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## A Case Study of IT in the Global Financial Services Sector

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ERTAINTY INGENUITY

- Computershare can genuinely be considered an Australian success story. Beginning in 1978, the company now employs over 10,000 people and provides services in 17 countries to more than 14,000 clients.
- □ Computershare has become both the world's largest and leading provider of investor services. The prime focus of our growth and solution development has centred on issuers, their stakeholders and the challenge of removing barriers to efficient servicing of these important stakeholder groups.
- Our client and shareholder numbers have grown to 14,000 clients and 100 million investors. Heavily committed to technology, we spend over A\$100M annually on technology services, including substantial expenditure on research and development.
- □ Today, Computershare is considered a world leader in share registration, employee equity plans, proxy solicitation and other specialised financial, governance and stakeholder communication services.





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## What should I talk about today?

- □ Taking your systems Overseas
- Implementing a Global Development Model
- ■Acquisition Integration (systems, process and culture)
- □Scaling to meet the international challenge
- □ Regulatory environment
- □Information Security and what it means where



# **Taking your systems Overseas**

- Local Tax Rules
- Regulatory Reporting
- Language Issues
- Account Structures
- Address Validation
- Key Staff / Training





# **Implementing a Global Development Model**

#### Prioritisation Battles

- What Region shouts loudest?
- The Global Compromise (one size ?)

#### Development

- Managing Scope Creep
- Coordination

#### Regional Release Acceptance

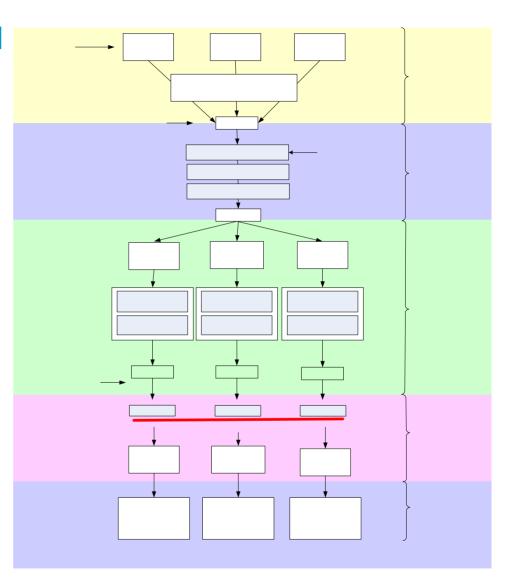
- Supporting multiple versions
- Matching timetables

#### Production

Which Regions go first?

#### Post Production

Monitoring > Ongoing maintenance





## **Acquisition Integration (systems, process and culture)**

- What Systems should we use?
  - Do we spend time creating "best of breed" or pick one and go with it?
- Managing the staff and client expectations on the integrated entity
- Removing the "We have always done it like that" mentality
- Cultural Change program for an Australia company overseas
- Not forgetting about existing clients / entities



## **Scaling to meet the international challenge**

- Overseas often means Oversized
- Software just breaks
- Application Hardware Rethink
- Challenge of getting Head Office not to have the "well it works here" attitude



# **IT Regulatory environment**

- Regulatory obligations expand
  - Office of the Controller of Currency (OCC)
  - Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
  - Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
  - Financial Services Authority (FSA)
- SAS70
- Client Audits
- Internal Audits





## **Information Security and what it means where**

- Different Rules in each Regions
- No consistent International Standards
  - BS7799
  - ISO 17799-2
  - ASNZS 4360-1999
  - USDoD Orangebook
- Priorities differ in each Region
- Common sense prevails





## **Information Security – (Privacy breaches / Identity Fraud)**

- Why talk about it today?
- It is more exciting and I have better stories than exploring the Global Software Development Lifecycle in depth!
- The wave of hysteria surrounding Non Public Customer Information is coming to a town near you.
- Data loss is becoming the norm rather than a significant event at the moment. If data was treated like a briefcase full of cash then I am sure there would be less incidents – all mindset.



#### Some horror stories

- US bank loses unencrypted data
  - Couriers lost magnetic tapes containing the personal details of
     4.5 million people who had dealt with the Bank of New York
     Mellon
  - Financial information, including Social Security numbers,
     names, addresses and bank account details has been exposed
     as a result of the breach



http://www.theregister.co.uk/2008/06/02/ny bank lost data flap/



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### **Information Security**

#### Some horror stories

- 5,000 NHS records vanish from UK hospital stolen laptop
  - Laptop Stolen from outpatients. Hospital was in the middle of a review of security.

#### Other UK Incidents

- HMRC twice lost 25 million records relating to child benefits
- DVLA lost 6,000 records for vehicle owners
- MoD misplaced a laptop containing details of 600,000 applicants to the armed services



#### Some horror stories

- Countrywide insider stole mortgage applicants' data
  - Alleged scheme to steal and sell sensitive personal information, including Social Security numbers, of as many as 2 million mortgage applicants.
  - Insider would copy information on about 20,000 customers at a time on Sunday nights by using a computer that did not have the same security features that other machines in the office had.

http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-arrest2-2008aug02,0,7330731.story



## **Information Security**

#### Some of our incidents

- Laptops stolen bars and cars seem to be the favourite
- Tape lost in transit found at Fed Ex
- Excel file to friend The Human Factor

As a CIO, how much does this concern me?



## **Information Security**

## **Getting the basics right – ways to approach data loss**

- Categorise all your data
- Determine access level needs
- Implement complex file access rights and OU groups
- Implement Identity Access Management
- Digital Rights Management

All of the above very worthwhile but complex and time consuming



## **Getting The Basics Right – Laptop / Desktop Encryption**

#### Desktop / Laptop encryption

- Seen as a US issue initially, as the regulatory environment means reporting incidents to the client / State / OCC.
- Europe and AU felt less need for such measures. UK Government lost a few laptops, it hit the press. Europe now wanted the solution.
- Australia accepting but not sure why!
- We use Pointsec on all Laptops





## **Data Leakage Prevention (DLP)**

- Data can leave the organisation in so many different ways:
  - Email
  - Web
  - Instant Messenger
  - USB devices
  - CD Roms
  - Etc
- And it can also be sitting where it should not



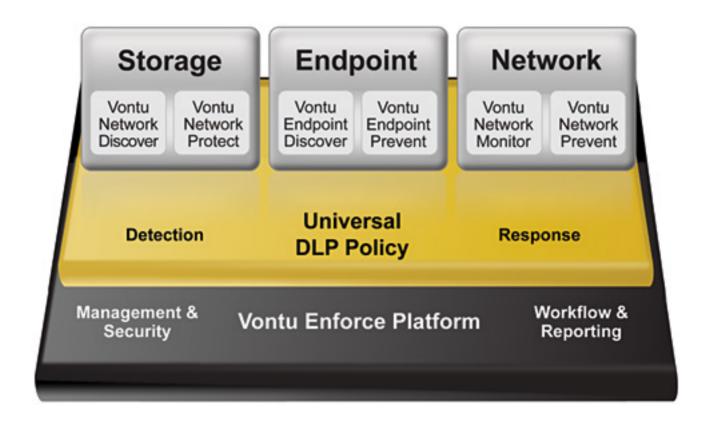


## **Data Leakage Prevention at Computershare**

- We have implemented software from Symantec that does the following:
  - Monitoring and blocking for selected policies including but not limited to SSN, Canadian SIN, TFN, BSB Codes, ABA Routing and Account Numbers, Credit Card Numbers, Confidential Documents, Computershare Internal Confidential Documents and Merger and Acquisition Documents.
- Policies are mostly configured around Financial and Government regulatory standards like Gramm-Leach-Bliley, Sarbanes-Oxley and HIPPA to name a few as well as client requests for 3rd party compliance.



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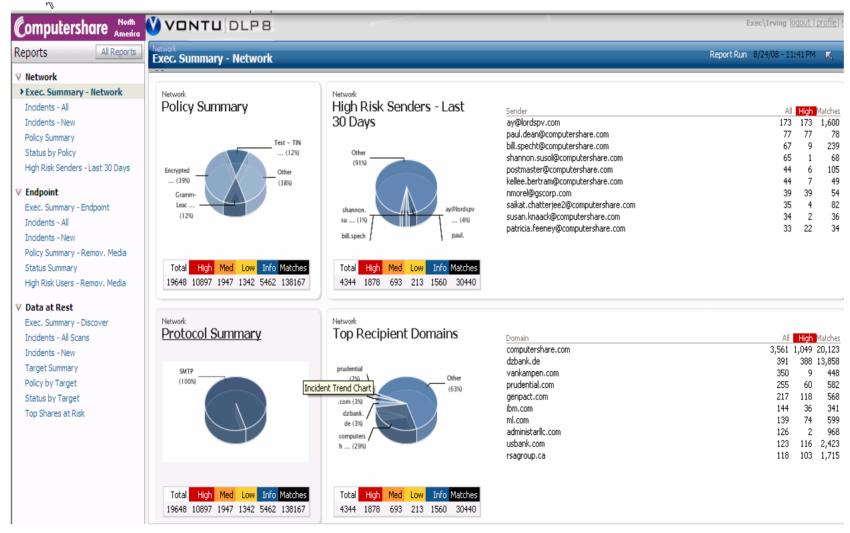


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## **Information Security**

# Data Leakage Prevention – what does it look like?





## Other Implementations at Computershare

#### BACKUP TAPE ENCRYPTION

- Easy to do at small scale, gets harder at the enterprise level.
- Encrypting a tape is easy making sure the right decryption key is available is harder.
- Loss of compression and slower backups give IT challenges.

#### VDI

- Keeping the data in the Data Center is also a goal.
- Virtual Desktop technologies will help data stay in the Data Center and eliminate the need for local file server infrastructure.



## **Changing the Mind Set – A lot harder than Tech Solutions**

The truth is there are excellent products out there. It is about assessing the risk and having the will to implement.

■ Software and hardware solutions are the easy part – the hard part is the internal cultural change and making sure company policy is clear and enforced.



## **Company Policy**

- We run amnesties to get data out of desks / cupboards. Most data is sent in by clients.
- Special bins are maintained for a regular clean up effort.

- You need constant reminders to drive the message.
  After years of complacency it is hard to change habits.
- As a Global Financial organisation this is not optional, but most importantly, is about action along with these seemingly endless company policy documents.





Comments, questions...

# THE NPCI WAVE IS ABOUT TO HIT THESE SHORES! WILL YOU BE READY?

## Information Security if everyone's business

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