

SuperChoice Undergoes Major Cloud Transformation with Offis

~ Offis and RightScale reinvent legacy superannuation app as powerful cloud platform ~

Sydney, August 02, 2016 –SuperChoice—the superannuation and pensions ecommerce company—has successfully migrated its legacy system into a more powerful, cost-effective and efficient multi-cloud environment, designed and implemented by Offis—the Australian leader in multi-cloud services.

SuperChoice chose to adopt a multi-cloud strategy as part of an internal transformation to meet the requirements of the government’s new SuperStream superannuation system before the June 2016 deadline. “Many companies start moving to the cloud by deploying their newest, most cloud-ready apps, whereas we actually did the opposite,” says Ian Gibson, CIO of SuperChoice. “We took our core legacy system built 17 years ago and deployed that to the cloud.”

The multi-cloud strategy is powered by RightScale—the global leader in cloud management technology and a major technology partner of Offis. “What led us to Offis was their expertise in automated deployments and RightScale. There just aren't that many people in the market familiar with this,” says Gibson.

“We have a long tradition of being vendor agnostic at the cloud and infrastructure level,” says Franck Demoiseau, CEO of Offis. “We’re committed to always providing unbiased advice and delivering the most appropriate options for each client and each unique scenario. Therefore, as companies increasingly adopt hybrid and multi-cloud strategies, we are particularly well placed to provide the tools and expertise necessary to manage multiple clouds and technologies.”

When businesses decide to move into the cloud, the old legacy system is usually seen as the out-dated relic to be confined to the ‘too-hard’ basket. The desire for quick results often leads to a focus on a few easy options—less essential services, or newer apps that require fewer modifications to be cloud-ready. This ‘half-in’ approach to the cloud can create a whole new set of problems as the older, more complex legacy systems and workflows struggle with even more workarounds and compromises.

“There are a lot of companies that will say they are cloud first across the board,” says Bailey Caldwell, Director of Professional Services for RightScale. “Actually delivering on that, once they get into the trenches, becomes a much more difficult challenge. Many businesses that I've worked with have been all-in on cloud for years, and they're still not there. Their appetite was larger than their ability to execute.”

The new cloud-based system allows SuperChoice’s developers to create new virtual environments on demand in under an hour, speeding up the process of testing and deploying code into Production ready for a client to use. This process previously took ten or more weeks. “SuperChoice is now incredibly agile,” says Greg Steel, senior consultant and solution architect at Offis. “They can build a complex environment involving multiple network tiers, firewalls, DNS, multiple servers and dozens of applications on the fly within an hour across private and public clouds. And they can repeat the exercise as often and as many times as they need, with infrastructure no longer being a constraint.”

Having exceeded expectations, Offis continues to work closely with SuperChoice; leading a further project to implement a complete software-defined data centre with full environment orchestration and automated provisioning.

“Offis and RightScale make it possible for corporate organisations like SuperChoice to still extract huge value from old legacy apps and systems by transforming them into new, cloud-ready applications,” says Gibson.

About Offis

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