SSRS Report Migration

With more than a half century of experience helping Americans plan for and enjoy secure retirements, the Company's personal approach to retirement plans and programs results in customized solutions that fit individual needs. Its products are built on deep market knowledge and designed to help customers retire on their terms.

The Company provides real solutions for real lives by consistently offering innovative products and services that customers can easily understand and use. Simply put, the Company offers choice; because it knows retirement planning is definitely not a one-size-fits-all proposition.

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Industry

• Financial Services

Products

• Microsoft SQL Server

• Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services

Challenge

The Company could no longer justify its investment in Crystal Reports and the accompanying support costs, so it decided to seek an alternative solution that would leverage its SQL Server license.

Solution

Neudesic BI consultant assessed the impact of a switch from Crystal Reports to Microsoft's SQL Server Reporting Services, and then Neudesic subsidiary Amerishore completed a low-risk, cost effective report migration.

Benefit

• Data-driven subscriptions

• Easier integration to the web

• Ability to link and cache reports

• User-friendly design and deployment

• Dynamic reports that can run off report data or independent tables

Project Highlights

• SAP acquired Business Objects, makers of Crystal Reports software which the Company used to run the bulk of its operations

• SAP made a push to sign up previously unlicensed users of Crystal Reports, which included the Company

• The Company determined it could no longer afford the licensing and support costs of Crystal Reports and decided to leverage its investment in Microsoft SQL Server and switch its reporting system to SQL Server Reporting Services

• The Company brought in Neudesic BI consultants to assess the impact a migration from Crystal Reports to SSRS would have on its business

• Neudesic's findings helped the Company develop a plan to address the needs of the business affected by the change

• Neudesic leveraged the services of its subsidiary, Amerishore, to provide a low-cost, low-risk migration solution that delivered approximately 900 reports in four months

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The Challenge

In 2008, German enterprise software corporation, SAP, acquired Business Objects, a French enterprise software company that specializes in business intelligence. At the time, a big part of the Company's operations ran on Crystal Reports, one of Business Objects' key applications.

With its acquisition of Business Objects, SAP was looking to bring on board customers who had previously leveraged Crystal Reports and were not fully licensed. The Company could no longer justify its investment in Crystal Reports and the accompanying support costs, so it decided to switch reporting systems.

The Solution

Since the it already owned the Microsoft suite of software, including SQL Server, the Company asked Neudesic to evaluate the possibility of migrating its reporting system from Crystal Reports to Microsoft's SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS). Neudesic then was asked to provide a cost effective plan to facilitate the change. Neudesic's engagement opportunities with the Company were two-fold and included:

Strategic BI Consulting

A Neudesic BI consultant analyzed the Company's existing Crystal Reports platform to assess the impact of migrating to SSRS. The findings gave the Company an in-depth understanding of what the move would entail and helped it develop a plan to address the needs of the business that would be affected by the change.

Report Migration

Neudesic's subsidiary, Amerishore, provided 14 consultants to facilitate the report migration. Amerishore employs the best and brightest from local colleges and universities—America's next generation of IT professionals—to provide its clients with low cost IT solutions. Through its high-volume, low-defect process, Amerishore migrated approximately 900 reports in 4 months.

The Benefit

Leveraging its SQL Server license, which includes SSRS, the Company saved significant licensing and support costs by moving from Crystal Reports to SSRS. The strategy developed by Neudesic's consultants, combined with the migration efforts of its Amerishore team, resulted in a well-planned, well-executed, and cost-effective alternative to the Company's old Crystal Reports system.

Why Migrate to SSRS?

• Free to use*

• Data-driven subscriptions

• Easier integration to the web

• Ability to link and cache reports

• User-friendly design and deployment

• Dynamic reports that can run off report data or independent tables

*Based on current ownership of SQL Server license

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