



iBOLT – Alert Steel

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The Challenge

Alert Steel, a large retailer of steel products in South Africa, needed to implement real-time distribution of data between its main office and its branches and retail outlets over limited bandwidth telecom links. It also needed to consolidate financial information between its offices, ensure data consistency and develop an enterprise data warehouse.

The Magic Solution

Alert Steel turned to Connect Vision, a South African consulting and integration company and a Magic Software business partner, for guidance. The recommended solution: combine SAP Business One at the head office and all of the branches, using Magic Software's iBOLT Special Edition.

With this solution, the personnel at head office create and update data such as new business partners or order items as SAP Business One objects. iBOLT then receives the trigger from SAP Business One, replicates the changes to the relevant branches, and emails notifications of the changes to the branch managers.

The Benefits

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By extending the capabilities of SAP Business One with iBOLT, Alert Steel's personnel costs have decreased. Its head office and branch staff will no longer need to re-key data, accuracy has improved and data is now consistent between all the company's sites. Productivity is also on the rise with company staff now freed from administrative task and able to focus on real business and strategic issues. Magic's code-free integration approach ensured a much quicker project turnaround time when compared to conventional coding approaches.
