ARCHIVING SAP® DATA: MANAGE DATA VOLUME GROWTH, MAINTAIN ACCESS TO DATA, INCREASE PERFORMANCE

THE BUSINESS CHALLENGE
Whether the challenge is big data, economic recovery issues, acquisitions or divestitures, business process systems continue to generate data. And keeping high transactional data volumes online in your SAP® system is expensive and risky. Rapid data and document volume growth frequently cause system performance and productivity to plummet, frustrating users and saddling IT with higher maintenance costs.

The business challenge is not simply storage or archiving, although that is part of the equation, but Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) – from data creation, retention and retrieval requirements to data storage and finally, data destruction.

Managing data volume starts with critical questions: What information is being archived? How long will you keep it? Which records must be on fast-access disk, and which can go to long-term archives? Are your policies in compliance with business policies and industry regulations? How can you cost-effectively manage records on legacy systems? And what about carve-outs, migrations and decommissioning older systems?

Most importantly: How can users always be guaranteed seamless access to the records they need when they need them without system performance issues?

THE DOLPHIN SOLUTION
Dolphin provides data volume management and archiving solutions for all SAP systems – ECC, BW, CRM, SRM and others – that fit into a comprehensive ILM strategy.

While SAP provides a standard framework for archiving functionality, Dolphin delivers best practices and proven solutions that can stabilize data growth, help manage policies for data residency and retention based on business needs, and reduce costs. Since 1995, Dolphin has helped hundreds of SAP customers, across all industries, take the time and cost out of archiving.

At the same time, archived data is seamlessly accessible and retrievable. Business users often fear data archiving, concerned that they will lose access to critical information. Dolphin has found that the key to faster and simpler implementation is upfront planning. We begin with collaboration between the IT team that manages the data and the business people who use it. Using SAP tools and Dolphin-developed applications, Dolphin analyzes business, technical and functional needs to create a comprehensive data archiving blueprint. When the need dictates, we provide archive data retrieval capabilities with PBS archive software to ensure easy, transparent access to archived data. (See example.) For users, no additional training is needed.

Dolphin also offers a compelling strategy to help companies meet their goals for a lean, flexible, efficient infrastructure to achieve significant savings, performance improvements and lay the foundation for leveraging SAP HANA™ – the vehicle for truly maximizing the potential benefits of big data now or in the future.

A TYPICAL DOLPHIN DATA ARCHIVING PROJECT INCLUDES:
- SAP ERP database analysis with standard SAP and Dolphin developed tools.
- Functional and technical assessment of data archiving requirements.
- Onsite workshop to train your team and gather retrieval requirements.
- Blueprint and training for implementation of data archiving.
STANDARD SAP

PBS ARCHIVE ADD ONS

PBS archive retrieval delivers transparent access to online and archived transactions.

What can businesses hope to achieve from an archiving strategy? The results are:

- **Increased Performance**: including smaller database size, faster data load, queries, back up, refreshes and upgrades.
- **Sustainable and Predictive Growth**: including reduced storage and server growth.
- **Reduced Total Cost of Ownership**: including operational, system infrastructure and administrative savings.

ABOUT DOLPHIN

Dolphin leads the way in SAP business performance improvement and is the one partner that manages both data and processes. From data and information lifecycle management to end-to-end solutions for SAP procure-to-pay and order-to-cash processes, Dolphin delivers a competitive advantage that drives cost savings, optimizes cash flows and fosters a lower total cost of ownership. Leveraging SAP technology, Dolphin’s data lifecycle and business process management solutions, and SAP-certified add-on applications, have built-in flexibility and are designed to be tailored to each customer’s specific business processes and IT environments.

The company was founded in 1995 and has offices in San Jose, CA, Philadelphia, PA and Toronto, Canada. Dolphin’s smart, adaptable and proven solutions are implemented by hundreds of companies across North America and around the world. Among Dolphin customers are more than one-third of Fortune 100™ companies running SAP systems.

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