

## **Hessen, Germany School District Selects WebDrive®**

Consisting of more than 200 schools and approximately 30,000 students, the School District of Hessen continues working to improve the learning environment for its students and faculty. Located in Hessen, Germany, the School District required a software package that could give each student and teacher their own personalized home directory where they could store assignments, homework and web pages.

To facilitate ease-of-use, a solution was needed to enable their FTP-Home-Directory program to act like a windows-based directory (drive-letter). The district purchased an educational license of an FTP Server and began to research a client solution that could create a network drive letter.

"One day my colleague found some information about WebDrive on the Internet. It was exactly the software to solve our problem," explained Mr. Günther Käberich, Implementation Leader for the program. WebDrive was tested as part of the "Easy Administration of LANs" program. The mapped drive letter capability made the WebDrive client easy to integrate with the other applications that make up the program.

With a solution now in place, students have been given the power to access their WebDrive folder from anywhere in the district. Using a script file, students can logon with their user id and password from any computer in the district to gain access to their files.

WebDrive is currently installed in 50 schools on about 2000 work stations which are used by approximately 8,000 students. The district hopes to implement WebDrive throughout other district schools in the near future. "Our goal is for a user friendly administration in the local area networks of the schools," says Mr. Käberich. "WebDrive is the most important program in our concept because it makes the Internet and the Windows world compatible."