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Business Needs
Grant Thornton's vision is to be the leading firm in its industry serving dynamic organizations in its chosen markets. To achieve this, Grant Thornton needs to transform more data, more quickly, from more sources into usable information that can be used for intelligent decision-making.

Challenge
• Grant Thornton generates a huge volume of financial reports such as time, bill and expense activity, profit and loss statements, and net revenue reports. However, by the time data was available to the business, it was often too old to be of use for decision making.
• A fragmented portfolio of data integration platforms led to a web of different data movement combinations, which delayed time-sensitive integration, increased costs and impacted data quality.
• In parallel with its own needs, Grant Thornton wanted a trusted data integration provider that it could partner with to help clients access and manage data, balance business risk and achieve their technology goals.

Solution and Results
• Informatica's scalable enterprise data integration, real-time integration, Web services and Cloud Data Integration enable Grant Thornton to leverage their information assets, whether they reside on-premise or in the cloud.
• The company is working towards a single streamlined client engagement management model across its audit, tax and advisory businesses. It can also instantly view the profitability of each client engagement, allowing resources allocated to a project to be adjusted on the fly.
• The data integration development and maintenance lifecycle has been reduced by 50%, enabling Grant Thornton to make insightful, fast, consistent and compliant decisions.
• Informatica is also the data management partner of choice on all of Grant Thornton's public sector client engagements in the U.S, including the Department for Homeland Security and the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). For the VBA, Informatica powers the enterprise data warehouse that underpins—among many tasks—the identification of fraud, waste and abuse.