



Textiles for Your Home

Financial accounting and document management at the textile trading company “Textilhaus Dieler GmbH & Co. KG”

The textile trading company Dieler in Gelsenkirchen counts among the leading traders of home textile goods, lingerie and clothing in the northern part of the Ruhr area. Besides its headquarters in Gelsenkirchen, the company – founded by Karl Dieler in 1945 – also runs 16 further branches in Northrhine-Westphalia and Niedersachsen. Textilhaus Dieler GmbH & Co. KG employs more than 250 people in these plants. The steady growth of the company in the last years and the simultaneously growing administrative efforts required the introduction of a modern and powerful document management and archiving system in the company’s accounts department.

Specific requirements

For Stephan Dieler, head of administration, the integration into the financial accounting system Diamant, a development of the Diamant software company situated in Bielefeld (East Westphalia), was the most important criterion that had to be fulfilled. Dieler’s accounts department has been using this software for a number of years now to administer incoming invoices. Additionally, the integration should be provided with minimum efforts in time and cost.

Finally, Stephan Dieler found a suitable software system at the CeBIT in 2004.

After extensive retrievals and a detailed conversation at the windream stand, he finally



Headquarter of Textilhaus Dieler GmbH & Co. KG

decided to purchase the windream document management and archiving system because of several reasons: “On the one hand,” says

Stephan Dieler, “windream could easily be integrated into the Diamant software without any problems. On the other hand, the extraordinary price/performance ratio was also a decisive argument in favor of windream”.

Installation and implementation

As a windream installation does not require any profound IT-knowledge, the system could be installed by Stephan Dieler himself without any support by windream GmbH. As usual, the installation procedure was quick and smooth. Support by a windream expert was only required for connecting the system to the accounting software and for implementing the required software interface. The system integration including an adjustment of the company-related windream document types took one day only. The system has been in productive use since summer 2004 now.

Efficient receipt acquisition and administration

Dieler primarily uses windream for an efficient administration of incoming invoices and booking lists generated by the Diamant accounting system. The DMS-interface which has especially been developed by windream GmbH for Diamant allows the users in the accounts to directly export invoices, booking lists and journals from the Diamant software and to pass them over to windream. Incoming paper receipts will first be scanned. Then, the Diamant

software automatically generates a bar code label for each captured invoice. The code contains a unique ID-number according to which each document can immediately be identified or retrieved.

Each captured receipt can be displayed via the Diamant-interface and in windream. As soon as a document has been stored in the DMS, it will automatically be post-indexed in windream with the document indices assigned by the accounting software. This way, all invoices captured in the system can be retrieved in Diamant and in the DMS via the same indices.

Solutions of specific importance

The Dieler example illustrates the specific importance of special software solutions which can be integrated into existing IT-environments easily and which combine branch specific applications with electronic document management. A respective interface software which exactly fulfills this requirement is strongly requested on the market.

Meanwhile, about 50 software solutions are available for windream which connect the DMS and archiving system to a whole variety of applications from different sectors. These are e.g. connections to workflow systems as well as integrations into groupware solutions, solutions for email archiving or enhancements of knowledge management as well as of CRM- and ERP-systems. While most of the solutions offered have been developed by windream partners themselves, the Diamant

Key facts:

- Rationalization of business processes in the accounts department
- DMS-integration into the existing accounting software of Diamant
- Easy installation and handling
- Low investment

integration is the result of a close cooperation between windream GmbH and Diamant Software GmbH & Co. KG, situated in the East-Westphalian city of Bielefeld. The company, an experienced specialist in the development of finance accounting software for more than 20 years, reports that nowadays more than 4,000 medium-sized companies and public authorities in Germany and in foreign countries use products supplied by Diamant.

Further on, the Diamant accounting software is also part of many special interest software suites used in different business sectors.

With the new windream interface, all Diamant users can now gain profit from the advantages of an integrated document management and accounting system. Since 2004, this has especially come true for Textilhaus Dieler.

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