

Case Study – Group Currency Conversion

Customer **Electronic Media Publisher**
Industry **Media**

About Customer

A publisher and distributor of computer software, home entertainment media and related products. The company produces anim  video and publishes computer software. Its distribution services provide complete distribution and third-party logistics (3PL) services to North American retailers and their suppliers.

The distribution segment distributes non-proprietary PC software, video games, and DVD Video. It focuses on providing retailers and publishers with high-quality services for broad, efficient distribution, including vendor-managed inventory, Electronic Data Interchange services, fulfillment services, cross docking and assumed receipt as well as a variety of retailer-oriented marketing services.

The publishing segment manages, owns or holds exclusive licensing rights of PC software, video game and DVD content through its majority owned subsidiaries. The publishing business licenses, packages, markets and sells these products to third-party distributors and directly to retailers.

Business Challenge

The company has been already using classic FI-GL for many years. The company had moved to New-GL and at a late stage of the project realized that missing Group Currency configuration would prevent effective financial reporting from New-GL.

QS&S Solution

After detailed review and understanding, the QS&S team recommended activation of Group Currency for all USD company codes in New-GL, after the New-GL conversion. One of the biggest challenges was to activate Group Currency with New-GL active which has a more complex set of tables than Classic-GL. The QS&S team used the SAP Data Re-organization Optimizer (SDRO) toolset and solutions approach with detailed & comprehensive methodology. Using the toolset the existing transaction data was updated. A detailed project plan was developed, which included four full test conversions, multiple data check points and extensive transactional testing.

Benefits

The activation of Group Currency allows consistent USD reporting across all company codes.
Group Currency values are visible on-line for all FI documents
Allows development of Group Currency reports using SAP standard tools, e.g. Report Writer.
Maximizes the value of the New-GL implementation.

Quick Facts

- Group Currency Activation & Conversion (GCAC)
- 4 Company codes world-wide
- Global SAP instance (ECC 6.0)
- 3.0 Tb Database
- Approx 500 Million Objects converted
- 3 Conversions

Technology

- SAP ECC 6.0
- SAP Application Modules – FI & CO

Methodology

QS&S's SAP Data Re-organization Optimizer (SDRO) toolset and approach was focused on the following areas:

- Self-developed structured methodology for the conversion process, which has been developed by experience and tested over multiple conversions
- Phased methodology with step-by-step guide to manage the whole conversion cycle
- The methodology offers extensive analysis and validations functions for managing the scope and impact – functional applications usage and technical tables usage
- Offers very granular level Audit and Validations controls to assure the consistency and integrity of SAP data – before and after the conversion
- Offers flexible mapping options to manage the data to meet dynamic and changing requirements
- Extensive and robust technical features to manage extremely large amount of data, with options to split the jobs, create system recovery points, simulations and optimal performance
- Offers options to manage business impact – Minimum downtime and minimum resources
- In-built project management tools for managing critical initiative – Dashboard, Step-by-step guide, Traffic-light status, Detailed tasks/activities/sub-activities, Documentations and more
- Little project effort needed because of extensive object libraries
- Tools for the verification of system consistency

Why QS&S?

- Acknowledged SAP Financials Experts in the industry
- Managed, handled many of the most complex Financials projects
- Most qualified team with Business, Functional and Technical Skills
- Deep knowledge and understanding of SAP processes, procedures and functions

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