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Successful JDK migration to azul

Highlights & Quotes

⇒ **An 80% cost reduction on subscription costs**
⇒ **Our systems are safer, and our client data is secure**
⇒ **Not a single migrated application has led to problems**
⇒ **We learned a lot from OpenValue's expertise and approach**
⇒ **Impressed by the fast and effective approach of OpenValue**

Out of the dark, into the light

Offering help with psychological problems, that is what all colleagues of Parnassia Group do with heart and soul every day. They offer their help briefly and close by if possible, and more intensively and for longer if necessary.

Parnassia Group offers specialist help for all psychological problems. Every year, we help about 180,000 clients and we do this with 14,000 professionals. The organisation consists of various care brands that are divided into small teams. They are professionals who constantly strive to improve the quality and accessibility of mental healthcare in the Netherlands. Because they believe that the treatment of mental health problems can always be improved. With scientific research, professional development through an own academy and the development and innovation of new treatment methods, they push boundaries and discover new possibilities.

Background

The history, size of the organisation and especially the many mergers and takeovers have had an impact on the system landscape. In addition, the funding and reimbursement system for healthcare in the Netherlands is subject to constant change, and the organisation interacts with many partners. Moreover, patient data is involved - possibly the most sensitive data imaginable. In such an organisation, a lot of software is used, and therefore also a lot of software that uses or is based on Java.

In that context and the knowledge that Oracle has implemented a radical change in its licensing policy, a very enlightening Java Quick scan was carried out which, in the software landscape that had grown turbulent through developments and mergers, provided clarity about a possible compliancy risk - do we have our Oracle subscriptions in order? And also a security risk - have we deployed Java versions that have known security breaches?

Migration to Azul was a no-brainer

Like many other organisations, Parnassia struggled with the changed rules of Oracle regarding Oracle Java (JRE and JDK). Parnassia chose to formulate a Java strategy for a number of reasons:

- Increased risk of security breach
- Potential regulation breaches trough non-patched software
- More pressure from Oracle of audit, with new team hired to implement
- The time frame to migrate

An enormous cost saving could be achieved by switching from oracle to Azul. Besides a dramatic cost benefit (80% reduction on subscription costs) there is the advantage of Mitigating GDPR and ISO 27001 Java security risks by Azuls full support, even supporting older Java Versions than Oracle does. Azul is the only provider of patches for Java that offers the same OS support and compatibility as Oracle.

Migrating to Azul was therefore a no-brainer, although it is an operation that is experienced as very exciting by many organisations. If any issues do arise, they want experts on their side who can ensure that the aforementioned risks are eliminated in the shortest possible time, in an expert and controlled manner.

OpenValue as migration partner

For this, Parnassia has chosen OpenValue. Based on years of experience in the Java world, the experts at OpenValue have developed an approach based on best practices that has been applied to many JDK migrations and update projects. As a registered and valued partner of Azul, there is also a very short line of communication between the OpenValue experts and the developers working on the JDK.

Results: better than expected!

OpenValue helped Parnassia to carry out the migration in a short period of time. Not only did the risks mentioned earlier disappear completely, but the migration also turned out to have had even more advantages for Parnassia:

- More insight into the system and software landscape of the organisation
- Optimizations in the change process have been identified
- More clarity about responsibilities with regard to applications that are in use
- Application and system administrators have experienced an enormous growth in knowledge and confidence
- Parnassia is therefore better able to focus its resources and time on what it is called as an organisation: giving people the best care!

About OpenValue

OpenValue is a recognized partner of Azul with offices throughout the Netherlands and the DACH region highly specialized in the Java software development and related technology.

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