



Société Générale

Application Development Time Reduced by Half With Ignite's ETI Data Integration and Transformation Solution



Société Générale S.A is a French multinational banking and financial services company headquartered in Paris. They are the third largest bank in France by total assets and the sixth largest in Europe. Société Générale has been ranked as one of the world's most admired companies to work in.

Industry

Banking

Problem

Bank of Société Générale needed a data integration and transformation solution that could regularly synchronize transactions between host computers and other existing databases in several programming languages.

Solution

Société Générale chose Ignite's ETI solution to manage their data transformation as well as maintain application development.

Results

- Increased level of stability
- Compatibility with all systems, Microsoft SQL and Oracle
- 50% reduction in the COBOL experts required on site
 - COBOL knowledge no longer needed for daily operations
 - Special projects historically requiring one month of COBOL programming have been reduced by half

Bank of Société Générale is one of the very first financial services groups in Europe. Built on a diversified model of global banking, the group employs 14,800 people in 76 countries, and works with 32 million customers around the world. The business has three trades: a retail bank in France; an international financial services and insurance practice and a financing and investment bank. In 2014, the Société Générale group celebrated 150 years of spirit and innovation.

Massive Data Transfers

Like other international banks, Société Générale works with massive data transfers every minute. Hundreds of translations must be regularly synchronized without incident between host computers and other existing databases in several programming languages. To meet this challenge, the company has turned to Ignite's ETI Data Integration and Transformation solution since 1999.

Société Générale deployed its Ignite's ETI solution to manage data transformation needs nearly a decade ago, and has been satisfied with the results. Ignite's ETI solution makes it possible for Société Générale to maintain application development without requiring COBOL programmers on a daily basis or in a systematic way.

Maximum Strength Data Integration and Transformation

Recently, to maintain compatibility with the latest operating systems, the bank had to deploy the latest version of Ignite's ETI. The upgrade made Société Générale compatible with all systems, Microsoft SQL and Oracle, while increasing stability. The upgrade also included training on functions that Société Générale had access to in the past version, but was not using to its full extent. As well, Ignite's team trained Société Générale on the many new features available with the new version of the software.

Immeasurable Improvement

Société Générale now uses the latest version of Ignite's ETI Data Transformation Solution and is satisfied with the results. Although compatibility was an expected outcome of the project, Société Générale is particularly pleased with the level of stability that has been obtained with the upgrade. Moreover, Société Générale found its interactions with Ignite's ETI team to be very helpful and offer additional value throughout the well-managed process.

Société Générale gained many measurable improvements from the Ignite ETI upgrade including a 50% reduction in the COBOL experts required on site. Now, COBOL knowledge is not needed for daily operations, and those special projects that historically required one month of COBOL programming have been reduced by half to just two weeks.

About Ignite Technologies

Founded in 2000, Ignite is a privately-held company and a member of the ESW Capital group of companies. Since it was reinvented on the heels of a senior management change in 2013, the Company's mission is to help customers Ignite the power of their workforce to drive better business performance. Ignite leads all its efforts with a sharp focus on a simple but challenging objective – 100% Customer Success – measured through the achievements of its customers. The Company launched its innovative, new Ignite Prime program in 2017 delivering free enterprise software to its licensed and supported customers. For more information on Ignite's solutions and innovative Prime program, visit www.ignitetechnologies.com.

"We are very satisfied with the ETI upgrade – both with the product quality and the close relationship we built with our ETI team. We know that we can trust ETI to meet Société Générale's needs now, and throughout our future together."

– Marie-Noële Coutelle
– Pascale Duchatel
– Aurélie Marly

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