The Challenge

Today, one of the biggest challenges companies face is how to do more with less. Within the IT budget, one of the largest costs is maintaining legacy systems. Over 70% of the IT budget alone can be designated to maintaining tired or outdated legacy applications and hardware. Such hardware may not only be expensive to maintain, but difficult to acquire as well. It also tends to require more space and have greater power requirements. And maintaining outdated operating systems and databases requires scarce and expensive IT resources.

More often than not, these systems are used infrequently or are for read-only applications. However, many of these systems may need to remain in place for compliance or legal reasons, even though they are no longer actively updated.

The Solution

Application Decommissioning for InfoArchive reduces these costs so you can do more with less. Applications that are no longer actively used are identified and a low maintenance solution is installed to replace the expensive and hard to maintain applications. These applications are effectively “decommissioned” and the new standards-based solution is implemented on lower cost and more efficient hardware. The old applications and hardware are gone, thus removing the cost, and the data is migrated over to an XML-based repository that has access to the legacy data and rigorously meets compliance and legal retention requirements.

Business Benefits

With Application Retirement for InfoArchive, organizations are experiencing compelling ROI with payback in as little as 6 months. This is based on both slashing the maintenance costs of keeping outdated systems up and running, and freeing up precious IT resources to work on new projects critical to the business. Benefits of the solution include:

- A unified view of previously siloed data
- Expanded, more insightful business analytics and reporting
- Lower compliance risk using a modern and secure platform

Takes full advantage of InfoArchive’s enterprise scalability, compliant archiving features, and unique ability to store both structured data and unstructured content.
Flatirons Digital Innovations, Inc. (www.fdiinc.com) builds a more educated and informed society by enabling transparent and accessible digital information. It does this by facilitating timely, accurate, and informed conversations between organizations and their customers that help solve complex content- and data-driven challenges at the heart of business operations. Flatirons is based in Boulder, Colorado.

An Unprecedented, Unified Enterprise View

Application Decommissioning for InfoArchive offers a simple, completely configurable user interface based on familiar web tools such as Java, Google, and Apache. Interfaces can be easily customized to emulate the key search and reporting features of retired applications – thus easing adoption by business users.

Because data from all decommissioned applications is stored in a single XML-based repository – with rigorous enforcement of security and privacy restrictions – both search and reporting can extend across multiple applications, both current and legacy. Reporting can be performed by simple web tools or by the more sophisticated business intelligence and analytics tools you already have.

Key features

Powerful Extract, Transform and Load
- Handles a wide variety of legacy data formats and access points including MVS, CICS, DB2 and print streams
- Batch import supports terabyte scale data loads
- Supports data compression and incremental data migration to tiered storage

Fully-Compliant Archiving
- Central unified storage of legacy data
- Strictly enforces records retention and disposition policies
- ETL tools ensure data is not tampered with and maintain an unbroken chain of custody from data extraction to usage
- Maintains complete audit trail

Holistic View Using Familiar Web Tools
- Provides an integrated, enterprise view of both legacy and current data using popular web tools such as XML, Java, Google Web Toolkit and Apache Tomcat
- Allows flexible global search while maintaining security and privacy restrictions
- Offers a fully configurable user interface
- Supports LDAP / SSO integration

SQL-Based Reporting
- Supports reporting and analytics using your existing Business Intelligence tools
- Offers a broad SQL feature set
- Compatible with Cognos, Jasper iReports, Crystal, Toad, SquirrelL and any other tool that supports a generic JDBC driver
- Allows asynchronous report generation
- Supports export to PDF and Excel editing

Get Started with an On-site Analysis

To help you assess the benefits and ensure the business case will be compelling for you, we offer a free half-day on site initial Portfolio Analysis. This includes:

- Meeting with your business teams and IT organization to identify applications that are candidates for application decommissioning
- Preparing a financial justification and projected ROI
- Defining a project plan that outlines the recommended milestones and tasks required to retire each of these applications
- Preparing a statement of work that defines the initial applications to be decommissioned and the scope of a proof of concept implementation
- Presenting findings to your project sponsors and stakeholders

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