Gaining 'in-the-moment' business awareness (Gordon Food Service)

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The challenge

Prior to 2005, the majority of data resided on a mainframe, but by 2015, it had spread to hundreds of Oracle and SQL Server databases in the data center, and many SaaS offerings in the cloud. Managing this sprawl had become a challenge and Gordon Food Service recognized the need for data consolidation to support the growing demand for analytics.

The solution

The company embarked on an ambitious data transformation strategy which began with the choice of Google Cloud Platform (GCP) as its cloud provider. To move all its data into this single cloud location, they selected Qlik Data Integration for its ability to seamlessly capture data from many sources and propagate it to a wide range of targets.

The results

Gordon Food Service ingested its first SAP table in late 2020 and it now achieves near real-time streaming of 11 sources including SAP, SQL and Oracle to Google BigQuery. As of June 2021, the cloud data pipeline incorporates more than six SAP environments, 54 subject areas, 929 tables and 12.7 TB of data and it takes less than one day to add a new data source.

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About Gordon Food Service

Gordon Food Service began delivering butter and eggs by horse and buggy. It is now the country's largest family-managed food service business with more than 170 stores, dozens of warehouse distribution centers and a delivery network covering food service operators east of the Mississippi River in the USA and coast-to-coast in Canada.

Industry: Food, Beverage & Restaurants
Primary project location: United States



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