



AstenJohnson is a manufacturer of paper machine clothing, specialty fabrics, filaments, and drainage equipment used in the papermaking industry. The company has twelve locations in North America and Europe and supplies their product globally. AstenJohnson has more than 200 years of global experience serving the paper industry, making AstenJohnson a preeminent international supplier of reliable, innovative products and technical solutions.

The company has been using Lotus Notes® to support the business since 1996 until now. There have been many customized databases created during that period to maintain lab reports, project content, quality records, marketing information, and product run data. This represents hundreds of databases with unique content that some of which is replicated on numerous servers in different geographic areas. This also creates challenge of information visibility given that it may only reside on specific servers with limited access.

In late 2003, AstenJohnson chose EMC/Documentum for its enterprise content management solution. This decision was made after development of a strategic information plan that included a goal of managed and accessible content. The plan recognized that information was a key asset of the company. The strategic plan also outlined the key software platforms for future content creation and storage. EMC/Documentum products and Microsoft Exchange Server® would replace Lotus Notes®. Existing content in Lotus Notes® databases would be migrated to the new platforms.

Migration of the content in the Lotus Notes® databases into the EMC/Documentum Enterprise Content Server solution was considered a major project. Primarily because of the varied content format, embedded documents links, and attachments. Preliminary work was done to migrate a simple database, but it became evident very early on that this would require many hours of development time and the resulting content would lose much of the original visual presentation. Although the visual presentation differences could be resolved, the development time impact was serious. To meet company goals for database migrations would have meant adding a number of developers or engaging third-party resources to accomplish the required work.

At Momentum 2004, the EMC/Documentum user conference, in Montreal, Canada associates of AstenJohnson met and discussed Lotus Notes Integrator® with Frank Shell and concluded that Lotus Notes Integrator® could greatly benefit the content migration from Lotus Notes® into the content server and should be evaluated more completely.

After the conference, a fully functional trial installation of Lotus Notes Integrator® was implemented. During the evaluation process, any questions on use or functionality of the product were responded to quickly and this allowed AstenJohnson to fully test Lotus Notes Integrator® on representative sets of Lotus Notes® databases. Purchase of Lotus

Notes Integrator® was justified by the time and effort savings using the solution, which would allow limited development resources to concentrate on key projects.

One particular migration challenge was Lotus Notes® databases that included records with document links. These links to other databases may include links to other documents with more links. The content to be migrated can become very complex. Lotus Notes Integrator® addressed this by constructing virtual documents on the content server with the original content as the parent and linked documents and attachments as child documents. The resulting content retains visual integrity with the original Lotus Notes® record and the document links are preserved. Lotus Notes Integrator® made what would be a difficult project becomes a routine process.

Overall, AstenJohnson has been very satisfied with the choice of Lotus Notes Integrator®. The solution has proven to be the correct choice for tasks encountered with Lotus Notes® record migrations based on the ease of use, excellent customer support, and product stability.

About AstenJohnson, Inc.

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AstenJohnson products are at work in mills throughout the world. Their products help create many kinds of paper -- from fine writing paper and brown paper bags to cardboard boxes and newsprint for papermakers in 55 countries. Corporate headquarters are located in Charleston, South Carolina, USA and Kanata, Ontario, Canada. AstenJohnson has sales manufacturing locations in North America and Europe, and a sales and marketing partnership in Singapore. In addition, construction is underway on a manufacturing location in Shanghai, China through a partnership agreement.

The company believes that investment in associates and technology is vital to flourishing in today's competitive global marketplace. The associates are knowledgeable about all aspects of our business, as well as the latest advances in technology and research and development. At every level of the organization, we respond quickly and efficiently to the needs of our customers.