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CASE STUDY: BCS COMMITS ITS FUTURE TO DATAFLOW ACCOUNTING SYSTEM



A long-term Dataflow customer, the British Computer Society (BCS) has chosen to upgrade to Dataflow32.

A THRIVING, MEMBERSHIP-LED ORGANISATION

The British Computer Society is a registered charity with over 38,000 individual and corporate members worldwide.

It offers a comprehensive range of services, including: qualifications, examinations, technical and professional publications, training and an extensive programme of live events.

The society has over 40 branches nationwide and a further 50 specialist groups. Members are entitled to a range of benefits that come with subscription and the Society's accounts system handles sales and purchases related to these activities.

Increasing volumes of business and a growing need for more systems functionality lead the BCS to conclude it had outgrown its existing accounting software.

The search for a replacement began in earnest when the new Finance Manager, Wendy Franklin, joined the Society.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SOLUTION

Although they had worked successfully with Dataflow in the past, they were committed to a thorough review of the options and a rigorous selection process.

As Wendy explained, it was not a foregone conclusion that the Society would stay with its existing system provider.

"WE QUICKLY CONCLUDED THAT ONLY DATAFLOW32 WOULD GIVE US THE EASE OF USE AND FLEXIBILITY OF A TRUE WINDOWS PRODUCT."

WENDY FRANKLIN, FINANCE MANAGER, BCS

RAPID MIGRATION SPEEDS RETURN ON INVESTMENT

There was an immediate advantage in choosing to stay with a Dataflow system. The Society had set itself the challenge of going live with the new system at the start of its new financial year, in just four weeks' time, and needed to migrate all its financial data.

Wendy comments, "Data migration from the old dBFLEX system to Dataflow32 went very smoothly and the process was completed to demanding timescales. This would have been much more difficult and risky if we'd had to move all our data to another vendor's system.

"DURING IMPLEMENTATION THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY DATAFLOW WAS EXCELLENT. THEY HIT THE 'GO LIVE' DATE AND THE INSTALLATION CAME WITHIN BUDGET."

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

The Dataflow32 system now supports the work of the Society through three main ledgers: Sales, Purchasing and Nominal, from which the management accounts are run.

The system is actually run with four separate nominal ledgers; three of these are the same company, split into the divisions of: The British Computer Society, Branches and Specialist Groups. The fourth is the British Informatics Society Limited, a subsidiary of the Society.

A future goal is to link the system into the Society's membership system for an integrated solution.

"BEING ABLE TO EXPLOIT 32-BIT TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES US WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND FLEXIBILITY."

Darius Mogtader, Managing Director of Dataflow UK, comments, "We are delighted that through Dataflow32, we are continuing to fulfil the needs of The British Computer Society with a powerful, yet user-friendly finance system."

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