windream Share Drive

Enterprise content management on all platforms
What sounds like a dream of your system administrator has already become reality for windream users: With the windream Share Drive, everything is under control!

**Share Drive – what’s that?**

The windream Share Drive represents a network drive share which allows users to access windream documents under different operating systems. The Share Drive technology includes a modified version of the patented windream VFS-driver. Generally, this driver supports all operating systems which are able to present conventional Microsoft Windows network drives. This way, also Linux and Mac operating system users can access documents saved in the windream ECM-system without having to install any other software components.

The modified VFS-driver is installed on a separate server. After being installed, it will be accessible to the client computers via the Windows network share in a network environment. The windream drive will occur as a Microsoft Windows network drive under a selectable drive letter in the system neighborhood of the connected computers. Users can now access the documents saved in the folder structures of the windream drive directly. This type of VFS-driver installation allows users to even access windream documents via the drive, if no separate windream client software has been installed on their workstation computers. Share Drive users can also access the ECM-functions via the windream Web Portal without any software installation on the client computers. Further on, there are some other decisive advantages.

**Real zero footprint application with the windream Web Portal.** Zero footprint, meaning the ability to handle an application which does not leave any „data garbage“ on the workstation computers, can usually only be achieved with web applications; but only, if the applications do not need any ActiveX controls. Exactly this requirement is fulfilled by the windream Web Portal, which seamlessly cooperates with the windream Share Drive. In the context of this configuration, the time-intensive processes of checking documents in and out, of editing them locally and of downloading and uploading them can be avoided when using the Web Portal with the Share Drive. By managing archived documents via the modified VFS-driver, users can even access all ECM-functions without any windream installation. In order to achieve this objective, the windream Web Portal only needs to know that the windream drive is available as a Share Drive.
This status can be activated by a simple Web Portal configuration setting. If a file is selected in the windream Web Portal, this file can be opened in its associated application via the windream drive. Depending on the access rights of a user, the file can now be changed and saved without having to use the check-out and check-in functions. This way and for the first time ever, windream as an ECM-system has succeeded in offering users to work in a real zero footprint environment without the common disadvantages in system handling.

**Offline functionality under Windows.** The windream Share Drive can also be run in an environment with normal windream clients. In this case, it replaces the local VFS-driver which is disabled in the windream Control Center. In this context, users will also be able to use the Windows function of handling offline folders and files with automated document synchronisation in windream. This option is demanded by numerous windream customers, as especially users who work with notebook computers in offline mode gain profit from this feature. Thus, the offline functionality – when it is used with the Share Drive – offers an opportunity to handle any windream document in offline mode, to edit the documents on a mobile computer and to synchronise them with the ECM-system. This way, always the current document versions will be made available.

**Share Drive – why do I need it?**

**Advantage 1 – Flexibility.** The windream Share Drive offers a more flexible way of managing documents than the default local VF-driver.

**Advantage 2 – Platform independency.** Especially the option of being able to access document volumes not only under Windows, but also under the Linux and Mac operating systems is interesting for users who work in heterogenous IT-environments and who use other operating systems than Windows.

**Advantage 3 – Mobility.** Users demanding mobility will also gain profit from the Share Drive, as they will be able to synchronise their documents with the ECM-system using the Windows offline functionality.

**Advantage 4 – Client independency.** The Share Drive offers an option to handle the complete ECM-system without having to install a separate client software.

**Performance features:**

- One ECM-system for different operating systems
- No separate client software required
- Clean „zero footprint“ application with the windream Web Portal
- Supports the Windows offline functionality for data synchronisation
- Easy integration of the network driver into the windream server environment
Rely on the Technological Market Leader

If you plan to invest in an innovative, efficient and easy to handle ECM-system, or if you need further information on how to optimise your business processes concretely, we should get to know each other.

In the market sector of ECM-software suppliers, windream GmbH is the technologically leading manufacturer. With the windream ECM-system based on the patented Virtual File System technology (VFS), we have created an unrivaled tool for administering your complete company knowledge. Our software is easy to handle, effective, and future-proof. We have 20 years experience in successful software solutions development for enterprises of any size. Medium-sized companies and multinational corporations as well rely on our top quality products and on our technological know-how.

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