



MFA Gives Finance Users the Power to Produce Reports Quickly, Cost-Effectively and Precisely to Requirements



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Customer challenge

Limited resources of in house Oracle expertise for creating reports

Solution

Mokum Financial Analyser – an excel plug-in tool enabling easy reporting from Oracle

Key Benefits

- Quick and easy creation of reports
- Low cost of ownership
- Easy-to-distribute Excel reports produced

A self-managed FTSE-100 company with investment trust status, Alliance Trust PLC manages assets of nearly £2.3bn (as at 31 December 2008). Founded in 1888, Alliance Trust is one of the largest UK investment trusts listed on the London Stock Exchange.

A long-term dependence on technical resource

Alliance Trust's reporting using Oracle E-Business Suite was principally based on customised reports built when the system was first implemented. Significant changes to these reports, or the creation of new ones, required technical expertise that was not available in-house. This meant engaging expensive resource from the contractor market. Alliance Trust wished to find a solution to this costly and time-consuming problem.

Mokum Financial Analyser

Mokum Financial Analyser (MFA) is a reporting tool that populates Excel spreadsheets with **live data** from Oracle General Ledger. Users change a period, an account number or any other relevant field in the spreadsheet, and instantly they can see their financial balances as held in the Applications. They can also drill down to journal details and sub-ledger entries - all within Excel.

Typically, installation of MFA takes less than a day. Finance users can be producing reports within hours.

Sharing MFA output securely with Mokum Distribution Manager

Mokum Distribution Manager is an add-on that automates the printing, archiving, and distribution or emailing of financial statements and other documents in all common file formats. This enables the team at Alliance Trust to email budget reports or management accounts automatically to a list of recipients each month.



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“As soon as I read about it, I thought that MFA was the tool to address our reporting challenges,” explains Andrew Zimmermann, Financial Controller at Alliance Trust. “Everyone in my team was able to create reports from scratch after just a few hours’ training. All Finance people love Excel, so we can use its functionality to create really professional reports, with corporate colours, logos, charts and so on, that link directly to Oracle and can be refreshed instantly.”

Most accountants look for ways to load Oracle data into Excel spreadsheets – but it can be an arduous process, and as soon as the figures are extracted from the database, they’re out of date. But by using MFA’s dynamic access to live Oracle data, Andrew and his team have very quickly created a suite of reports to serve their reporting needs.

MFA has become an important part of the Finance operation and feedback from the business has been excellent.



“Mokum were helpful and approachable right from the start. The relatively low cost of MFA meant that it was straightforward to make a business case to justify the purchase, so we were able to do the deal, install the product and train the staff in a very short period of time.”

Andrew Zimmermann, Financial Controller, Alliance Trust PLC

About Mokum

Mokum is an Oracle consulting and support business based in London’s Docklands and Dublin. Mokum offer high quality services to organisations that have selected Oracle as their strategic ERP system. Mokum’s services include enhancements, upgrades and support encompassing all areas of the Oracle E-Business Suite

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