





Challenge

- Rapid growth due to multiple acquisitions across business
- Business strained by manual processes and aged infrastructure



Solution

- Transformation through series of small technology changes
- Standardise operations across business with Microsoft platform
- Work with a global technology partner to drive transformation journey



Results

- Incredibly fast, simple and effective improvements across business
- Real-time visibility to powerful insights, enabling data-based judgements



DXC Technology: tna solutions transforms business with Microsoft Dynamics 365

As a growing global business, the tna solutions leadership team knew digital transformation was essential to reaching future revenue and growth plans. After appointing Pravin Singh as chief information officer in 2017 to spearhead the change, the tna solutions leadership team designed a five-year strategy to transform the business.

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Founded in Sydney in 1982, tna solutions manufactures food processing and packaging equipment as well as supplies turnkey solutions to food manufacturers worldwide. With customers in more than 120 countries, tna solutions employs more than 500 people in 30 offices globally and operates six manufacturing sites.

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Solution and outcomes

Already a happy Microsoft Dynamics AX customer, tha solutions chose to build future infrastructure on a Microsoft platform. The team launched a tender process to identify the best technology partner to work with them through the transformation journey. Ultimately, the DXC Practice for Microsoft was chosen as that partner.

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As a business experiencing rapid growth, which also brought cost pressures, tna solutions made the decision to start its transformation with a series of small technology changes. The first phase in the transformation journey was to standardise platforms. After a 12-month standardisation project, 560 users globally were using the Microsoft Office 365 platform. The next step was to deploy Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Talent (Dynamics 365 Human Resources).

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Six months after tha solutions went live with Microsoft Dynamics 365 Human Resources, the team deployed Microsoft Dynamics 365 Sales. Core to the success of this phase of the project was Microsoft FastTrack. The service provides a smooth transition, with Microsoft engineers and partners working alongside your team.

"DXC introduced us to Microsoft FastTrack, which helped us streamline data cleansing and migration and enabled the Sales project to go live quickly," said Singh.

Historically, reporting was also difficult and time consuming for the solutions. The data required for reporting needed to be mapped into Microsoft Excel, then users would have to write queries or create macros to build the desired reports. A time-consuming and manual process, end of month reports could take several weeks to produce. To benefit from real-time, data-driven insights, tha solutions implemented Microsoft Power BI.

"Microsoft Power BI means our data and reporting views are updated daily. Single sign-on lets the team log in anytime, anywhere, from personal and work devices to see exactly what our CRM system is showing across leads, opportunities and contracts. We have close to real-time visibility to powerful insights, which are enabling data-based judgements across the business. Microsoft Dynamics 365 Sales is opening up new ways of working for our team, helping us define our processes and driving better accountability," said Singh.

Future projects

The next phase of the tna solutions digital transformation journey include the rollout of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Field Service and the deployment of a new ERP system, running on Microsoft Dynamics 365.

"Microsoft Dynamics 365 Field Service will enable field teams to use iPads to more efficiently manage customer accounts. All customer orders will go directly into the new ERP system, which will ensure a faster, better customer experience while improving the speed and accuracy of billing," said Singh.

Most recently, tna solutions has been working with Microsoft and DXC on pilots involving the Internet of Things (IoT) and artificial intelligence to create a connected factory environment.

"When our 5-year strategy is complete, we'll be completely cloud-based with no reliance on ageing hardware with all the associated costs and teams. And, we'll be a highly disciplined business. We'll know the status of our business daily and will be able to make databased decisions based on accurate insights. The recent work we're doing with Microsoft and DXC is also enabling us to explore Industry 4.0 principles, which has the potential to revolutionise our business and go-to-market model," concludes Singh.

About tna solutions

Our goal is to provide the ultimate in food packaging solutions, everywhere. We add value to our customers business by finding more efficient ways to package and process food products. We take the time to understand their challenges and apply innovative thinking to overcome them. We recognise that, while business relationships are struck on the promise of mutual gain, they are sustained by honesty and integrity. By living these values, we aim to develop trust, respect and loyalty in all our relationships.

We will grow our business through sound commercial and financial management, and we will achieve all of these objectives by attracting, retaining and developing a talented team of people, who are committed to the values that we cherish. We will continue to share our success with those that are the poorest of the poor — in particular children. Visit our website for more information about us and what we do.

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