

EMC Application Retirement Service

Business challenge

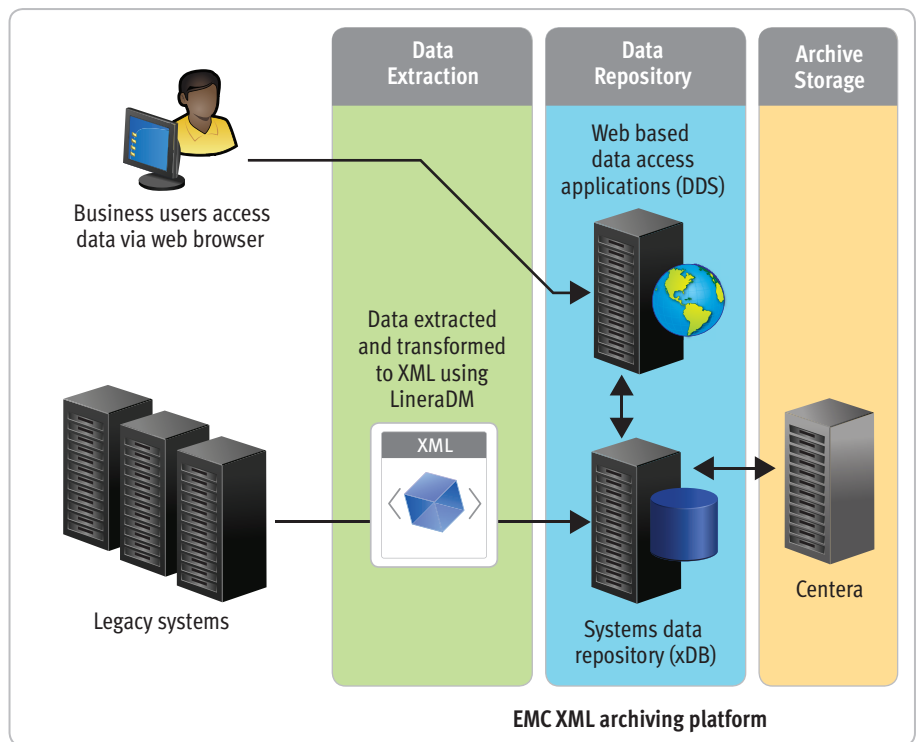
Driven by stricter compliance regulations and business reporting requirements, companies must now retain data for long periods of time. As a result, they continue to support legacy applications whose sole purpose is to provide access to the data residing on those systems. Frequently the application is no longer needed or used by the business in day-to-day operations.

Retaining these obsolete applications can be costly. The systems required to run these applications require staff to support them, utilize servers that have associated data center costs, and incur software licensing and maintenance costs. Knowledge of the applications must also be retained in the company in order to access data.

Service description

EMC® Application Retirement Service utilizes a legacy data archive platform and an extract, load, and transform (ETL) framework together with a retirement methodology that enables legacy applications to be retired while still providing the business with access to the system data for reporting and compliance purposes. Working with you, EMC consultants manage and implement the service to ensure that your business objectives are achieved. The process comprises four main elements:

1. Gather information on the application portfolio and identify the applications that are suitable for retirement.
2. Analyze the reporting and compliance requirements of the data from the applications to be retired. Based on these results, determine the best way to archive the data to ensure that users can retrieve the information they require.
3. Using EMC's LinearDM framework, the data from the legacy application database is extracted and transformed to XML, an application-neutral and future-proof format. Then the data is loaded into the EMC Documentum® xDB data repository.
4. To access the data in the repository, search applications are configured using EMC Documentum Dynamic Delivery Services (DDS), an application-development framework for building and deploying web-based data access applications on xDB. These web applications enable search and reporting across single or multiple decommissioned data sets.



Benefits

When companies are required to retain data for long periods to meet compliance and reporting needs, application retirement can preserve data and make it available in a read-only repository. Storing the data in an application-neutral format like XML ensures that the data will be accessible far into the future. All of the data remains safely and securely stored until its disposal is required by corporate rules or industry regulations.

Retiring legacy systems also reduces support, maintenance, and IT system license costs. The IT resources and infrastructure support absorbed by the legacy systems can be reallocated to support new projects.

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