students the opportunities necessary to enhance critical thinking skills using a student-centered focus. Establishing itself as one of the top five research universities in Canada by 2010 is of utmost importance.

Staying true to a student-centered focus, the university found students needed a solution that would allow access to files from anywhere in the world, provide a reliable and safe storage area, make backing up files easier and reduce the risk of students losing diskettes and other personal storage devices containing assignments, research documents and other information. "We were looking for an efficient and cost effective solution and we discovered WebDrive." says Mr. Jeremy Mortis, the Manager of Web and E-mail Services. Combining the WebDrive software with an Apache Server running Mod_dav the university created an affordable and reliable WebDAV-based storage solution.

The University of Calgary's evaluation criteria included availability and ease-of-use of client-side software, the fit with existing storage infrastructure, conformance to internet standards and security. The university researched multiple commercially available products and concluded WebDrive to be the best choice.

WebDrive provides unique customization capabilities that allow customers to brand the product as their own. WebDrive offers customers the freedom to easily rename or utilize logos to reinforce product value. This was another important deciding factor for the university. WebDrive was renamed "WebDisk" for their implementation and was made available for free download to students on the university website. Users logon via WebDrive and can retrieve and store files on the "virtual" disk (the U: drive) this creates. The university also created some additional functionality to remind users to logout after each session, and to allow users to share their file space with other selected users.

Of the near 30,000 students enrolled at the university, 13,000 have used the WebDisk solution so far.

Says Mortis, "We use WebDrive to provide storage to students, faculty and staff, anytime, anywhere. Our users find that storing their files "on the web" is easy, and their files now follow them wherever they go."

About The University of Calgary

The University of Calgary combines the best of long-established university traditions with the City of Calgary's vibrant energy and diversity, the university aims to provide a research and scholarly foundation for students eager to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for a successful personal and professional life.



The 213-hectare (526 acre) campus is a beautiful and dynamic setting for scholars in 16 facilities, 53 departments and more than 30 research institutes and centers. Our 1,917 full-time equivalent teaching and research faculty are actively engaged in research and scholarship. With over 2,500 full-time equivalent support staff, the university is Calgary's fourth largest employer.

Nearly 30,000 full-time equivalent students, including 900 international students from 87 countries, are enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. This year, the university intends to graduate its 100,000th alumni.

About South River Technologies

South River Technologies, headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland, develops Internet file management software that is used for file collaboration, website management and shared access. SRT's unique client technology creates an instantly familiar interface by integrating seamlessly into the Windows Operating System. Founded in 1996, South River Technologies directly sells and markets Windows based utilities and licenses its technologies to Software Publishers and Independent Software Vendors.