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Healthcare Provider Gains Reliable, Flexible Platform with Move to .NET, Windows Mobile

Fast Facts

ISV: CareNext

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Country or Region: United States

Industry: Information technology

Solution Profile

CareNext Connect facilitates the transfer of acute-care patients to post-acute facilities such as nursing homes, by ensuring that patient information is available to the facility in a timely way.

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Partner Profile

Hanu Software is a global IT consulting and services provider, with corporate business offices located in Princeton, New Jersey and an engineering campus located in Gurgaon, India.

Previous Solution

- Sybase
- J2EE
- Custom handheld application

Microsoft Solution

- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 and SQL Server Compact Edition
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 and .NET Compact Framework
- Windows Mobile 6.1

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Chaim D. Meghnaqi, Director, Information Technology, CareNext Group

Previous Solution

CareNext Group’s CareNext Connect was a mobile solution that enabled acute healthcare providers, post-acute facilities, and insurers to communicate more effectively than they could otherwise. Facilities case managers, based in hospitals, used the devices to help ensure that up-to-date information on patients was transferred in a timely way to the facilities that received them after their acute healthcare treatment.

Business Challenge

CareNext had built its solution on open source technologies and proprietary software, including Sybase, J2EE, and a custom handheld application. After a few years, support for database elements was going to end, forcing the company to find an alternative. And the handheld application would only support one, now aging, device. Users wanted CareNext Connect to run on the mobile devices they were now using for the rest of their communication needs.

Microsoft Solution

Working with Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Hanu Software, CareNext is migrating

its solution to the Microsoft application platform and Windows Mobile 6.1. The move to Microsoft gives CareNext current database technology on the handheld device; enables highly effective synchronization between the handheld device and the server; and adds the flexibility to use the solution with any Windows Mobile phone.

The use of Microsoft development technologies enables CareNext to easily add a Web version to its solution, giving field managers greater flexibility in how they entered data into the system.

Benefits

- Microsoft product roadmap helps ensure CareNext will have a dependable upgrade path and support for technologies.
- .NET development is fast and flexible, for easy migration to Microsoft platform and development of additional front-ends to boost business value of solution.
- Use of Windows Mobile provides built-in functionality not available to CareNext before, and gives users broad options on phone use.

