

Raiffeisen International

A success story

Apparo Fast Edit







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IT environment:

Monthly data collection and preparation (Microsoft SQL Server)

- Approx. 150,000 data points per month
- Data uploaded in several cycles per day
- Cognos as the primary reporting tool
- Monthly/quarterly management reports (printable)
- Charts and dashboards (online management information tool)
- Data quality reports
- Documentation (product catalogue, financial information)
- Online analysis

17 markets in Central and Eastern Europe

- 15 banks, 18 leasing companies and other financial services (asset management, pension funds, etc.)
- 61,969 employees
- 65 contributing departments
- 250 users

Before they discovered Apparo Fast Edit:

Manual document creation:

- Any comments or text required in the document were incorporated using screenshots taken from existing reports
- Communication via Excel and CSV flat files
- Error reports and feedback on data quality were collected using Excel

Management of master data and control parameters:

- Within SQL tables
- No front ends, no validation



The Apparo Fast Edit solution:

Online document creation:

- Text and comments can be added directly to the report
- Single source of truth: various departments can add comments to the same report
- The Cognos report serves as a hand-out and presentation medium
- Screenshots and manually created documents are no longer necessary
- The document and Cognos report no longer need to be manually synchronised
- Excel and CSV flat files are no longer required for communication

Data quality management:

- The results of data validation (error lists) are provided in Cognos reports
- Those responsible for data can record every error directly in the report; flat files no longer need to be sent
- Data recipients (controllers) can accept or reject comments directly in the report and assign due dates for correct delivery
- 'Friction loss' in communication is a thing of the past
- Statements about the current level of data quality can be made more quickly

Management of master data and control parameters:

- Front ends without Cognos reports (business cases and BC groups)
- Related tables can be consolidated into BC groups
- Look-up and drop-down elements ensure data integrity
- System can be adapted quickly and easily
- Specialist development tools (Java, VBA, etc.) are not required



Summary:

Increased efficiency

- Documents no longer need to be created manually
- Various departments can add comments to reports at the same time

Speed

- With the elimination of screenshots, reports can be created more quickly
- Presentations no longer need to be created in PowerPoint

Increased quality

- No discrepancies between the document and the latest version of the report
- Single source of truth in cross-departmental work
- Data integrity more easily ensured during the master data and parameter control management process