

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure: Built for Enterprise

University of Santiago

Large public university saves 35% implementing Oracle PeopleSoft with Astute on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

The University of Santiago, one of the oldest universities in Chile, serves 23,000 students, so their campus solution is critical to keep enrollment, schedules, finance and many other aspects of university life running smoothly for students and staff.

After deciding to replace an aging existing system, the university worked with Astute, an Oracle partner, to extract data from their legacy system and implement a new PeopleSoft Campus Solution on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. They are now in the process of moving dev/test for other key applications.

Replacing an aging campus management system with modern integrated solutions

The University's campus solution is a critical part of their infrastructure, and maintaining it on-premises required significant investment to establish, secure, and update with new features while maintaining high levels of availability.

Their software had become outdated and lacked many modern features and capabilities, and couldn't easily integrate with other systems. The university contacted Astute, an Oracle partner for 14 years, to explore their options.

Astute is pivoting more of their work with customers to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, and has tripled their investment in this area in the past few months. "When a customer comes to us for a managed service, they want to make sure it provides the performance and availability they need, and we need to build it on a platform we can rely on. Oracle Cloud Infrastructure enables us to deliver. We're seeing a lot of growth in education, healthcare, and other enterprises, and we consistently recommend Oracle because it's built for just this sort of enterprise production application," said Sudhir Mehandru, Co-Founder and COO at Astute.

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"This is the University of Santiago's first major foray into the cloud," Sudhir continued, "and they were amazed at how fast we were able to build, demonstrate, and deploy a solution with Oracle Cloud Infrastructure."

Saving 35% with a customized managed service

The initial demonstration and final deployment each took just a few weeks, while the complete process including requirements gathering and planning took six months, and the PeopleSoft solution is live today.



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"Astute built our managed PeopleSoft solution on top of Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. The complete solution is saving the University 35% compared with other options we explored. We have been thrilled with the results and quality of service. We could not have moved to the cloud, or upgraded to PeopleSoft version 9.2, without Astute's expertise and support."
- **Francisco Acuña Castillo**,
Project Manager, University of Santiago

WHY ORACLE?

- 35% lower costs on the complete solution with Astute and Oracle, while improving security
- Time to solution – demonstrated in days, testable in weeks, and fully deployed in under 6 months
- Using PeopleSoft Cloud Manager instead of previous manual tools and processes
- Independent availability domains improve solution availability

PROFILE

- Education
- South America

SOLUTION

- Multiple US Availability Domains
- Oracle Database Cloud Service
- Oracle Management Cloud
- PeopleSoft Cloud Manager
- Oracle PeopleSoft 9.2 Campus Solution with PeopleTools 8.55

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The deployment covers dev/test and production environments using Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Compute virtual machines running Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2, Oracle Linux 7.4, Oracle Database Cloud Service, and an application/web tier with PeopleSoft 9.2. Astute uses Oracle Management Cloud to monitor the production environment.

“We couldn’t believe Astute and Oracle provided a complete proof of concept of a full-featured campus solution as a managed service in 2 weeks for the cost of a few thousand dollars,” said Francisco Acuña Castillo, Project Manager at the University of Santiago. “PeopleSoft Update Manager is enabling us to benefit from new features regularly, as well. This has been a great initial experience with public cloud Infrastructure-as-a-Service, and we’re already exploring moving additional applications to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure with Astute.”

“And the end users are happier, too. We deployed with PeopleSoft’s PeopleTools Fluid UI’s responsive design capabilities which has improved both desktop and mobile user experience. Navigating to the information or features you need is faster and easier, and the personalized home page is also helpful,” Francisco concluded.

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