“With Xtract IS, we can extract data from SAP with ease and efficiency and make it usable for Business Intelligence requirements.”

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Overview of solutions

Company
For over 80 years, the name JUST has been synonymous with the development, production, and successful direct selling of particularly high-end products within personal care, cosmetics, and household products in Switzerland and over 30 other countries. The traditional Swiss company uses the power of the herb to those ends, and thus creates the basis for well-being and quality of life. Sales are made in a traditional way via personal contact either in individual consultations or in the party plan system. More than 60,000 sales consultants worldwide represent the JUST brand name. 350 employees work in Development, Production, Administration, and Sales in the Swiss head office of JUST Schweiz AG. The company also has a production site in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Challenge
Integrating SAP ERP system into BI Suite Bissantz DeltaMaster.

Solution
SAP interface Xtract IS with BI component DeltaQ for integration between SAP and MS SQL Server.

Advantages
- Integration of SAP data into BI solution Bissantz DeltaMaster
- Access to SAP data via Microsoft SQL Server Integration Services
- Flexible data extraction through specific modules
- Metadata-supported data flow modeling without program knowledge
- Lots of time saved through native access

Data source
SAP ECC 6.0, Excel

Company
The JUST brand name guarantees sensible and responsible action toward nature, since plants of Swiss origin from controlled areas of cultivation with a clear proof of efficacy are used primarily for the production of the numerous cosmetics, personal care products, and household products. 30 countries are supplied with creams, bath essences, body lotions, shampoos, and many other items, which are produced under the strictest of controls in Walzenhausen, the headquarters of JUST Schweiz AG. Staying true to its motto, which is to always visit its customers in person, the JUST brand name delivers on what it promises. Its products, with their unique quality, are sold worldwide via personal contact by its consultants numbering over 60,000. The connection between tradition and the guts to innovate is a part of JUST’s corporate philosophy. That goes not only for product development, but also in the field of information technology.

The traditional Swiss company is thus using SAP ERP (ECC 6.0) to map all key business units in its head office.

Challenges
There was a need for optimization in reporting. To date, an employee from Accounting was needed to create a monthly report on the basis of data from SAP (80-90 percent), Excel and third party systems. Creating this report takes 5 days per month. In addition, the company wanted to also be able to generate department-specific key figures. In this case, the evaluation of data directly in SAP was also too complicated and time-intensive. Given this background, JUST decided to implement a business intelligence solution. 5 different BI suites with corresponding extractors and data transfer modules were evaluated for the integration of the SAP data. The implementation of SAP BW was ruled out at the outset due to its content complexity and high costs.

Solution
DeltaMaster from Bissantz was able to be implemented. A key factor for...
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