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Product: *Data Academy*



Data Academy has many benefits. From my perspective, it's enabled us as a CCG to have a long-term strategy, plan and project. And (based on industry published statistics) it has enabled us to be one of the 30% of organisations that have achieved success in their data management projects.

These statements are made based on continued, sustained and consistent levels of success achieved over many years, as we adopted Data Academy many years ago.

The methodologies we have adopted with the assistance of the Data Academy development environment mean that as people join and leave the CCG, we're able to maintain consistency. The development of our SQL Server-based data management solutions are to our singular standards, and not governed or determined by each contributing individual's capabilities or views as to what they should be. This gives us consistency and continuity across our whole development environment.

This completely eliminated our dependence on any individual within the project. Our projects are much better controlled and managed, and developer efficiency using Data Academy is far higher than with them working directly with SQL Server. As such, the risks of projects failing or going off track are now virtually zero.

We've also been able to roll some of our Data Academy projects out to a number of staff who would describe

themselves as non-technical. Due to the ease of use of the developed applications and Data Academy itself, they're not fazed by interacting with it.

We've also found that staff morale is greater, as the team feel they are making a positive contribution – especially when they see the visibility of the active and dynamic dashboards that are around the CCG, and knowing that they're all driven by the underlying data management system they contributed to creating.

Enabling the team to work with the high-level, state-of-the-art data management development technologies of Data Academy has a real 'feel good' factor for all involved, and is another morale booster.

Interestingly, while human nature is such that people want to stay with what they feel comfortable with, enforcing standards and forcing new starters to adapt and work with the new technologies wasn't something we had a problem with. I think that once they saw the benefits the Data Academy development platform offered them, there was little resistance.

For us it ticks all the boxes.

