



APOS Storage Center Case Study

AKBANK AG

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Frankfurt am Main, Germany

SOLUTIONS USED: APOS STORAGE CENTER

Product Components Used: Archive Manager

BACKGROUND:

The Akbank AG is the German subsidiary of the Akbank global financial services enterprise, based in Istanbul and established in 1948. Akbank AG's core business is corporate lending and trade financing (particularly between Turkey and the EU region). In addition, the Bank plays an active role in the corporate deposit market. Akbank AG has been a fully licensed bank in Germany since 1998. Their mission is to "provide innovative, high quality, specialized banking products and services tailored to corporate clients and to be their long-lasting business partner."

As a foreign bank in an EU environment, Akbank AG must guard its viability and its reputation carefully through strict compliance with all local, national, and EU financial regulatory practices. Document retention requirements are subject to wide variations across the EU, ranging between 6 and 30 years. In Germany, electronic tax-related documents (including tax-related reports from business intelligence systems) must be retained for between 6 and 10 years (depending on document type), in a non-editable format.¹

¹ For an overview of international document retention requirements, see: [Document retention: the law and practice around the world](#).



CHALLENGE:

Financial institutions thrive on accurate and timely information, and must always be concerned with regulatory compliance. Thus, they are prime candidates for comprehensive and complex business intelligence and reporting systems.

Akbank AG's first challenge arose when they started running out of disk space in their SAP BusinessObjects deployment. Rather than undertaking the risky task of reconfiguring their system, they decided to look for an archive solution. In addition, because of strict German tax-law compliance issues, which require financial institutions to retain digitally created documentation in digital, non-editable format for up to ten years, not just any archive solution would do.

SOLUTION:

APOS Storage Center archives documents in compliance with international regulations through tight integration with SAP BusinessObjects. Storage Center lets you archive your historical report instances using a comprehensive set of business rules. Storage Center runs as a background service, and does not have to be installed on an SAP BusinessObjects server; it merely needs connectivity to the CMS.

Storage Center also offers both on-line and off-line archiving capabilities. In cases where disk capacity is not an issue, you can use on-line archiving to exclude archived documents from normal searches, while maintaining them in the system. In cases where disk space is a primary concern, you can use off-line archiving to free disk space while maintaining complete regulatory compliance within an external database.

WHY APOS?

Erik Zimmer, IT Manager at Akbank AG, talked about his experience with APOS Storage Center: "I am absolutely satisfied with the way Storage Center has met my business objectives. Now I can archive all my documents and achieve complete regulatory compliance without having to expand my business intelligence infrastructure." APOS Storage Center offers a comprehensive solution to a complex problem, providing peace of mind to SAP BusinessObjects administrators and platform managers in industries with stringent document retention requirements.

APOS Systems Inc. is an SAP BusinessObjects Technology Partner and has been a Crystal partner since 1996. APOS has acknowledged a key SAP BusinessObjects XI and Crystal Enterprise strength - its open



architecture - and has designed and developed a variety of solutions that offer customers additional capabilities within the SAP BusinessObjects enterprise infrastructure.

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