



sonnen GmbH

Partnership for success: Xiting GmbH and 4U-Consult GmbH implement a transparent SAP S/4HANA authorization concept for sonnen GmbH

In partnership and full collaboration with 4U-Consult, Xiting has successfully carried out a SAP S/4HANA redesign project in 2019 for the customer in the energy sector, sonnen GmbH. With the help of the Xiting Authorizations Management Suite (XAMS), the two partners have created a new and transparent authorization concept based on job functions. The main focus was the reauthorization of 250 users in an S/4HANA sys-

tem according to the Need-to-know principle as well as the rebuilding of SAP Fiori catalogs and groups according to the SAP-Best Practice. The cooperation between the two partners and the in-house consultants, Martina Nolting and Stefan Wacker, was essential for the implementation of the XAMS software solution as part of this redesign project aimed at meeting the long-term needs and requirements of a global player.



“Xiting GmbH and 4U-Consult GmbH stood by us throughout the entire XAMS redesign project, both professionally and personally, in an extremely constructive and productive manner. During this close collaboration, we were able to build up in-depth knowledge of authorizations and we still appreciate both the XAMS tool and the partnership-based support of the consultants from both companies.”

Martina Nolting

Business IT specialist / SAP Inhouse Consultant
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The company

- Name: sonnen GmbH (founded 2010)
- Location: Wildpoldsried
- Industry: Energy sector
- Revenue: 68 million (2018)
- Employees: <700 (2020)
- Internet address: www.sonnen.de
- SAP system: SAP ERP

Highlights

- Creation of a transparent, workplace-oriented, and globally applicable authorization concept
- Reauthorization of 250 users based on the Need-to-know principle
- Increase in effectiveness and security with SAP Fiori catalogs and groups according to the SAP-Best Practice

Objectives

This first partnership project between the two consulting firms mainly focused on developing a workplace-oriented authorization concept and creating job-oriented roles based on the Need-to-know principle. The functionalities of the XAMS and the standardization of roles, SAP Fiori catalogs and groups enabled an increase in effectiveness and security when referring to role-based access control.

The project focused on adjusting the SU24 values as well as on examining and eliminating the SoD conflicts identified in the roles and role assignment processes. An additional objective of this redesign project was the active knowledge transfer of how to use the XAMS in order to enable our customer to manage conceptual authorization matters independently.

Challenges

Two key challenges were identified during this project: On the one hand, the above-average authorized users in all areas and, on the other hand, the lack of a job function-based authorization concept. In addition to the authorization-related support, our customer, sonnen GmbH, required special support in communicating with its specialist departments and growing awareness of the importance and need for a new authorization concept. Regular process adjustments, low resource capacities in

the specialist departments, high employee turnover and the resulting restructurings, were additional obstacles encountered and overcome during this project.

Successes

The successful collaboration between sonnen GmbH and the two consulting firms during this extensive redesign project has led to the development and introduction of a globally applicable authorization concept.

Helpful features could be implemented which noticeably increased the effectiveness of the role construction process. The XAMS software solution helped maintain the conformity to the SAP standard and enabled the implementation of the parent company's requirements in an audit-compliant manner. 4U-Consult GmbH and Xiting GmbH continued to have an active cooperation with the customer and provided further support even after the project handover.

The transfer of know-how to the partner company and customer regarding the use of XAMS was essential during this project that aimed to achieve the best results. The redesign project resulted in the highest level of customer satisfaction and laid the foundation for future partnership projects.