Cancer Research UK Saves Precious Time With GCON4 MFL

Cancer Research UK is the world’s largest cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research, formed by a merger between The Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund back in 2002.

The charity receives no Government funding for its research, so relies on the generosity of the public to fund its life-saving work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. One in two people born in the UK after 1960 will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives, but survival is improving and has doubled in the last 40 years. The charity’s ambition is to accelerate progress and see 3 in 4 people surviving cancer for 10 years or more by 2034.

Cancer Research UK funds high-quality research that improves our understanding of cancer and helps scientists and doctors develop new, better and kinder treatments. They also carry out a range of activities to increase knowledge and awareness of cancer, and contribute to its prevention and treatment. For example, they played a key role in standardised cigarette packaging being implemented across the UK. And they are working on many fronts to ensure more cancers are diagnosed earlier, including raising awareness of symptoms, understanding early disease biology to help develop new, better tests and campaigning to ensure the health system is set up to diagnose cancer early.

However, a charity is still a business at the end of the day, and its success depends on the smooth running of the back office operations. Therefore, ensuring the
Business Systems that Cancer Research UK deploys are cost effective and as efficient as possible is key to the running of the charity and keeping costs to a minimum, so that donations can be spent on achieving its vision of bringing forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Cancer Research UK has been a user of Unit4 ERP for over 10 years, and took the decision to upgrade from an unsupported version to the latest Milestone of Business World earlier this year.

The Challenge
- Used traditional method of table writes for data loads, but hit upon issues with indexing problems which they found to be laborious and time consuming.

The Solution
- GCON4 MFL solution which was to positively revolutionize their process of data loading.

The Benefits
- Speeding up daily processes in hours, not days or months.
- Complex data loads are simplified.

"Just the process to import users saved us around four or five days using GCON4 MFL over the traditional methods we used. Had we used the solution from the start, it could have saved us months and not just days. Our only regret is that we didn’t find the solution earlier!"

Ken Edwards, Senior Systems Accountant, Cancer Research UK
ABOUT GCON4

GCON4 was founded by several senior consultants of the world-class ERP solution, Unit4 Business World (formerly Agresso). An official partner of Unit4, GCON4 is a dynamic and diverse global consultancy organization with implementation teams and clients across 5 continents.

Backed by its core vision, GCON4 achieves great success in its implementations through strong commitment and partnership with its clients to better understand their business needs and to help enable business change and flexibility.

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