



# Conformity as a Service

CASE STUDY

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## Introduction

Conformity in Oracle JD Edwards is crucial for the security and efficiency of the ERP system. Companies must ensure conformity to use the system correctly, avoid fines, and prevent potential security breaches. In this case study, the implemented solution was for a supply chain company. Their objective was to assess conformity after a period of growth and establish a solid foundation for future Oracle JD Edwards development and usage.

The implementation required a double perspective approach: licenses and security.

By optimizing processes and workflows instead of increasing the number of users, the company aimed to sustain its growth in a cost-effective manner, particularly in the IT environment.

Quistor led this process, starting with a Conformity as a Service audit, an independent review to determine the ERP system's conformity status before designing and implementing the strategy.

## Process: Audit and Solution Implementation

The initial step was conducting an audit to gain insights into licensing and security issues. This audit considered the customer's current contract and utilized a tool to gather system statistics, such as usage, utilized modules, and user statistics. Based on this data, an analysis was performed on named users and connected devices.

The results were presented to the client, with specific input requested when necessary. For example, additional confirmation of the list of named users and devices might be sought to account for recent changes, such as personnel movements, joining or leaving within the data timeframe.

The strategy was then determined, outlining the steps required to achieve compliance and how licenses would be purchased, if necessary. Adjustments and modifications were made from a security perspective to reduce the license needs, and additional licenses were acquired to support the customer's ERP system development plans. These new licenses also provided access to new modules, expanding business possibilities.

Future plans of the company, such as utilizing warehouse management within JD Edwards, were also factored into the strategy. Although not audited initially, this future use was included in the license acquisition to make the agreements commercially favorable for the customer.



## **Pain Points**

The audit not only revealed the need for additional licenses but also identified security issues with JD Edwards users. Access to all modules was available for every user, requiring full conformity and the purchase of licenses for each user. Addressing this security concern became a primary objective to achieve the final goal.

## **Key wins**

The conformity implementation brought significant benefits to the company:

### **Cost Savings**

The strategy had two perspectives to save costs. Firstly, the licenses purchased were reduced as much as possible thanks to the previous analysis of the situation, as the objective is always to decrease the number of licenses needed for that exact situation. Additionally, purchasing licenses in a bundle allowed for the inclusion of additional licenses at a lower price in the deal with Oracle, such as the warehouse management module, which proved beneficial when utilized later. Although the customer was not intending to use it immediately, it would have had a significantly higher cost for them in the future.

### **Prevent Security Problems**

The audit helped resolve security issues, ensuring that only authorized users had access to specific modules and mitigating potential risks.

### **Future Projects**

With the Conformity project as a foundation, the customer's JD Edwards environment is now well-prepared for future development and usage. For example, upgrading to the latest JD Edwards release is among the possibilities being considered for the near future.

## Our Added Value

With Quistor's Conformity as a Service, there are multiple ways you get insight into your current Oracle JD Edwards license and security compliancy. Quistor offers very attractive pricing for this service, which will help you to optimize your Oracle license usage. Depending on your needs, you can combine the services below:



### Security



Quistor experts analyze your raw data.



Get insights into SoD conflicts and their causes.



Together we can discuss the results and remediation options.



General JD Edwards security health check.

### License complete



Quistor experts analyze your raw data.



We apply it to your current license position.



Together we discuss the results and license optimization options.



We create a road map to make sure you become license compliant.



We can support you in the further execution of this road map if desired.

### License light



You receive a report and a file containing raw data that you can use for your own analysis.

## Quistor's Added Value:



Guidance reduces the burden on your team



Compliance experts



Adapting to your ERP strategy



Fast and accurate insights



Mediation with Oracle

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