Software developers see positive ROI with Quest® Toad® for Oracle

Small team gains productivity with time-saving features of Toad

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Country: **United States of America**

Industry: **Computer Related Consulting Services**

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Challenge

Simplicis is a small company that serves biopharmaceutical and agriscience laboratory businesses with solutions and services for laboratory information and sample management. The company maintains Oracle databases for software design, development and release testing, and must manage the database instances. Specifically, database management includes tablespaces, data files, rebuilding indexes, tables, analyzing tables and schema comparison. PL/SQL development includes creating and maintaining packages, while SQL development includes data queries and editing.

Software developers at Simplcis had varying levels of expertise with Oracle databases, making it more difficult to perform the database activities that accompany the development of quality code.

Solution

To address these challenges, Simplicis selected Quest® Toad® for Oracle to automate and streamline the repetitive tasks of database maintenance and development.

Benefits

- Numerous features packed into one tool that installs easily and doesn't require add-ons
- Robust "make code" feature that exports complex SQL statements to programming languages
- Attentive service and support from Quest

Solutions at a glance

- Quest® Toad® for Oracle

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The Simplicis developers have varying levels of expertise with Oracle, and struggled with acitivies like schema comparison and promotion scripts, rebuilding table scripts, debugging and analyzing connected sessions, and dealing with dictionary tables. They attempted to use SQL Developer a few times, but found that it was not user-friendly.

Solution

Simplicis developer, Brian Wrench, purchased Quest® Toad® for Oracle for on-premises deployment and use by both database managers and developers. According to Wrench, "Toad saves many hours of work by simplifying the repetitive maintenance tasks for databases. The resource time I save by purchasing Toad for my developers easily offsets the cost."

With Toad for Oracle, Simplicis appreciates that there are so many features packed into one application without the need for add-ons. The solution is also extremely stable and scalable, and the team has had no trouble keeping it current with updates.

According to Wrench, in particular the Toad PL/SQL debugger has been a huge time-saver, along with the "make code" feature. Not available in other products, this capability allows the user to easily export a complex SQL statement to a programming language. This saves them from having to type in all of the escape/concatenation characters just to create a SQL statement in C# or C++.

Quest also received strong marks for customer service. Wrench contacted Quest when a version of Toad for Oracle had a very specific bug that affected his team. Quest support professionals scheduled a meeting to review the issue and immediately implemented a fix. The Quest team communicated when the release would be available, and provided a beta version until the official release. Said Wrench, "the level of service Quest provided was astounding."

Overall, Simplicis believes it has received excellent value from Toad. Wrench advises that while the initial cost may seem steep, the renewal rate is reasonable, so consider the multi-year cost. If a developer saves 20 hours annually by using Toad's functionality, the software has easily paid for itself in improved productivity alone.

About Quest

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