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BARC Studies: windream Rated Top Product

Excellent Performance Rating in both Categories

- Architectural Concept and Functionality

Bochum, 10.03.2005. – The testers at the independent Business Application Research Center (BARC), situated at Würzburg, released the results of the latest BARC "Document Management" study. They have rated as first class the windream document management and archiving system. When compared with twelve other systems provided by international suppliers, the DMS and archive system from windream GmbH, Bochum, achieved highest ratings in nearly all testing disciplines.

Flexible and intuitive

The authors of the BARC Study especially emphasized the "intuitive operation of the system" and its "flexible process management"; these two aspects result from the integration of the DMS and archiving system into the operating system environment as a network drive. This unique selling point is internationally patented, and offers a distinct advantage in significantly reducing training needs: users continue to operate in a familiar working environment enhanced by additional DMS functions. This ease of use and low training requirement was also identified in the BARC report.

Kiviati Diagrams and Testing Criteria

BARC used Kiviati diagrams to illustrate performance against a number of criteria. The diagram analysing architectural features show that **windream** achieved the maximum number of points on most items; the same applied to functional features.

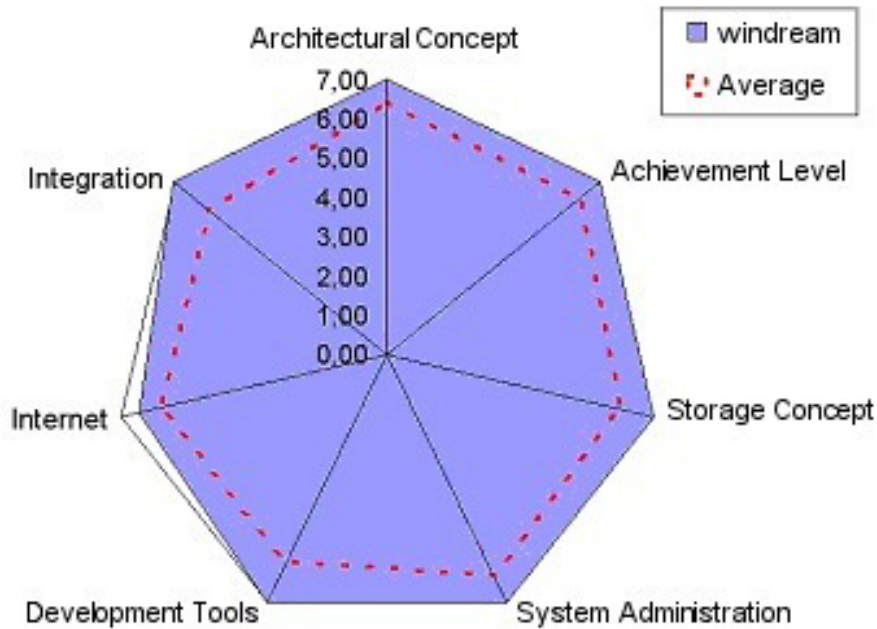


Figure 1: Kiviati diagram – System Architecture

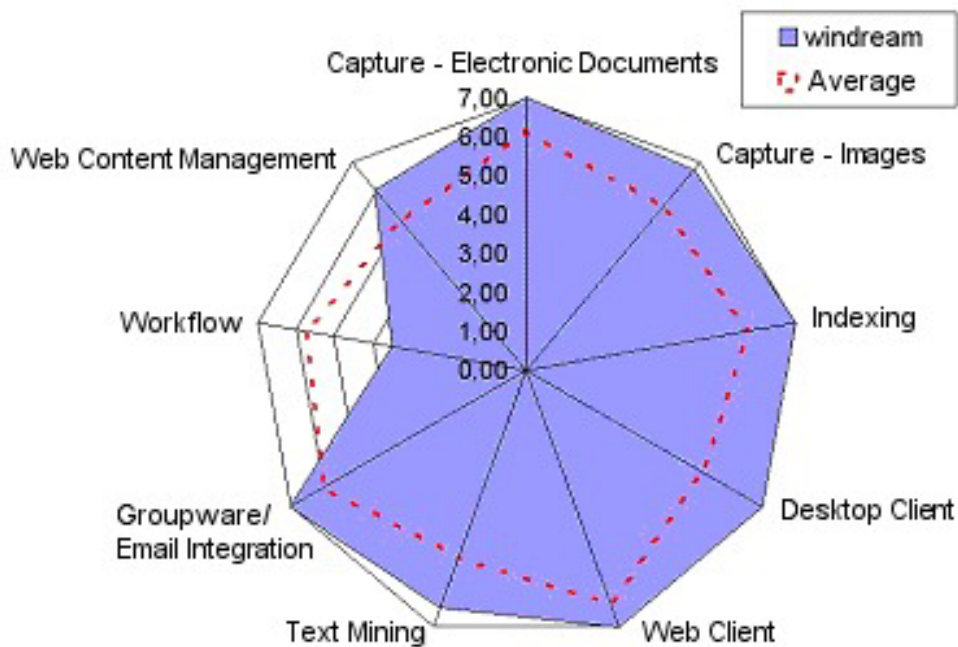


Figure 2: Kiviati diagram - system Functionality

Interfaces to Workflow Systems

With regard to workflow integration, **windream** supports all common currently-available systems. These include for example software supplied by Metastorm, Keyflow, Dialogika, iq-work, Staffware, teamwork and Ultimus. Adopting this approach, customers can select the workflow solution most suited to their specific needs – confident that it will operate successfully with **windream**. (Note that the integration of DMS with workflow is specifically not included in the BARC testing procedure.)

International suppliers

A further and most positive conclusion of the current studies is that **windream** competed with a first-class testing field whose participants read like the Who's Who of international DMS suppliers: FileNet, Ceyoniq Technology, IBM Germany, Saperion, Hyperwave, Optimal Systems, Open Text, d.velop, ELO Digital Office, Easy Software, Hummingbird and COI.

About BARC

The Business Application Research Center (BARC) offers companies impartial and competent support in evaluating and selecting suitable business software. BARC studies are based on the market surveys and product comparisons published by Prof. Dr. R. Thome, Chair of Information Management at Würzburg University, which have been issued since 1994. The core competence is in the creation of comparative product evaluations (BARC Studies). Participation in these studies is free of charge for software vendors and thus assures the complete impartiality of the evaluators. Further information (in German) can be found on their website: www.barc.de.

About windream GmbH

windream GmbH develops and distributes the document management and archiving system **windream**. windream GmbH currently employs about 40 people who are involved in development, partner and customer support, distribution and marketing. The company has a network of about 200 distribution, integration and cooperation partners throughout Europe as well as Australia and New Zealand. International enterprises such as ThyssenKrupp, John Deere, Bayer AG, Deutz AG, Dürr AG and König & Bauer are included among the company's customers. Shareholders in windream GmbH are Roger David (Managing Director) and Hanseatische Venture Capital GmbH (HVC), situated in Bremen.

About the windream document management and archiving system

windream, protected by international patent since 1997, is counted amongst the leading solutions for acquiring, administering and archiving electronic documents in the office sector as well as in the field of SAP-integrated applications. **windream** is the first DMS anywhere which is completely integrated into the Windows Operating System.

windream was first released as a single user version in 1998, followed shortly by a network-enabled multi-user version. The current version of **windream** (3.6) has been available in the current version since 2003.

Standard Edition is generally used by smaller and medium-sized companies and the Business Edition by large enterprises. A large variety of integrations, e.g. in ERP and workflow systems, extend the **windream** product portfolio.

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