Legacy Archiving and System Retirement

Our Customer

A global leader in aviation electronics and communications for government and commercial applications, it provides aviation electronics for the world's aircraft manufacturers and airline customers.

The Problem

During initial go-live with SAP, only current master and transactional data were brought over from legacy systems into SAP. Long term internal and regulatory data retention requirements forced the company to keep the most of the pre-SAP legacy systems information online. This was very costly in terms of system operation and maintenance. From a user perspective, accessing the older information became an unproductive activity. They were also concerned about resource knowledge evaporating over time.

The Solution

Dolphin designed and implemented a solution that allowed the company to output critical information from a variety of legacy platforms in their native format. It went to an intermediate spool directory, was converted to ASCII format and parsed for key attributes. Key attributes were transferred to SAP and stored in their IXOS Archive environment and linked to the key information in SAP. Dolphin's solution established a framework that allows the company to retire multiple legacy systems, and significantly save operational costs year over year.

The Results

- Immediate and ongoing cost savings
- Permits easy, familiar access to all legacy information from SAP
- Required no training
- Satisfies all retention requirements
- Knowledge transfer to internal team to repeat process for "new" legacy systems

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