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Requirements

- > Generate documents for its Oracle® implementation
- > Quickly and easily create and modify document output from Oracle® applications
- > Customize reports on the fly
- > Deliver documents to global offices cost-effectively

Solution

FormScape® V3 generates documents for the company's Oracle® financials, supply chain management, order management, and manufacturing applications.

Results

- > Generates documents for multiple Oracle® applications
- > Improves developer efficiency, thereby reducing costs
- > Simplifies report customizations
- > Lowers costs for postage and collating

INDUSTRY

Chemical manufacturing

COMPANY

A privately held company based in Rolla, MO, Brewer Science is a leader in innovative chemical and instrumentation solutions for the microelectronics, optoelectronics, MEMS, and sensor industries. Brewer Science employs more than 300 people with 17 offices in nine countries.

NUMBER OF PAGES PRINTED

20 invoices, 100-150 purchase orders, 50-60 each of sales orders/pick slips/pack slips weekly

FORMSCAPE PRODUCTS

FormScape V3

ERP SOLUTION

Oracle® Financials, HR, Supply Chain Management, Order Management, Discrete Manufacturing, Process Manufacturing

Brewer Science uses FormScape V3 to simplify document creation efficiency and reduce costs

Brewer Science manufactures chemicals that aviation, automotive, diagnostic, communications, and computer manufacturing companies use to make electronic and semiconductor products. Several years ago, Brewer Science migrated from its "stovepipe" legacy systems onto the Oracle® integrated supply chain, order management, financials, and manufacturing applications in order to share data throughout these processes. At the same time, the company replaced the multiple document output solutions it had used with each legacy system with a single FormScape solution that could generate documents for all Oracle® processes more efficiently, flexibly, and cost-effectively.

As Michael Baxter, Application Developer in the MIS Division of Brewer Science, Inc., explains, "We needed a solution that would allow us to easily customize the Oracle® standard output to fit our business needs. FormScape V3 allowed us to generate the output we wanted more quickly and easily."

A GLOBAL SOLUTION

Today the company uses FormScape V3 to generate documents for many of its Oracle® applications. These include financial and procurement documents such as invoices, RFQs, purchase orders, credit memos, and checks, as well as manufacturing and order management documents such as job pick lists, sales order acknowledgements, pick slips, and pack slips. One FormScape server generates all documents for the entire company, which are then printed locally at 15 offices, including the company's Rolla, MO, headquarters, as well as at offices in England and Hong Kong.

A FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION

With the FormScape V3 solution, Brewer Science has benefited from the ability to create and generate documents flexibly, efficiently and cost-effectively. Says Baxter, "Our previous solution made it difficult to create custom documents. It involved the use of several different tools that did not allow for rapid report customization relative to the inevitable evolution of user requirements. FormScape V3's easy-to-use, drag-and-drop document development environment, however, allows us to use minimal staff resources to create highly customized documents

and to modify those documents when necessary. As a result, we are able to reduce development costs and do more with our existing staff."

In terms of efficiency, FormScape V3's document generation capabilities such as report bursting allowed the company to automatically present targeted information to individual users. If a particular Oracle® report, moreover, does not already contain the data that an individual user requires, IT can use FormScape V3 to directly query the Oracle database and add the necessary information to the report, eliminating the tedious process of modifying the original Oracle® report.

Additionally, Brewer Science delivers documents via remote print servers, saving the company the cost of mailing documents from headquarters to its worldwide offices. Conditional logic automatically collates related documents online rather than requiring this to be done manually, further streamlining operations. In the future, the company plans to add options to deliver documents in PDF format via email.

As a result of the overall increased efficiency Brewer Science has achieved from FormScape V3, Baxter says, "We are able to use the time we save from document creation tasks for other areas of our Oracle® implementations and to improve our business processes overall."

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