

Efficient migrating of database resources

Fortune 100 client taps Sun & Universal to transition to Solaris

Our client

Headquartered in Boston, our client is a world leader in personal care products for both men and women. A fortune 100 company with nearly \$10 billion in sales, its corporate portfolio also includes many of the most recognized brands of staple consumer products.

Objectives and issues

Our client hosted its Oracle 8i data warehouse on HP-UX servers. Following Hewlett-Packard announcement that they would no longer support their release, the company decided to migrate its 2TB worth of data to Sun Solaris. Of course, such an undertaking needed to be carefully planned in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition to the new system.

It was recognized that internal resources would be insufficient to that task, which is why the end client entrusted Sun Professional Services with that delicate task.

What Universal delivered

Universal provided Sun Microsystems with an Oracle Certified Professional that cumulated 9+ years of experience as a senior database administrator. His task was to provide the end client with a proof of concept, thoroughly testing third party tools (including BNC and FAST Download) and designing the complex system that would be required in order to transpose the Oracle 8i database onto Solaris.

Value to our customer

The alliance between Sun Microsystems and Universal Software delivered real value to the client. We provided the company with a top-notch Consultant that was able to single-handedly complete the whole proof of concept. The client is now totally ready to undertake the transition at any convenient time.

Relished by the work ethics, the expertise and the flexibility of our Consultant, Sun and the end client were also amazed by the speed at which he was able to deliver the results. Initially, the proof of concept was to last for five months. Our Consultant delivered a complete system, thoroughly tested and ready to use, in *only three months*, translating into a superior ROI for all parties involved.

Objectives

- Completing a proof of concept on the migration of an Oracle 8i database from HP-UX to Solaris

Issues

1. 2 TB, mission-critical system
2. Internal resources insufficient to complete that task

Solution

Creation of a complete proof of concept, including thoroughly testing third party tools to be used in the migration project:

- BNC
- FAST Download
- Oracle 8i
- Solaris

Results

- ✓ Complete, robust proof of concept
- ✓ A flexible, professional and "emotionally intelligent" Consultant

ROI delivered

- ✓ A five-month project delivered in only three months