



## Case Study



### Redevco B.V.

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Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### SOLUTIONS USED: APOS PUBLISHER

#### BACKGROUND:

Established in 1999 to manage the real estate investment activities of the venerable Dutch C&A fashion retail chain, **Redevco B.V.**'s portfolio includes 450 properties at top locations in major cities across Europe, with tenants including many major national and multinational retail companies.

Redevco's motto is "Business in Balance," and they advocate combining economic, social and environmental interests in a balanced way. They are committed to corporate responsibility to adding value in the communities in which they invest, and to being the real estate partner of choice for retailers across Europe.

#### CHALLENGE:

Like most SAP BusinessObjects customers, Redevco is embracing the future of SAP BI, adopting Web Intelligence, and retiring Desktop Intelligence. Application Manager Rob Uytendewillegen, who manages both the SAP BusinessObjects system and the Unit4/Coda Financials system, had concerns about how certain complex report workflows would be continued after the migration.

Invoices created in SAP BusinessObjects need to be attached to financial records in Coda. The invoice documents also need to be copied to Microsoft SharePoint for storage and accessibility. Before the move to Web Intelligence, a VBA script was used to split these invoice documents and to store the generated invoice documents on a file server.

The change to Web Intelligence meant that they had to design a process by which each individual invoice document would be stored in Microsoft SharePoint and become associated with a Coda record, since the VBA script that worked with Desktop Intelligence would not work with Web Intelligence.



## **SOLUTION:**

APOS Publisher was that solution. Using APOS Publisher, Redevco was able to generate each invoice as a separate PDF file, store it on a file server, send it to print in Accounts Receivable in the individual offices in the Netherlands, France, the UK, Spain, Germany, Switzerland Belgium, and deliver it to SharePoint to be archived as documents of record.

## **WHY APOS?**

Rob Uytendewilgen expressed great satisfaction at the process by which Redevco resolved their technical issues using the APOS Publisher solution:

We went through a proof of concept process with APOS, which went quite smoothly. We felt very good about the product at that point. In fact, after the POC, it only took about a day to get the solution into production, and since then, we have had no problems with it whatsoever.

While Redevco purchased the APOS Publisher solution to resolve a specific issue, the solution has been finding its way into other business processes. For example, they have started to use APOS Publisher to distribute management reports. They use APOS Publisher to publish and distribute a single report to numerous destinations with multiple, different parameters. Prior to implementing APOS Publisher, they created schedules to run these management reports, but they had to change parameters manually.

"Our old process for running these management reports was quite time-consuming," said Rob. "Now we manage parameters centrally in a database table, and our reports are generated and delivered quickly and efficiently."

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