

TRADEPAQ:EDM

Case study: Autobar



Autobar utilizes TRADEPAQ for output management

Introduction

The Autobar group is one of Europe's largest vending organizations. The group currently supplies vending solutions that serve over 4.2 million drinks every working day across Europe. Autobar provides equipment, ingredients and training right across the vending sector and can provide tailor made solutions for every beverage and snack requirement. Among the Autobar group brands are Cafebar, Pelican Rouge, Autobar, Chequer foods and ICS.

Arno van den Hurk, IT Manager of Autobar has been involved with document and output management projects at the group since 1998. Document solutions using TRADEPAQ software attached to ERP applications such as BPCS from Infor and other AS/400 packages have been widely implemented all over Europe.

The Challenge

Autobar was challenged because of the diversity of companies (vending, distribution, manufacturing) and its associated document requirements regarding formats, legal requirements, performance and different infrastructures.

Arno van den Hurk: We wanted a completely different concept based on a so called 'data push model' of document generation instead of a polling mechanism. This idea has been presented by Arno van den Hurk to TRADEPAQ and was the foundation to invent together something totally new and innovative: A high performance document printing solution based on TRADEPAQ:EDM and Autobar internal development for integration to BPCS and other AS/400 packages.

The proof of concept

Autobar, Adlatus Software and TRADEPAQ joined forces and worked a week, day and night, retaining the believe in the technical solution. It wasn't until the first tests that it appeared that the idea was more than a technical dream. The results were astonishing, providing excellent document presentation and performance and gave the green light to start the first real installation. This first installation took place at one of the larger sites at Autobar providing an immediate positive result for the users.

The Solution

The combined solution where Visual RPG has been used to feed data to the TRADEPAQ:Enterprise Document Management solution has been proven to provide a reliable high speed printing solution to the entire Autobar group with almost no maintenance effort required. In addition to document generation the solution now is also used for enhanced XML integrations and is even deployed to produce automatic signed documents from mobile handheld devices. All document data is transmitted and controlled from a central system and formatted locally at the location.

The Bottom Line

The EDM solution at Autobar has really solved a business problem. For example at one of Autobar's locations in the United Kingdom where EDM is producing more than 7000 documents per day. 'The documents are generated so fast that the system is waiting for the printers to be finished with printing' says Arno van den Hurk.

About TRADEPAQ Corporation

TRADEPAQ Corporation is a leading worldwide software provider of sophisticated trade document solutions. TRADEPAQ offers document generation and collaboration software as well as web-enabling technology.

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