

## SRB Modernizes their Application Suite and Improves Usability with LegaSuite



SRB provides software solutions to school districts across North America. They have been in business for over two decades, and 60 school districts use their feature-rich applications to administer their finance, human resources, purchasing and payroll procedures.

### Challenge

SRB's suite of education administration solutions run on OpenVMS. Their applications are robust and functionally rich, but lacked an up-to-date look-and-feel. To enhance their place in the market, they wanted to make their applications more user-friendly and visually attractive, which would appeal to a newer generation of school administrators who find green-screen applications awkward and hard to use.

They had been looking for several years for a modernization solution. After evaluating different options — including rewriting and rehosting — they chose to modernize their existing applications using Rocket Seagull's LegaSuite GUI.

### Solution

With LegaSuite, SRB modernized their suite of applications with a more intuitive look-and-feel in a fast time frame. They've gone from offering a text-heavy, green-screen interface to a more appealing GUI with functionality that users expect from a mouse-driven program — including a customized color scheme, icons, push buttons, form fields and data export to PDF and Excel.

"Customers absolutely love it," said Louise Kadlecik, Product Manger for SRB. "It makes a huge jump forward in making it look and feel like modern software should. We can finally deliver what people expect when they use an application. For instance, school district administrators love Excel, now they can export data to it with a click of the mouse."

### Results

They've deployed the solution to almost half of their current customers, and performance has not been an issue. "LegaSuite has been rock solid. We weren't sure how it would perform for some of our bigger clients, and we've had zero problems with it," said Kadlecik. "There's been no hit to system performance at all."

And by reusing their existing applications, they've done more with the proven OpenVMS technology they've invested in. "There really isn't anything else out there to do what Seagull can do for VT applications. A big benefit for us is that it clearly extends the life of our underlying code," said Jeff Dyck, Vice President of ERP Products. "Extending the life has huge financial gain for both our clients and us."

With their new web-enabled suite of programs, SRB has a competitive advantage that provides them opportunities to foster new business and access new markets. "People are happier with the our software's new look. It feels as modern as any other piece of software out there," said Kadlecik. "Within a year or two no one is going to think about the stable VMS piece running the back-end because we've been able to make it so web-like."



### Key benefits:

- Improved look-and-feel and functionality without changes to VMS apps
- Desktop integration with Excel and PDF
- Fast time-to-market
- Reuse and extend the life of VMS applications

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