On-premises accounting systems can be a burden

From sluggish processing times to failed transactions, using an on-premises server for its accounting software significantly slowed down Uwoyela’s remote workers and added unnecessary strain on its IT resources.

Realizing cloud benefits with Microsoft Azure

Geek Managed Services migrated Uwoyela’s accounting system to Azure, eliminating the crippling dependence on office network connections and on-premises hardware and software while reducing the load on IT staff.

Increase efficiency and reduce transaction failures

Uwoyela’s remote workers can now connect to the accounting system from anywhere at any time. Hosting the accounting system on Azure speeds up processing times and all but eliminates failed transactions.
Environmental services provider Uwoyela needed a modern accounting solution

Based in Durban, South Africa, Geek Managed Services is the managed services arm of technology company immedia. Focusing on bringing digital transformation to emerging small and midsize businesses in the KwaZulu-Natal province, the 24-year-old company has earned several Gold and Silver Cloud competencies since its Microsoft journey began in 2013.

Uwoyela is an oil pollution control specialist offering state-of-the-art environmental technology and products that empower the environmentally sound clean-up and rehabilitation of potentially hazardous hydrocarbon materials.

As with many small businesses in South Africa, Uwoyela hosted its accounting system along with other business software on an on-premise server. For the most part, this worked well when an employee connected to the system from the office. However, working on the accounting system remotely from satellite offices in Geneva, Switzerland, proved to be constantly problematic. Financial transactions, typically uploaded in batches, frequently failed because of slow network speeds or power outages and needed to be redone—causing frustration and wasted time.

Geek Managed Services and Microsoft Azure help Uwoyela boost remote workers' productivity

Geek Managed Services provisioned the necessary resources for Uwoyela’s customized accounting system in a private, secure Microsoft Azure environment. After migrating Uwoyela’s valuable financial data and transactions, the Geek team collaborated with Uwoyela to verify the environment worked as expected and contained all data and services.

Within a week, Uwoyela’s accounting system was fully hosted on Azure and available for authorized access from anywhere. Moving its system from an on-premises server to Azure increased the productivity of Uwoyela’s remote workers’—cutting processing times in half and reducing failed transactions by 99 percent. Additionally, Uwoyela no longer needs to spend time and resources managing the constant upgrades and maintenance of on-premises hardware.

“Now that their core business data has been migrated to Microsoft Azure, Uwoyela is primed to take advantage of the further benefits of cloud. For example, integrating IoT devices into their cloud environment, Uwoyela’s consultants can look forward to taking readings and gathering data while offsite, empowering real-time reporting and disaster management, as well as preventing costly project overruns,” said Kemlyn Pillay, General Manager, Geek Managed Services.

“As a simple, affordable platform that is well-rounded, well-supported, and constantly iterated, the credibility, stability, and security of (Azure) aided us in encouraging Uwoyela that it was the right time to take their first step into the cloud.”

—Kemlyn Pillay, General Manager, Geek Managed Services