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The Greater Toronto Airports Authority embarked upon a massive renovation several years ago, and decided to double up on its improvements by implementing an infrastructure management system.

When Neptune, N.J.-based Planet Associates arrived at the Toronto Pearson International Airport, cabling documentation was comprised completely of Excel spreadsheets. "The goal was to inventory all cabling, and the systems and services that run on that cabling," said Chris Langley, the GTAA's manager of IT and telecommunications provisioning services.



Toronto's Pearson International Airport

Planet IRM specializes in consolidating infrastructure information. This information is placed into an Oracle repository, after which the visualization component kicks in.

Langley was especially pleased with the geospatial visualization. He said, "For future cabling provisions, there's cost savings, as they come to us first, instead of surveying again." The system is coming in handy during the GTAA's implementation of wireless access points, for instance.

The GTAA is already considering another Planet Associates product, the recently released Intelligent Infrastructure PDF. "We're still putting in things every day, so (up-to-date data) would help us out a lot," said Langley. ☎ 071065

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