

AchieverPlus.Net Adds SQL 2008 Server Compatibility to GRC Line Up

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Alton UK, 17.12.2008; Europe's leading GRC (Governance, Risk and Compliance) systems company, Sword Achiever www.achieverplus.com, has added SQL 2008 compatibility to its widely acclaimed .Net GRC solution; that delivers a single point of access across all regulatory, quality and process resources in an organisation.

The new version, which has completed testing within just 4 months of the release of Microsoft SQL 2008 Server, demonstrates Sword Achiever's significant investment in product development. In addition to adding SQL 2008 server compatibility, Sword Achiever has also confirmed testing of Internet Explorer 8 beta 2 and expects to confirm full compatibility with AchieverPlus .NET when Microsoft release the product early in 2009.

Combining power and flexibility, with Microsoft's .Net technology, AchieverPlus provides a unique, management gateway that can easily be embedded into an organisation's existing processes without disrupting working practises. The system unifies all the organisation's disparate systems, standards, policies and resources across any number of sites and locations.

Multiple areas of compliance can be included such as regulatory, legislative and best practice, encompassing many industry standards. Specific solutions for the most highly regulated business areas include: Sarbanes Oxley, MiFID, Life Sciences (such as Health and Safety), ISO 9000 /1 and more.

Traditionally, with disparate databases managing each area of compliance, users would have to search multiple systems to identify their tasks and alerts. This can lead to errors and omissions and increase the amount of time spent on managing tasks. In addition, many organisations have seen the regulatory and compliance functions purely in terms of document management and not as a requirement for a dynamic and proactive management tool. AchieverPlus answers the need of those organisations seeking an effective integrated GRC management tool that utilises the full capabilities and agility of .Net technology.

With AchieverPlus, administrators can create fully configurable, context-sensitive, portal screens to meet the unique, role-specific needs of individual users. Thus a CEO can access strategic information, whereas specific business areas such as Health and Safety or Finance can view information tailored to the needs of their management function. AchieverPlus also ensures that the right management are alerted rapidly to non-compliance issues or areas of potential risk.

A key element of the Administrator's portal is a comprehensive "Contents View" incorporating a full-featured document management system. This contains all the key resources held on the system including: equipment records, inspection logs, approval categories, communication procedures, complaint and review categories, legislative updates, incident reporting and corrective action requests. The Contents View also includes detailed audit records and procedures. Both existing and newly created documents can be cross-referenced, wherever necessary, to the relevant sections of specific standards such as ISOs.

A "Create View" encourages users to be more proactive, by enabling them to create and submit new

documents. AchieverPlus also integrates seamlessly with leading applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Visio and many more.

An ongoing "Work Item View" enables users to periodically review work in progress such as draft documents, approvals, planned inspections or audits and outstanding actions. From this part of the system, users are able to send reminders or escalate items to different users where projected deadlines have been missed or are still awaiting a response. This also allows users to review existing documents where the content has become irrelevant or redundant.

A powerful state-of-the-art search engine allows users to perform context sensitive, "drill-down" queries of multiple databases for documents, resources or procedures held in the system's content files. Documents and files can be searched through user-defined filters including: document number, staff member, date or location.

A list of recent searches is easily accessible and a "Quick Item View" allows users to pull files up rapidly by entering document numbers, staff names or departments without having to navigate through the system.

The system also includes unrivalled analysis facilities and comprehensive reporting functionality for generating incisive management documents. A full range of templates can also be utilised such as accident or incident reports. The system also enables reports to be expressed graphically.

As Robert Dent, Director of Sword Achiever says; "AchieverPlus has been recognised as the leading enterprise GRC management product; produced by a European headquartered group. It is incumbent upon us, therefore, to incorporate key technology developments as they appear. Compatibility with SQL 2008 is therefore a prerequisite and in delivering this product, I am delighted that AchieverPlus .Net and for that matter Sword Achiever will stay at the forefront of the European GRC marketplace."

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