Places for People Reduces Data Migration Time and Risk of Data Integrity with GCON4 MFL

Places for People is one of the largest property and leisure management, development and regeneration companies in the UK. It owns or manages over 140,000 homes and has assets in excess of £3 billion.

Customers are at the heart of everything they do. Places for People has been building homes since 1965, and today they create award-winning developments.

Places for People does more than just homes. Their placemaking approach means that they consider the infrastructure and services, like shops, schools, leisure facilities, transport links and healthcare facilities. They provide support services to more than 6,500 people and their leisure centres attract around 28 million visits every year.

The following modules/functions of Unit4 Business World have or are being implemented:

- Finance
- Planner
- Logistics
- Reports

- Fixed Assets
- HR/Payroll
- PCB
- Browser

Company
Places for People

Industry
Property

Vision
Ensuring successful places and enabling people to reach their potential.

Headquarter
UK

Website
http://www.placesforpeople.co.uk/

The Challenges

- The standard loads in U4BW are <u>time consuming</u> and require templates setting up and testing which during a build can often result in the templates having to be retested and remapped due to additional fields/Flexitables etc being added in the application.

- Requires additional mapping and further testing and often the <u>error messages are not always clear</u> for the users.

- Standard data loads require multiple loads of the same template .i.e CS15 for additional addresses which further increase the <u>risk of errors or duplication</u>.

- Some data can only be imported via direct writes table (HR/Payroll) or the use of SQL scripts (Fixed Assets) to manipulate the data in U4BW which further increases the <u>risk to data integrity</u>.

The Solution

- GCON4 MFL (Master File Loader), an innovative tool that streamlines and greatly reduces data migration time to Unit4 Business World.

The Benefits

- **Easy and Validated**
. GCON4 MFL allows them to create template Data loads <u>quickly and easily</u> as well as validating the data and providing <u>clear and concise error messages</u>.

Quick and easy

Reduced data migration time

Validated data with clear error messages

Shorter U4BW maintenance possibilities

- **Quick and Safe**
  Also, it allows them to do a <u>single upload</u> which would have required multiple BIFF's and server processes in U4BW negating the risk of Direct Table writes and SQL scripts.

- **Shorter Maintenance Possibilities**
  Possesses great benefits for their new acquisitions in the future, migrating other group companies and also amending data on a large scale.

"We are happy to have invested in GCON4 MFL and can see real benefits as an organization in using this software. GCON4 is happy to help with any issues and has a rapid response time when any has been discovered. Also speaking to them you can see the passion for the product and hearing their Road Map for the future is very exciting with lots of possibilities."

- Paul Nelson, ERP Implementation Consultant, Places for People

ABOUT GCON4

GCON4 was founded by several senior consultants of the world-class ERP solution, Unit4 Business World (formerly Agresso). An official partner of Unit4, GCON4 is a dynamic and diverse global consultancy organization with implementation teams and clients globally.

Backed by its core vision, GCON4 achieves great success in its implementations through strong commitment and partnership with its clients to better understand their business needs and to help enable business change and flexibility.

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