SourceAnywhere™ Standalone

Pinter Consulting's Global Team Unites Using SourceAnywhere Standalone

Known for selling the precursor of Microsoft Word to Bill Gates at the beginning of the eighties, Les Pinter founded Pinter Consulting in 1982. Since then, Pinter Consulting has developed applications for dozens of clients, from professional corporations to Fortune 100 companies like Exxon, Shell, Mitchell Energy and Halliburton. Les Pinter received a master's degree from Rice University in Houston, Texas, and finished the coursework for both an MBA and a Ph.D. from the University of Houston. He has been both a Microsoft Visual FoxPro MVP (Most Valuable Professional) and a Visual Basic.NET MVP, and is a frequent speaker at user groups and conferences in the United States and abroad, speaking in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian and French. In addition, Les is the author of seven books and more than 280 articles on database development.

The Need

Les Pinter was working on a contract to convert over 800 legacy programs to .NET. Seven programmers located in Argentina and in Brazil were working on the project. The team was using Visual SourceSafe to coordinate the project.

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Need
Geographically distributed team was searching for a reliable and fast remote access version control system

The Solution
Dynamsoft SourceAnywhere Standalone

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Since the developers were working remotely, Pinter needed to be able to effectively manage project files with all of the developers. Pinter recalled, "Our main objective was to eliminate confusion. We had to be sure we were looking at the most recent version of every program every time somebody checked it out and to be certain nobody else had checked it out."

"We tried to use Visual SourceSafe to coordinate and it was a nightmare," revealed Pinter. "I had data corruption about once a week, and I just couldn't trust it. Besides, Visual SourceSafe was so slow that it was faster to email programs back and forth."

Pinter needed a straightforward version control system that was reliable, fast, and secure.

After conducting an internet search, Pinter decided to evaluate SourceAnywhere Standalone. "I started searching for source control on the internet and your product name came up. So we looked at it, tried a test copy of it, bought it and installed it. We had it up and running in an hour and it has worked perfectly ever since," Pinter commented.

Les Pinter

"As far as evaluation, I would measure the success of a source control product by the degree to which it's transparent. SourceAnywhere Standalone is completely transparent."

"Besides Visual Studio, SourceAnywhere is the best software investment I ever made."

Les Pinter
Founder,
Pinter Consulting
Microsoft MVP

The Solution: Dynamsoft SourceAnywhere Standalone

Dynamsoft SourceAnywhere™ Standalone is a source control solution designed to be an alternative to Microsoft Visual SourceSafe. SourceAnywhere Standalone is based on Microsoft® SQL Server™ 2005 technology and Dynamsoft's powerful core. The strong resemblance to the VSS user interface, along with its SourceSafe data import tool, creates a seamless migration. SourceAnywhere Standalone is for developers who are ready for high performance, security, scalability, and reliability regardless of the size or geographical placement of development teams.

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The Result

Before using SourceAnywhere Standalone, the development team found the speed to be unbearable. "Compared to Visual SourceSafe, it appears to be about 20 - 30 times faster," remarked Pinter.

Actually, the speed of SourceAnywhere Standalone took Pinter by surprise. "The first few times I used SourceAnywhere Standalone I thought it didn't work because when I asked for a program to be downloaded, it was there in a tenth of a second." Pinter continued, "Actually, at first I thought - this thing is not working; it can't be that fast. Well, yes it can."

Since implementing SourceAnywhere Standalone, time wasted on fixing the version control system has been eliminated. "The project went ahead at full speed. There were no delays due to source code corruption or confusion over who had what. We avoided code loss, time loss and general befuddlement," stated Pinter. "It's just exactly the product that it should be. We were able to go back and focus on coding and testing, which is what we should do."

Regarding user experience for his South American programmers, Pinter maintained, "From the first time they used it, they felt completely comfortable with it. It was as if they had been using it for years. It's easy to understand and straightforward, and it works fast." Pinter continued, "I can't find any problems. It worked right the first time and has never given us a single problem."

About Dynamsoft

Dynamsoft Corporation is the leading developer of version control and issue tracking software. Many Fortune 500 companies including HP, IBM and Intel use Dynamsoft solutions for version control, issue tracking.

About SourceAnywhere Standalone

Dynamsoft SourceAnywhere Hosted™ is a SQL-based source control solution designed to be an alternative to Microsoft Visual SourceSafe.

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