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IT SOLUTIONS

Zenzero helps McKesson upscale .NET resources

The Problem

McKesson UK, a subsidiary of McKesson Corporation, provides trusted workforce solutions for healthcare. They help healthcare organisations operate more efficiently and safely; so they can focus their efforts on providing better care. At the beginning of 2014, McKesson started on the deployment of a major public web application called Total Reward Statements (TRS). This application gives a personalised summary of employees' full packages, including basic pay, allowances, local benefits and pension benefits. The problem for McKesson was that they currently had a team whose skill sets were focused on Oracle and Java based applications; this TRS project required a Microsoft .Net skill set.

Barry Cooper, Design and Development Manager at McKesson explains how they approached the project. "Initially we were looking to bring in a number of contract developers skilled in the Microsoft .Net technology platform, but with our other developers skill in Oracle and Java based technology, we saw this approach as risky to recruit and manage these resources. Plus, with the short project timescales, there was a real risk we would not get a team up and running in time."

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Key Benefits

- **Saved time and money by not bringing in contract developers**
- **Allowed us to meet tight deadlines**
- **High quality throughout the project**

The Solution

"Having already successfully worked with Zenzero for a number of years on various Oracle based development and solution architecture, they were top of the list to assist us with this project. We have been very impressed with Zenzero's ability to meet our customers exacting requirements quickly, and also delivering them in an agile way. Although our previous projects had been Oracle based, extending the relationship further by using their Microsoft development skills seemed like a natural progression."

Two major technologies where used to build the solution: Microsoft .Net for the application and AWSTATS to provide web data analysis and reporting. The application also consumed data from an Oracle source via web services implemented in Oracle BPEL.

The Results

"Partnering with Zenzero enabled us to complete our delivery on time and to the high level of quality expected by our client. With the timescales for the project tight, it was essential that Zenzero quickly understood the application requirements, and that's exactly what they did. With our development team not skilled in the .Net technology platform we also needed a level of assurance, especially as it was for a critical government project, Zenzero delivered this by guiding us through the process, scaling up our development capabilities in a quick and agile manner allowing us to keep the project within our expected costs."

"We found engaging with Zenzero as a business a really positive experience. The consistency of people involved in the project and strong communication between the teams from requirement gathering to delivery ensured that our aggressive timescales could be met. Every Zenzero team member's commitment to quality and consistency certainly stood out throughout the project."

"Overall we were particularly impressed by the speed at which Zenzero were able to start delivering parts of the application into our release cycle, as well as the quality and accuracy of the final application."

Technology

- **Microsoft .Net application**
- **AWSTATS for web stats**
- **Connection to Oracle database**

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Barry Cooper, McKesson