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PricewaterhouseCoopers Sees a Better Way to Connect Consultants with SYSTIMAX® Structured Connectivity Solutions

The 110 VisiPatch™ system at PricewaterhouseCoopers' Vienna HQ, is Austria's largest installation of this innovative new patching system



As one of the world's leading professional services organizations, PricewaterhouseCoopers depends on fast, flexible communications to maintain its competitive edge. It's services in areas including audit, business advice, corporate finance and global tax services all demand close collaboration and knowledge sharing between consultants.

To facilitate this range of services at the new Austrian headquarters, the firm is using SYSTIMAX® Structured Connectivity Solutions (SCS) incorporating the innovative 110 VisiPatch™ patching system. The new seven floor office building located in Vienna has approximately 4,400 outlets, serving initially 600 members of staff with the capacity to support twice that number. Among the applications supported by the system are CCTV and building access control as well as telephony, Internet access and 1000BASE-T data networking.

Tests carried out with the complete installation demonstrated how much time is saved using a complete end-to-end SYSTIMAX Solution. File transfers that took 22 minutes over the Category 5 cabling network used at PricewaterhouseCoopers' previous premises, now takes only 9 minutes over the new cabling infrastructure.

Using the 110 VisiPatch panels with their uncluttered clear design, network connections can be re-routed quickly with minimal risk of error. This gives the firm flexibility to reorganize work areas and re-allocate IT resources at short notice.

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Anixter, a SYSTIMAX distributor and project consultant on this installation, designed the cabling infrastructure. To provide 1 Gb/s horizontal connections to the desk they specified SYSTIMAX GigaSPEED® XL copper cabling and outlets. In the backbone, they installed 10 Gb/s LazrSPEED® 300 fiber to link central data and telephony systems with 23 communications closets located throughout the building. These closets contain SYSTIMAX ALS type panels, small form-factor LC optical connectors for the fiber cabling, as well as the space-saving VisiPatch panels.

Transfer of PricewaterhouseCoopers' operations to the new headquarters allowed just four weeks for the installation. This included laying under-floor copper and fiber cabling, connecting the patching hardware

and delivering a working system. SYSTIMAX BusinessPartner Computacenter GmbH, in cooperation with Electro Gorgo, completed the project on time and on budget.

"With our new GigaSPEED XL and LazrSPEED Solutions, we know that we not only have the highest performance cabling solution available but also that we can trust them to deliver that performance now and in the future," said Wolfgang Sumser. "The excellent design of the 110 VisiPatch System was also a deciding factor in our choice - it was clear that its innovative approach, which eliminates 'patch cord spaghetti', would remove the loss of time and risk out of network moves and changes."

Commenting on the completed project Johann Saustingl, Sales Director, SYSTIMAX Solutions, Austria, said: "This is a good example of how our latest cabling and patching technology can help organizations make maximum use of their key assets - in this case the expertise and knowledge of its staff. The combination of high throughput, reliability and fast re-patching means expensive human resources are utilized and not restricted by poor connectivity performance or network downtime."

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