



Project Profile

Client: The Randstad Group

Industry: Staffing & Recruitment

Headquarters: Amsterdam,
The Netherlands

Project Background:

The Randstad Group is one of the largest temporary and contract staffing organizations in the world. Active in more than 16 countries worldwide, the company has revenues of €5.7 billion (Euro) and is a market leader in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, the UK, and the south-eastern United States.

Management had decided to roll out a new primary business application across the enterprise. This brought with it a need to integrate information over several operating systems, including AIX, AS/400, Linux, and Windows. With managed file transfer (MFT) identified as the best overall solution, management evaluated several options.

They chose CyberFusion Integration Suite (CFI)[™], from Proginet.

Business Benefits Delivered by Proginet:

Multi-Platform Integration: CFI delivers seamless cross-platform communications

Guaranteed Delivery: CFI's Checkpoint Restart feature guarantees that every single transfer completes successfully

Complete Security: strong encryption ensures that all privacy and security requirements are met

Scheduling & Automation: the command-line interface reduces the need for complex scripting and delivers predictable performance and results

Central Administration: interface transfers can now be managed from a redundant, single-point-of-control

Ease-of-Use: templates and profiles tremendously simplify the establishment of transfer commands



Situation

The Randstad Group is one of the largest temporary and contract staffing organizations in the world. Active in more than 16 countries worldwide, the company has revenues of €5.8 billion (Euro) and is a market leader in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, the UK, and the south-eastern United States.

Challenge

With more than 2,300 offices and approximately 236,000* employees worldwide, Randstad's information management challenge is both extensive and complex. When management at Head Office decided to roll out a new primary business application, they identified managed file transfer as the best solution to integrate information over the variety of operating systems in use at the enterprise. These include AIX, AS/400, Linux, and Windows.

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- Hidde Fennema, Randstad Manager of Infrastructure and Interfaces

An internal requirements analysis determined that platform integration, security, control, and guaranteed delivery were integral components of any possible solution. After a comprehensive evaluation of options, they chose CyberFusion Integration Suite (CFI)[™], from Proginet.

Solution

The new business application at Head Office would be based on a variety of operating systems. Mission-critical corporate data, including financials, HR, operations and procedures, would need to be exchanged and interchanged efficiently across all platforms, 24x7.

Approximately 60 staff members worked on the project. Randstad's ultimate goal was to provide a seamless, integrated environment that would deliver utility computing on demand to more than 4,500 corporate users.

(* includes both corporate employees and flexworkers)



CFI was implemented and deployed quickly across the various operating systems in use. The AS/400, Linux, AIX, and Windows platforms are now seamlessly integrated, and secure file transfers across the disparate operating systems are a snap.

As Hidde Fennema, Randstad Manager of Infrastructure and Interfaces, states, “CFI has enabled Randstad to create a complex, completely monitored interface-transfer system.” The system works well because “CFI performs consistently” on all platforms. Randstad has complete control of all data movement, and extensive levels of automation have been possible, including scheduling, event-driven transfers, and automated pre- and post-processing. In addition, centralised administration enables the organization to track, monitor, and audit all activity from a central digital interface.

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Conclusion

With CFI, Randstad has been able to integrate a variety of operating systems, and systematise information exchanges between different applications and departments within the company. As Hidde Fennema points out, “CFI performs consistently across all of our platforms, making it relatively easy to create automated transfers between different operating systems that had never been easy to connect in the past. These features, combined with excellent support, contributed to making this project such a tremendous success.”

Randstad is one of a growing number of CFI successes. Call Proginet today at (516) 535-3600 or visit us online at www.proginet.com to learn more about CFI and our innovative solutions for the enterprise.

About CyberFusion Integration Suite (CFI)[™]

CyberFusion Integration Suite (CFI)[™], from Proginet, is software that delivers secure, controlled data transfer across both corporate networks and the Internet. CFI combines enterprise-strength automation, remote execution, central administration, extensive auditing capabilities, and industry-standard encryption and compression to provide secure, guaranteed delivery.

About Proginet

Proginet Corporation offers a universal, multi-platform software solution for fast, inexpensive and secure file transfers both inside and outside the enterprise. Proginet's CyberFusion Integration Suite (CFI)[®] is used by companies of all sizes to conduct business more efficiently while protecting customer data and limiting the risks associated with sharing proprietary information with partners and colleagues around the globe. With over 20 years of experience in the managed file transfer arena, Proginet has built a customer base of over 400 companies spanning 30 countries. Headquartered in New York, the Company is publicly traded under the symbol [OTCBB: PRGF]. For more information, visit www.proginet.com.

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