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Office Products Manufacturing

- Application: Movex ERP, Basware
- Industry: Manufacturing
- Region: EMEA
- Company Size: Large Enterprise

The Background

After a significant merger and multiple acquisitions, the leading brand-name manufacturer of office supplies took on an enterprise-wide cost rationalization of its services. It set up a taskforce to reimagine and deliver economies of scale across its merged estate, to improve business processes and shareholder value. It also began the consolidation of IT assets focused on the creation of a new, streamlined datacenter. Decommissioning legacy ERP applications was integral to the business case.

They needed a solution to access data history from each division seamlessly and autonomously and avoid the cost of maintaining legacy ERP applications in the new datacenter. The company sought a COTS solution.

The Challenge

The client needed a data platform solution that would:

- Consolidate datacenter operations by shrinking the legacy application hardware
- Consistently interpret multiple platform applications' database schemas
- Function independent of the original host
- Accelerate decommissioning cycles
- Not require re-skilling employees
- Price below operation costs

"All the vendors we spoke to could do basic archiving, and, starting from scratch, could create a way to look at each database. What the other vendors could not do, which separates DataNovata from the rest, is provide us with repeatable, scalable, out-of-the-box flexibility to view each database uniquely. It is so easy to make the application native to the user. I don't actually know if some of our users realize they are no longer looking at the old system."

- IT Director -

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The Project

For the first assignment the client provided DataNovata with a data dictionary, index information and data in CSV files with a user requirements document:

- Platform: IBM i-Series
- DBMS: DB2/RPG
- Application: Movex ERP and Basware
- Database size: 50 Gb
- 35 screens to be replicated

The Results

Delivery of data files to completion of UAT in 16 weeks

Data history was accessible independent of the legacy host

Rationalization initiative helped the company reduce its infrastructure costs by 33% estimated at £40K p.a. on the first project

Datacenter consolidation goals were met through shutting down an entire datacenter

Invoice document scans from Basware were linked to the DataNovated Movex tables for easy reference