



Optim™ Case Study: Decommissioning

Reducing Costs, Increasing Optim™ ROI

From Archiving to Decommissioning

When two companies merge, frequently one organization's IT systems will become the system of record for customer data and transactions. The other systems, however, are often maintained in a non-production capacity for reporting purposes. Maintaining non-production systems an organization must incur the costs necessary to support the application including hardware, licensing and technical staff. These costs not only add up quickly, but recur year after year.

Fortunately, these costs can be eliminated while reporting requirements and access to the data can be preserved.

Project Background

BTRG recently performed a data privacy and test data management project for our leading online brokerage client using IBM's Optim™ product.

Upon its conclusion, the project team turned its attention to the myriad of non-production, legacy systems the client was maintaining in its data center. A decision was made to cut costs by decommissioning a series of these legacy systems. **This project followed 6 simple steps:**

-  BTRG led the process to select an application for decommissioning.
-  Working with business users, BTRG developed a detailed understanding of the reporting requirements. This step would be key to retaining access to the data in the format users were most accustomed to.
-  BTRG designed and developed an archiving solution using the client's existing licensing of IBM's Optim™ product. Our solution would provide access to the data using standard reporting tools already in use by the client.
-  BTRG lead the client through the proper configuration and testing of the archived reporting solution.
-  BTRG identified the final steps necessary to decommission the application and transition to the archived reporting solution.
-  BTRG conducted knowledge transfer session in order to enable the client team member to enhance and maintain the solution in-house.



Project Results

This project delivered results to multiple groups of stakeholders.

First, the business users are able to access the same critical data using the same tools they previously used. However, there was a slight, *but universally accepted*, drop in performance.

Second, the client was able to retire legacy hardware, OS licenses, database licenses and support time—both internal and external. Considering that the decommissioning project represented a one-time cost while the support costs were incurred annually, the ROI on this project increases every year.

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