

CASE STUDY



How IP Fabric became the vital keypart of the Globus network management automation strategy



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Locations
17+ Hypermarkets



Size
60 000m² logistics center



Network size
500+ Managed network devices

About

Globus is a well known hypermarket chain operating in Germany, Czech Republic and Russia. It has over 44,000 employees and an annual revenue of €7.5bn. Globus was founded in 1828, making it one of the oldest retail chains on the market. Besides hypermarkets, Globus is also running its own logistics center.

Challenge

Reduce the real cost of gathering and accumulating vital information concerning network devices and technologies. Gain a clear overview of the actual network, its working processes and standardized workflow. Be constantly up to date about the total scope of the network's projects, troubleshooting and management.

Solution.

Utilization of IP Fabric to be able to provide the complete automation of network documentation and processing. Increase of the operational reliability throughout the whole network assurance. Simple interface website holding all relevant data widely accessible across the whole group and for all Globus teams.

With the ever-changing network environment, constant addition of new technologies and innovative solutions and the standard operation tasks ever increasing cost and need for resources, one of the most compelling struggles Globus was going through in recent times was to maintain all of its network and technologies data up to date and easy to access in the most simple and effective way possible.



Challenge

- Network documentation tasks are either completely neglected due to a lack of resources or done partly on-demand as a part of transformation projects.
- The manual gathering of network information is lengthy and the collected data could only be used during a limited time as they quickly became out-of-date.
- Requested solution should contain fast & simple implementation and onboarding, multi-vendor support, customizable network verification checks and human technical support with short response time.



Solution

- IP Fabric completely automated network documentation tasks and presented the data using an intuitive user interface including simple network visualization.
- IP Fabric's REST API allowed Globus to fully integrate the data in its working system and use them as a base for other tools.
- Complete network overview is being further supported by the historical data comparison option and the assurance engine proactively monitoring possible issues in network configuration.



Benefits

- Data collected by IP Fabric is easily accessible via simple user interface, making handling network operation tasks easier and team collaboration more efficient.
- Automated inventory of network assets enables engineers to fully focus on the network improvement. Reliable overview of network devices led to more efficient decisions and future investment evaluations for individual branches.
- Network verifications let Globus IT team spot potential network issues and instantly fix them.

Customer's take on IPFabric

IP Fabric is a cornerstone of our automation strategy and must-have software for network management.

"I can't overestimate how important IP Fabric was in successfully increasing the overall efficiency of my team. Now I'm finally able to access the complete information required for strategic decisions on my part in a fast and organized way, which actually helps the whole planning process a lot. Thanks to IP Fabric, fully focusing on Globus investments and leading its digital transformation became much easier."



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