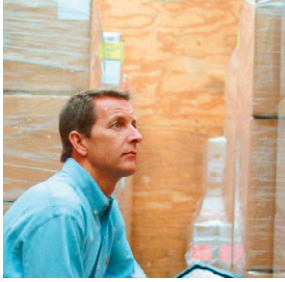


ANJAC: Migrating Information System from HP e3000 to HP 9000



Following the HP e3000 migration to HP 9000, our core applications provide the same look and feel – and we are now in an excellent position to expand our application portfolio.

- René Raffray, Chief Information Officer,
ANJAC Group, France

Distributing equipment to industry and the construction trades

ANJAC, a group of wholesale companies and subsidiaries based in France, is divided in three branches. ANJAC-CSI is the leading company of one branch which trades in 60,000 items – ranging from HVAC and plumbing to construction and carpentry supplies, workshop furnishings and professional-grade tools.

Leveraging applications for investment protection

In 2003, the time had come for ANJAC to replace its HP e3000 server – after twenty years of trouble-free operation. “We investigated a dozen or so mainstream ERP systems. None of them was ‘right’ for our requirements. Also, the risks and costs associated with the implementation of a completely new ERP system were far too great. You cannot so easily implement an ERP system if you already have an organization and a process in place worldwide. We decided to keep our proven business applications – which were fully aligned with our processes – and to port these to the HP 9000 server platform. After all, our existing applications reflected 20 years of experience and ongoing functionality development,” recalls René Raffray, CIO, ANJAC Group.

Iterative approach

In September 2003, ANJAC signed an agreement with Metaware on “no application and performance regression”. Under this agreement, Metaware completed its part of ANJAC’s migration project in June 2004.

“Metaware handled the migration of our data, our databases and our software, while the ANJAC team defined the migration objectives and prepared the tests. A considerable part of the migration tasks were completed by a robot through a number of iteration cycles. When Metaware presented the result of the migration, we were very pleased. A key advantage of Metaware’s approach was that we didn’t need to change a single line of code in our commercial applications. That’s because Metaware deployed software connectors for access to SQL and Oracle, enabling us to retain the spirit of the HP intrinsic access code in our existing applications as well as in new ones,” explains René Raffray.

Big bang

The new HP 9000 based environment went live in a "big bang" on June Saturday 19, 2004. When the 200 users at ANJAC arrived at work on Monday morning, they saw the same familiar GUI on their terminals.

"There has been no disruption of business processes during or following the migration. Our HP 9000 server has not let us down once since the migration day".

Future

"Now that we use HP-UX, we can draw on a much richer set of software products and a comprehensive library of tools for the development of new functionalities in WEB mode— and we are in a fairly good position to bring other subsidiaries of the ANJAC group onto our system," says René Raffray.

Prior to migration	Following migration	Benefits achieved
1 One HP e3000 959 server using MPE/iX	One HP 9000 rp5470 production server using HP-UX One HP 9000 rp 2405 server for development One HP 9000 rp 2470 front-end server with Oracle 10gAS	Greater performance and openness
HP Cobol compiler	MicroFocus Cobol compiler	Solid foundation for future developments
Turbolimage database	Oracle database	Scalable standard solution
Custom applications	Custom applications	Continuity and user acceptance

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