



Power for the archive

Success story



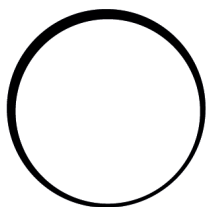
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MANAGING DOCUMENTS

Power for the archive

Digital, convenient -
and above all audit-proof

For a company's IT department, the introduction of electronic invoice processing, including e-mail archiving, is a challenging project that requires a lot of preparation. But if the users are happy to work with it

afterwards without any doubts, the effort is well worth it. The fact that a smooth changeover can succeed is shown by the example of sonnen GmbH, headquartered in Oberallgäu.



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Revision security as an entry point to document management

As a forward-looking company, sonnen naturally cannot ignore electronic invoicing: most suppliers already invoice their services by e-mail, and sonnen would like everyone to use this method. Working with SAP, this is actually no problem at all, but it turned out that the archiving system used so far did not offer the auditing security that is required in Germany. Thus, the search for an appropriate archiving system began and windream

was finally selected. „We decided in favor of windream because the system meets our requirements regarding audit-proof storage and integration into SAP. But also because it is expandable and we will be able to use it for further document management projects in the future and will not have to use any other special solutions for this purpose,“ explains Daniela Langhammer, Head of Group Accounting at sonnen GmbH.



Background: sonnen GmbH

sonnen's core business is offering solar power storage systems - the sonnenBatteries - for private and commercial photovoltaic systems and their networking. Customers of sonnen do not have to feed their self-generated electricity into conventional suppliers, but can store it for direct use and share it themselves with others. The goal is to effectively drive the energy transition and provide the community with clean and affordable energy.

Founded in 2010 and headquartered in Wildpoldsried in Oberallgäu, Germany, the company is expanding and has additional companies in several countries around the world. It has already won numerous innovation awards for its business model.



Great user acceptance from day one

On the IT side, the introduction took a while, because audit-proof archiving requires procedural documentation, access rights have to be organized and assigned, and everything has to run so securely that nothing can go wrong.

For the accounting department, on the other hand, the changeover turned out to be as easy as one could wish: When electronic invoice entry started at the beginning of March 2021, the about 30 users from financial accounting and controlling didn't actually notice any change at all. „We hardly noticed anything, because

windream works in the background,“ Langhammer remembers. „At some point, we received the information: ‚It is running, please try it out‘. Thereupon, we made a few adjustments, then it was done, completely unspectacular. Everything works as before: We open an invoice PDF - and the fact that it is no longer stored on the old archiving system, but in an audit-proof way in windream, is not noticed.“ In this way, acceptance of a new system is naturally high. „We hardly had to plan any resources for the conversion, no training was necessary.“



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Archive with some added value

However, there is one difference: While previously, only the attachments of invoices received via e-mail were saved, windream now archives the e-mail message itself. „Sometimes, there is an important explanation or supplement in there, and we can now also view this without having to search for the e-mail elsewhere,“ Langhammer describes. „windream saves two PDF-files whose affiliation is evident.“

Before archiving, the invoices go through an OCR scanning process. All recognized data are made visible, whereupon the accounting department can check the contents and, if necessary, send an invoice for approval.

Eckpunkte

- ✓ Audit-proof storage of electronic invoices
- ✓ Uncomplicated implementation of the new archiving system
- ✓ ECM integration into the existing SAP system
- ✓ Integration of an e-mail management system
- ✓ High employee acceptance since day one

Project with broad digitization potential

Currently, the migration of legacy data is in progress so that the previous archive can be closed. In the next step, further departments and their corresponding documents are to be integrated into windream. „We would like to have a uniform archiving platform for all master data - with windream, it is possible“, Daniela Langhammer emphasizes. „Contracts, offers, orders and delivery bills can be stored directly with us. Then, for example, the accounting department can include the related documents in the invoice verification, if required, and does not have to ask the purchasing or sales department first or ask to see the folders: That will be a big advantage.“

As the individual companies will be integrated into SAP country by country in the course of sonnen's expansion, it is obvious to equip them with windream as well. With this system, for example, all documents worldwide could be administered centrally from Germany, beyond document archiving.




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