

Education

Flexible higher education in a digital world

Capac

To support the continued adoption of digital education, Capac has provided Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 11e devices to teachers and adult students, empowering them to work together in the classroom and beyond.



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Who is Capac?

Capac Polytechnic of Commerce and Tourism offers higher education and training for the tertiary (services) sector of the Italian economy. For more than 50 years, Capac has helped people acquire the skills they need to enter employment or to further their career progression in sectors such as tourism, food service, beauty, and wellness. The organization has 80 employees and works with a further 500 external contractors to deliver training programs to individuals and companies.



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The Challenge

To ensure that people have the appropriate skills to thrive in the modern workplace, employment-related training must adapt to the increasing use of digital services. For Capac, the global pandemic accelerated an established strategy: to evolve higher education and training to encompass new digital tools, and to stretch beyond conventional classroom settings.

Gabriele Cartasegna, General Manager at Capac, says: “To help prepare our adult students for successful careers in the tertiary sector, we are introducing new digital approaches to learning—including the adoption of Microsoft Teams as our primary digital platform for classroom sessions. During the pandemic, this empowered us to immediately pivot to remote learning.”

However, with teaching staff using a variety of laptop computers from different vendors, it was hard to ensure a trouble-free experience for mature learners. Capac wanted to standardize on a small, highly portable device that would offer long battery life, flexible usage, and sufficient toughness to survive the rigors of daily use.

“We wanted a standard laptop for all teaching staff, suitable for delivering classes both remotely and in a classical classroom setting. Having a single vendor was an important element in minimizing the ongoing management of the devices.”

Gabriele Cartasegna
General Manager, Capac

Supporting hybrid digital learning

Following a procurement exercise, Capac opted for fifth-generation Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 11e devices. Equipped with a full-sized water-resistant keyboard and impact- and scratch-resistant glass, the Yoga 11e is an 11.6” convertible laptop designed for Microsoft Windows. It features a flexible 360-degree hinge and 10-point multitouch display, so users can flip between tablet and laptop mode, and its 1.5kg weight and all-day battery life make it a go-anywhere option.

Working with MR*Digital, an IT solution provider with long experience in the education sector, Capac deployed 400 Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 11e devices as part of a wider network and security rebuild project. The Lenovo devices were delivered to teachers across two school sites and to adult students on a two-year ETS (Employment Training and Skills) course.

Hardware

Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 11e

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“The proposal from MR*Digital met our goals for standardized devices from a single vendor and supported by a single partner. The Lenovo Yoga devices have been very well received by both teachers and students.”

Gabriele Cartasegna

General Manager, Capac

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Results

The new Lenovo Yoga 11e devices are proving a great hit with both teachers and students at CAPAC. Users value the long battery life and the flexibility of form-factor that enables them to switch between tablet and laptop modes. And whether they are running hybrid or fully remote classes over Microsoft Teams, or wirelessly projecting to interactive whiteboards in classrooms, teachers appreciate the ease of use and high performance of the Lenovo devices.

The increasing adoption of digital learning at Capac is not only more efficient but also prepares students better for a working world in which IT literacy is vital. “Capac plays an important role in supporting the ongoing development of the Italian tertiary sector,” says Gabriele Cartasegna. “With the help of our Lenovo devices, we are giving our students the right skills for the future.”



Rugged, flexible,
easy-to-use devices



Digital learning
boosts students'
skills



50% savings in IT
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Why **Lenovo**?

The key factor in Capac's selection of Lenovo was the quality of the ThinkPad hardware and its perfect fit with the organization's requirements. The Yoga 11e laptops provide the right combination of compactness, flexibility, efficiency, portability, resilience, and ease of management, at a price that works for Capac.

The strong global reputation of Lenovo was also a factor, as Gabriele Cartasegna explains: "We see Lenovo as a global technology leader, and our investment in Lenovo technology sends a clear message to staff and students that we're trying to create the best platform for mature learners."



Partner perspective: MR*Digital

Founded in 1954, MR*Digital has a long history of proposing innovative solutions using the latest technological transformations. The company today has a highly specialized team of 30 experts, able to offer a full spectrum of IT solutions and support. In its education practice, MR*Digital supports institutions in developing sustainable digital solutions for the challenges that await tomorrow's students.

“We were delighted to be able to help Capac select and deploy the Lenovo devices, and we now provide responsive local support to ensure that they keep working as expected,” says Andrea Russo, CEO of MR*Digital. “Global supply chain issues caused by the pandemic created some challenges during the initial delivery phase, but we were able to work closely with our Lenovo partners to minimize the impact and ensure a successful outcome for Capac.”



How can you empower students to learn from anywhere?

Supporting the continued adoption of digital education with Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga devices.

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