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100 Most Promising SAP Solution Providers 2015

The enormous inflow and outflow of data is a quotidian trend for companies, regardless of their size and industrial operation. Data is paramount in decision-making and deriving desired business outcomes. In the realm of highly competitive business arena, there is a huge demand for tools that can effortlessly simplify the herculean task of managing, predicting, integrating, and analyzing data—both financial and enterprise—across various levels in an organization setting. SAP stands in this ecosystem as a leader in offering effective and the most befitting solutions that guarantee consistency of data, empowering enterprises to perform and deliver better results. SAP's offerings are being adopted not only by leading large enterprises, but also by small and mid-size companies to optimize their resources.

With its vast suite of solutions that span Business All-in-One, Business ByDesign, Business One, Business Suite, and mySAP, SAP allows companies to step forward and build tools to integrate SAP ideas into different business verticals. The enterprise software giant's applications are now helping organizations to achieve greater productivity and faster time to market, while decreasing operational cost and expanding the customer base. Further, developments in mobility, cloud and analytics are enabling new business scenarios and extending the reach of SAP applications to business users. SAP is now offering updated capabilities for enterprises seeking insight into large volumes of data—such as from the Internet of Things—while a new Edge edition of SAP's

Lumira tool targets businesses with data-discovery features.

With the market embracing different modules of the software, the demand for interaction and collaboration between application suites to streamline business is rising. Most SAP providers are therefore offering integrated solutions that could be deployed on-premise as well as through private cloud placement, sensing the need of enterprises.

These myriad innovation calls for experts to transform SAP software and technologies into solutions that addresses strategic business needs. This is where SAP solution and consulting companies play the role of a propeller to drive enterprises to achieve excellence. The expertise of the companies to provide right data at the right time enables the marketplace to acquire sustainability, flexibility and succeed through innovation.

Amidst these developments, to help CIOs find the right SAP Solution Provider for their enterprises, a distinguished panel comprising of CEOs, CIOs, CMOs, VCs, analysts and the CIO Review editorial board has selected top players from over thousand SAP solution providers. The companies listed here demonstrate an ability to develop innovative technologies, methodologies, and outstanding customer service, while helping CIOs realign their IT strategy directly with that of the business.

In our selection, we looked at the vendor's capability to fulfill the burning need for cost-effective and flexible solutions that add value to the complex SAP landscape. We present to you CIO Review's 100 Most Promising SAP Solution Providers 2015.



Company:

Configurable Management, LLC

Description:

Provides implementation and support capabilities that cover the entire spectrum of SAP solutions from back office ERP to front office business intelligence.

Key Person:

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Configurable Management Get Control of your SAP Master Data and Automate Manual Business Processes—Rapid Deployment Solutions

SAP has captured market share with its integrated platforms that meets the needs of vast majorities of businesses today. However, post go-live businesses are still facing the challenges pertaining to SAP management from data and transactional perspectives. In most companies at least 25 percent of the vital information in their ERP is inaccurate or incomplete, which sabotages the data quality. Even the IT department, that historically owned the development, delivery, and support of solutions, is overwhelmed with the impossible task of creating the adequate tools in this timeframe for the businesses. Additionally, Email and office snail-mail have also enabled the businesses to introduce manual operations into their environment. This introduces SOX compliance risks, adding to the risk of critical data loss and inefficiency. Though, there are solutions that can help firms to solve some of their data challenges, they require IT resources, which take more than a year to implement, and need consultants for their implementation. It was this challenge suffused landscape that ensured the advent of Configurable Management, a Lewisville, TX based company, which is empowered with variety of solutions that include SAP, SharePoint and proprietary products that solve master data and business processes challenges.

“We empower users to build, deploy, and support solutions that address their data challenges in a fraction of the time in comparison to the solutions,” delineates Steven Branch, President and CEO, Configurable Management. The tools put forth by the company enable firms to

automate virtually any manual business process whether it is SAP related or not. Configurable Management’s solutions consent technical resources to focus on the technical demands of the organization, and also enable firms to solve their business needs with minimal assistance from IT. This approach leads to the rapid development and deployment of solutions solving data quality and business process automation challenges while fortifying a continuous improvement model. “Our products support SOX compliance, improve productivity, and improve job satisfaction,” says Branch.

Configurable Management has an elite staff that oversees many solutions covering a broad range of capabilities that include SAP Basis Administration, functional configuration, and ABAP development. Data Validation Solution (DVS) is one such tool that reduces the

cost of verifying data migrated from legacy systems to SAP by comparing the migrated data programmatically and reporting the results. CapEx Spend Management Solution is also a part of the company’s laudable portfolio, which acts as an accelerator designed for deploying a solution to manage purchasing requests for capital expense projects.

Irrespective of the string of eminent solutions, Branch believes it is their relationship with their clients that differentiates them from the rest of the competitors. In one such instance, one of the company’s manufacturing clients estimated savings of \$1.4 million in 2014 using their solutions for data migration. The savings was achieved by reducing the need for custom developed data migration programs using contract consultants. Through the products, the functional analysts created their own data migration solutions. This was completed in less time than that would have been otherwise required to communicate the design requirements to contract programmers.

Going forward, Configurable Management is planning to introduce their clients to a new appliance that will enable them to quickly create a firewall with exact replicas of their Windows computing application environments. The appliance facilitates the ability to develop new programs or apply upgrades, patches and other configuration changes, in a test environment without affecting the production system data. Soon the company will also launch an Excel based solution to reduce the complexity of the SAP physical inventory process. “We are excited about the addition of the physical inventory solution into our ever expanding solution offerings,” concludes Branch. **CR**

