



## Integra LifeSciences

*Supporting rapid global growth while maintaining cost-effective compliance*

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### Overview

#### The need

Growth through acquisitions created the need to preserve data from redundant ERP systems. How could Integra LifeSciences maintain access to historical data to ensure compliance with global regulations?

#### The solution

Integra worked with IBM Business Partner, Estuate, to implement a cost-effective application retirement strategy based on IBM® InfoSphere® Optim™ Archive and IBM InfoSphere Discovery software.

#### The benefit

With a proven approach for archiving historical data, Integra can efficiently retire redundant ERP systems, keep data accessible, cut costs and support ongoing archiving and compliance requirements.

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The life sciences industry is highly regulated. Companies must comply not only with the financial and accounting regulations in each geography in which they operate—for example, Sarbanes-Oxley in the U.S.—but also with regulations around the preservation and protection of data on manufacturing processes, medical tests, patient records and more. These regulations have a major impact during new corporate acquisitions, as organizations are required to preserve and protect their data as they integrate their operations.

With over 40 acquisitions, Integra LifeSciences had grown considerably in the last eight years. The company was running 27 separate enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems around the globe. This was not only increasing the overall IT cost, but also hindering the integration of operations. To position itself for future growth, the company embarked on a business transformation program centered on renewing its business processes and implementing a standard global ERP system.

Viral Thakker, Application Support Manager at Integra, comments: “Standardizing operations will bring greater transparency and new economies of scale—but it also introduces the challenge of retiring the redundant systems. To stay compliant, we needed an efficient and reliable way to archive data when closing down our obsolete ERP systems.”

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*“Our partnership with the IBM team was crucial to the success of the project,” says Viral Thakker, Application Support Manager, Integra LifeSciences. “IBM listened to us throughout the project, even running industry-specific user groups, and did a phenomenal job incorporating our suggestions. IBM transforms issues and questions into excellent solutions and products!”*

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## Solution components

### Software

- IBM® InfoSphere® Optim™ Archive – Enterprise Edition
- IBM InfoSphere Discovery
- IBM Cognos® Business Intelligence

### IBM Business Partner

- Estuate Inc.
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## Preserving valuable history

Integra LifeSciences invited major vendors to propose a user-friendly, scalable and cost-effective archiving solution which had the capability to retrieve data rapidly when needed. Following a rigorous evaluation process, the company selected IBM InfoSphere Optim Archive and IBM InfoSphere Discovery as the basis for its application retirement strategy.

Thakker explains: “We saw that other companies were successfully archiving huge volumes of data using IBM solutions. Our data volumes were lower, so we were highly confident in this solution.”

Estuate, an IBM Business Partner, helped Integra develop a ‘factory’ model with repeatable processes and templates that enable its IT staff to reliably and provably archive data from ERP systems as they are decommissioned, keeping historical data available for both internal users and external compliance reporting. IBM InfoSphere Optim Archive helps users access archived data, via IBM Cognos® Business Intelligence for audit reporting.

IBM InfoSphere Discovery automates the process of identifying and analyzing complete data relationships—from simple to complex, within and across heterogeneous systems for improved visibility and accuracy when archiving data.

“Estuate consultants are highly knowledgeable about the InfoSphere Optim technology, and they helped us create a best-practice approach that we can apply as we work through the retirement of old ERP systems,” says Thakker. “Archiving and storing historical data is not only about compliance, it also means we are preserving valuable knowledge in-house.”

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*“With the IBM  
InfoSphere Optim  
Archive platform,  
we can now archive  
historical data safely and  
cost-effectively.”*

— Viral Thakker, Application Support Manager,  
Integra LifeSciences

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### Compliance confident

Archived data from retired ERP systems is now stored securely and inexpensively as read-only archive files, compressed by up to 70 percent. Thakker comments: “The ‘compare’ utility within Optim Archive makes it easy to prove that we have captured all of the pertinent data. This capability makes us confident that we can move ahead with our global ERP program and unlock the cost savings.”

As Integra LifeSciences retires ERP systems, it expects to significantly reduce expenses on server hardware, software licenses, storage and maintenance. The company will also eliminate the cost of maintaining multiple ERP skillsets internally. Meanwhile, the user-friendly IBM Cognos interface makes it easy for internal users to quickly access archived historical data when required, as in the case of a medical product recall.

“By making the archiving process repeatable and reliable, the IBM solution is helping us retire applications efficiently, while retaining the data we need for operations and compliance,” says Thakker. “Optim Archive is highly scalable solution, and we plan to extend its use to cover other applications. In enabling us to remove the overhead of running entire systems without losing the benefits of the data they contain, these IBM technologies are playing a key role in our ongoing business transformation.”

## About Integra LifeSciences

Headquartered in Plainsboro, NJ, Integra LifeSciences develops, manufactures and markets medical devices, implants and instruments across the globe. The company sells products in over 100 countries, employs more than 3,500 people worldwide and generated annual revenues of USD 836 million in 2013.

To find out more, please visit: [www.integralife.com](http://www.integralife.com)

## About Estuate

Headquartered in Silicon Valley, CA, Estuate is a global technology services company that specializes in IBM InfoSphere Optim implementation.

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