

Unipart Group

ERP^{2™} Is A Vital Component



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SITUATION

The Unipart Group of Companies is one of Europe’s leading independent logistics, automotive parts and accessories companies.

Established in 1987 following a management buy-out, it was recently listed as one of the top ten largest private companies in the UK. During this time it has become a name respected worldwide for its progressive policies and forward-looking approach to business.

Unipart uses SAP® to support their business and there are up to 20,000 new transactions on the system every week. These transactions span a wide range of business areas including materials management, classifications, transport groups, weights and dimensions, plants, stock and purchasing to name but a few.

The data entry requirements for each transaction are subject to frequent change. Unipart’s data was all uploaded either manually or using other toolsets.

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Unipart’s data input mechanism resulted in real financial loss in terms of time taken to get the job done, and their ability to react to mass data changing needs was severely impaired. Another immeasurable side effect of manual data input is data cleanliness, since manual input is prone to error and this can have a disastrous and expensive effect on any business.



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SOLUTION

What Unipart needed was a non-technical and versatile data integration solution that would enable them to upload many unique transactions into SAP quickly and accurately. ERP²™ from Quadrate has allowed them to do just that.

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BENEFITS

TIME SAVED

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The creation of material masters is just one example of how Unipart used ERP². As Unipart has an SAP system for each of their customers, they are responsible for all the data input. One of their customers requires the creation of thousands of new material masters on a regular basis. Using ERP², they are now able to quickly and easily perform an otherwise arduous and lengthy task.

DATA QUALITY

Data quality improves dramatically by using ERP² because all manual errors are eliminated. Furthermore, the simple ability to see your data in one spreadsheet makes it easier to spot erroneous data, allowing for quick correction before uploading into SAP.

FLEXIBILITY

Unipart’s needs in terms of data uploads change continually. With ERP², they are able to cater for entirely new requirements within minutes.

RESOURCE REALLOCATION

With business users being able to perform their own data uploads, Unipart’s information technology team has been able to focus their expensive resources on other important jobs.

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