

The Beautiful Game is given a Helping Hand

as the Premier League standardises on Document Management from EASY SOFTWARE



The Premier League is widely regarded as the elite club competition in world football. It is owned by 20 Shareholders - the member clubs, whose membership in the league is dependent on the performance of their football team in the Barclays Premiership.

The roles and objectives of the Premier League are extensive and include To manage, continually improve and be regarded as the world's best league football competition - on and off the field.

Use our resources to develop playing talent that will provide for international success with the England team at all levels - with the status of World Champions being the realistic goal.

Kick off with Document Management

Keeping a watchful eye on technology and with a pending office move looming Simon Thunder, Head of IT at the Premier League, took the decision to recommend electronic document management technology to his Finance Director: "The impetus for change was initially driven by our office move", Simon explains. "We were aware of the benefits of reducing paper storage not only because of the physical space that it takes up and the costs per square foot, but also the implication of loss through fire or flood or some other disaster. The finance department was an obvious starting point as we were storing thousands of supplier invoices, sales invoices, expenses sheets and these were predominantly on paper. Simply storing these electronically and linking them to our finance and expense management system would make for significant cost and efficiency savings."

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“ Paper storage is clearly becoming a thing of the past. The document management system has been received very positively and has become a fine example for other departments to automate their paper handling.”

Simon Thunder, Head of IT, Premier League

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A clean sheet

The FAPL sought the advice of Touchstone Group, a supplier of integrated solutions for business and financial management who had supplied its Microsoft Dynamics GP accounts system and expense management solution.

Work began to scan the backlog and create links between the electronic documents and their records in both the finance and expense management systems. Physical records were then removed to off-site storage. "We had achieved our initial goal with all records electronically stored and safe from loss and were already beginning to realise the workflow efficiencies that could be achieved by being able to simply access all related documents from one finance system," added Simon.

Getting the ball rolling

The football department of the FAPL stores a wealth of documents and historical records on the league, its members and players. As one of most significant current and historical FAPL document stores, the football department was next on Simon's list to be automated with EASY's electronic document management system. EASY SOFTWARE worked closely with Simon and his team to integrate EASY ENTERPRISE into the player contract system - FAS. The sensitive nature of these documents is such that all scanning is being done internally.

Kicking some ideas around

Under Simon's stewardship the Premier League has a long term ambition of an electronic document future where each department over time converts to storing and retrieving its documents electronically and archiving off-site documents for long term retention.

In partnership with Touchstone

The Premier League Document Management system was delivered in partnership with Touchstone Group, a long term, strategic EASY SOFTWARE reseller and integrator.

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