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Risk Management Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence

Fortune 500 Financial Institution Implements BusinessObjects XI

COMSYS recently acquired Praeos Technologies Inc., a leading Atlanta-based provider of IT consulting services specializing in the business intelligence, data warehousing and analytics sectors.

Praeos' strong practice in business intelligence and data warehousing have become the platform for these services offerings within the COMSYS Managed Solutions Group. Together, these combined business intelligence practices, now called COMSYS BI Practice make COMSYS a leading provider in these sectors.

RISK MANAGEMENT DATA WAREHOUSING & BI – INTRODUCTION

Our client, one of the largest banks in America, engaged COMSYS in a multi-phased, multi-pronged risk management data warehousing and BI initiative. This effort was focused on three key areas: Commercial Credit Modeling, Asset Quality Reporting and Anti-Money Laundering.

Our client was looking for a partner that could efficiently manage project teams across these three areas and ensure that the unique business solution for each area also included a common IT design and approach. Once

on site, the COMSYS BI team conducted the strategy efforts to better define the issues, objectives and solution approaches. At our client's request, the team conducted a BI tool selection process, resulting in the Acquisition of BusinessObjects XI R2. BusinessObjects was selected based on its alignment with our client's goals and guiding principles including an out-of-the-box solution which includes OLAP multidimensional databases and servers and an OLAP front end application.

The projects were all managed by COMSYS BI and the teams were a combination of COMSYS and client staff. The COMSYS roles included:

- Project and Program Management
- Data Architects
- Data Analysts
- Data Integration Lead and developers
- Business Analysts
- BusinessObjects Architect and Developers

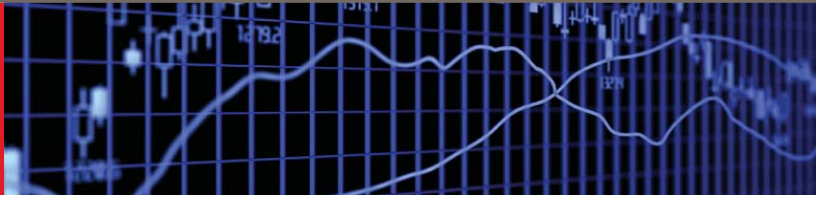
COMSYS partnered closely with our client, and established a collaborative environment where we shared our expertise and helped educate IT and business stakeholders on the challenges and risks unique to these kinds of projects.



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ASSET QUALITY REPORTING

The accurate reporting of credit activity is a critical component utilized by executives, auditors, and regulators to execute sound management decisions and provide proper oversight to lending activities. COMSYS assisted the Corporate Credit Administration group in an effort to address the following inefficiencies of their existing solution:

1. reports from the old reporting tool did not meet the usability requirements of executives, because either validation and reconciliation controls were inconsistently applied, or irregular formatting led to confusion
2. the shadow IT organization that supported the solution was unpredictable and inefficient in its ability to respond to enhancement requests
3. IT was not responsible for ensuring the right data was available to the users

COMSYS worked with the IT department to leverage the Commercial Credit Modeling platform as the solution for Corporate Credit Administration. COMSYS extended the architecture and production support capabilities of the existing solution, adding twelve more source systems.

The BusinessObjects XI deployment enabled staffers from the business to return to their expertise of data analytics, rather than the data integration/movement efforts by which they had previously been encumbered.

These projects were a significant win for:

- Corporate Credit Administration because the overall solution was less expensive and more quickly deployed than alternatives
- the I.S. organization because of economies of scale in production support, and the ability to utilize the delivery capability of existing teams
- Executives in the lines because two separate groups are now reconciling to each other by virtue of leveraging the same high-quality data within a single platform
- Executives in I.S. because the shadow IT organization was absorbed back into I.S., and existing resources were successfully re-tooled to support the Platform and other I.S. applications and projects

The COMSYS BI team was able to effectively deploy BusinessObjects XI as a part of each of the three Risk Management projects for each of the corresponding business units. By following the COMSYS BI/DW methodology for each project, our team helped ensure that the solutions complemented each other, were easily maintained by IT, and easily modified by the business.