Crédit Agricole International Banking Company

Introduction

French international banking group Crédit Agricole is not only the world's largest cooperative financial institution, but the second largest bank in France. Its rich history as the bank of farmers has given Crédit Agricole a very local approach, with 100 subsidiaries in every part of France. But as Crédit Agricole has developed into a modern bank, methods of data exchange needed to be modernized as well.

Challenges

In the early 2000s, Crédit Agricole partnered with PKWARE using PKZIP, a flagship file compression solution that was stable and easy to use. PKZIP became the standard for file transfer between platforms. Data was compressed then exchanged through a private encrypted network. Even when the bank's IT group was merged into a centralized group, Crédit Agricole chose PKZIP as the standard compression solution for all of their mainframe platforms. However, data exchange needs soon changed, and Crédit Agricole had to be able to securely send files to subsidiaries around the world not only outside of the private encrypted network, but also to locations using different platforms.

Organization Profile

Size: Large Enterprise

Industry: Financial

Use Cases

Since any exposed data creates great risk, the bank needed a solution in place quickly that would work from day one. Already a customer of IBM, the bank raised their issue and was directed by IBM global services consulting partner Kyndryl to consider PKWARE.

PKWARE's PK Discovery tool, part of the PK Protect suite of data security solutions, is able to work with all 250 connections in the sandbox to find sensitive data. As a result, the bank only needs to invest in and manage one solution to meet their needs. The speed and accuracy of PK Discovery also meant the bank would be able to start scanning the sandbox almost immediately for sensitive data and be confident in the results it uncovered.

Results

With more than one hundred thousand MIPS in play, Crédit Agricole is one of the largest users of PK Encrypt. The organization is contracted for unlimited platform connections, including Linux, and PK Encrypt has already been adopted on multiple platforms.

About PKWARE

PKWARE offers the only data discovery and protection solution that locates and secures sensitive data to minimize organizational risks and costs, regardless of device or environment. Our ultra-efficient, scalable software is simple to use on a broad range of data types and repositories, enabling precise, automated visibility and control of personal data, even in the fastest-moving, most complex IT environments. With more than 1,200 customers, including many of the world's largest financial institutions, retailers, healthcare organizations, and government agencies, PKWARE continues to innovate as an award-winning global leader in data discovery, security, and compliance. To learn more, visit **PKWARE.com**.