GSI Helps Organization Migrate JD Edwards To Oracle ERP Cloud

A long-time partner to the company, GSI stepped in at the perfect time. Dealing with an overwhelmed staff and an ongoing ERP migration project, the IT team has been experiencing delays in its response to JD Edwards and the Oracle ERP Cloud tickets (from financials applications all the way to the security modules) in a timely manner. They experienced a similar scenario during the implementation of the Oracle Cloud HCM applications and had reached out to GSI for assistance to minimize or avoid having their internal resources to go through the same rigor again.

Staff members are still adjusting to the Oracle Cloud applications while supporting the current JD Edwards system and, as the project goes on, the tickets will pile up. "When we got involved, they were in need of additional resources who understand file structures, conversions and are able to cross between their current release of JD Edwards EnterpriseOne and the Oracle ERP Cloud," said Jonnel Tenorio, a GSI Senior Techno-Functional Consultant. "GSI's team has experience with both platforms and we were able to jump in and provide a lot of value in several key areas or groups that needed assistance."

This organization with a diversified portfolio of business interests turns to GSI to help it make the successful transition from JD Edwards to Oracle Cloud ERP.

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When addressing specific business units or security roles within JDE, for example, GSI was able to effectively cross-reference or translate those entities into the Oracle Cloud space. "They needed assistance from someone who understood table structures between Oracle and JDE," said Tenorio, who also helped one of the AR Managers to populate and generate its Oracle FBDI (File Based Data Import) conversion template from the current JDE ERP accounts receivable (A/R) information into the Oracle Cloud Receivables application.

As many organizations have come to realize, managing multiple different entities and business interests can be challenging with on-premise enterprise solutions that don't leverage the cloud. When JD Edwards wasn't able to meet the needs of one large organization with a diversified portfolio of revenue generating businesses, it turned to GSI, Inc., for assistance with implementing a unified, cloud-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) platform.

Leveraging Key Enhancements

GSI also provided the multifaceted organization some key inputs to compare functionalities of JDE and Oracle Cloud ERP (both Oracle product suites). For example, Oracle Cloud ERP comes with an enhanced notifications process and watchlist—both of which are a staple for Oracle but recent tools release additions for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. Another attractive selling point was the fact that Oracle releases its updates every quarter on a predictable basis, whereas JDE requires regular software patching and other maintenance based on cumulative system fixes and enhancements. Particularly interested in Oracle Cloud ERP's built-in dashboards (especially for financials), the organization liked the platform's interface and the fact that it could run and grow its many different, geographically-dispersed businesses on a single, cloud-based platform. The Oracle ADF desktop integration or ADFDI is a feature that enables integration with Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to manage large volumes of data via Excel into the Oracle ERP Cloud applications – a helpful tool to assist with data entry and validation across all modules. Furthermore, Oracle Smart View offers a common Microsoft Office interface that was designed specifically for integration to Oracle's EPM (Enterprise Performance Management and Business Intelligence contents).

Testing, Testing...

GSI is also providing support assistance with the company's key third-party applications that are integrated to JD Edwards that is in the process of migration into the Oracle Cloud ERP. For example, the third-party automated invoice processing solution that has become vital to the company's day-to-day invoice processes. Coming from an IT environment where business intelligence (BI) tools were standard or out of the box, the organization will now take advantage of OBIEE (Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition) and continue to utilize and benefit from the output capability of BI Publisher. It can also drill down within its reports and analytics, both of which provide much higher levels of operational visibility. For instance, it can now extract extremely granular information about the ledgers and subledgers located within its balance sheets from a single dashboard or output source. GSI is also playing an important role in validating and cross-referencing various types of conversion data via Oracle Cloud FBDI (File Based Data Import) templates— a process that should result in much cleaner and more simplified data.

"We're still doing lot of testing, mapping and validation" said Jonnel, "with the goal of delivering these assigned tasks on time". GSI is also assisting in the creation of the secured environment that will host all the historical JD Edwards transactions after the cutover.

Tackling a Complex Process

GSI got the job done when it came to this complex conversion project. "There just aren't that many companies that have experience with both platforms, have had experience migrating from JDE to Oracle ERP Cloud, and understand all of the data and table mappings," said Shawn Scanlon, EVP at GSI. "It was a natural fit."

Because GSI understands both systems inside and out, it knows which terminology to apply to which platform. "It's as if you visited a foreign country and didn't speak the language, but you had someone there to translate for you," Scanlon explains. "We can provide this expertise for any company that's looking to make a similar move."

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