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Sybase in the Mirror

The whole SAP system landscape of W. Schneider+Co AG has been migrated from Microsoft SQL Server to SAP Sybase ASE

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Starting Point

Both, hardware and operating systems of the SAP system landscape at W. Schneider+Co AG have been getting on in years. While the SAP Releases itself have been upgraded last year, it was time to lift the underlying parts to the most recent level as well.

Due to the difficult negotiations on licensing agreements with Microsoft and SAP, as well as to reduce costs, Schneider was looking for a new database system as well.

Instead of upgrading the already existing Microsoft SQL Servers 2005 to the more recent version SQL Server 2012, the company opted for a migration to the latest version of the SAP Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise (ASE).

In a first planning meeting, W. Schneider+Co AG and syslink staff jointly evaluated the opportunities and risks of the relatively new combination of SAP NetWeaver and SAP Sybase ASE.

For the SAP Release upgrades to the latest SAP ECC and SAP Solution Manager versions, the management team of W. Schneider+Co AG already selected syslink as service provider.

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syslink is monitoring the SAP systems of W. Schneider+Co AG as a remote service by means of its own System Management Solution syslink Xandria for many years already. In addition, syslink provides vacation and other absence covers for SAP Basis operation tasks.

"In the light of our many years of good experience with the syslink operations team it has been an easy decision to award this project to syslink without further evaluation" says Silvan Mächler, IT Manager at W. Schneider+Co AG.

Project Path

W. Schneider+Co AG is running a classical 3-system landscape and an SAP Solution Manager under their own responsibility. As there are almost no connecting interfaces to other IT systems, the layout of the migration project was very simple.

"Our customer has provided four new Microsoft Windows Servers 2012 R2 on top of a virtualized Hyper-V infrastructure. We simply migrated the old systems to the new ones by performing a heterogenous system copy. The transition to the new SAP Sybase ASE ran very smoothly" says Remo Zimmermann, Project Manager at syslink.

Within this transition the service provider also installed the latest kernel patches for the SAP systems. After a brief acceptance test phase the systems were handed over to the customer.

Conclusion

Besides the smooth technical transition, both sides emphasized the direct and quick communication lines that supported a mutual understanding at any point in time. And it was key for finishing this project within a very short period of time.

Now the SAP landscape at W. Schneider+Co AG is in good shape again ensuring continuously reliable SAP system operation during the next couple of years.

Thanks to a high degree of automation of the SAP Sybase ASE, and in conjunction with the System Management Solution syslink Xandria, the efforts in database administration can be reduced. This is an important point first of all to small sized enterprises.

In Brief

Company

Schneider, with its head office in Langnau am Albis is the leading manufacturer of mirror cabinets and illuminated mirrors in Switzerland.

Today roughly 85 workers in Switzerland ensure that the Schneider name stands for quality, reliability, and variety in Switzerland and throughout Europe.

The foreign bases in Germany, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Italy, and Russia produce an export quota of 19,5%.

SAP System Environment

» 3-System Landscape
» Solution Manager

Releases

» SAP ECC 6.0 EHP 7
» SAP Solution Manager 7.1
» Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
» SAP Sybase ASE 16