



Case Study – Worldwide Electronics Manufacturer

No more drawing straws...

A major electronics manufacturer contacted FirstQuarter as they sought to implement security at a more granular level across all of their relational reporting. Reporting spanned across Shipments, Bookings, Backlog, Inventory, and Quotes.

Securing data by Product Line, Location, Sales Force, Market Segment, and Customer was a must. Further, because certain business measures were more confidential than others, access to certain information was more restricted. For the implementation to be a success, expanding security to more than 2500 distinct security policies was key. Team members were drawing straws to choose who would "get" to implement security.

Governance Concerns

From a governance perspective, senior management required that access policies be easily understood and implemented.

Furthermore, because policies change, a means of managing change was critical. And finally, it was important to have visibility to security authorization logs over time for data security audits.

IT Challenges

Before Security Studio, the BI team had a good reason to draw straws. The success of their project required that they implement security across five subject areas, create 2500+ policy groups, and limit access to confidential measures.

Failure was not an option and would certainly be a career limiting move. They estimated that implementing security manually would require more than 1.5 million steps.

The Solution

Security Studio provided the following key benefits:

- Allowed for a flexible design and implementation of a highly complex security design.
- Provided a highly reliable means of implementing the 2,500 policy groups.
- Reduced administrative burden related to security by more than 90%.

Key Accomplishments

The following is a list of accomplishments:

- With Security Studio it took less than a day to implement security.
- Security policies generated across five hierarchies.
- A non-technical user manages memberships
- All security is generated from a single application.
- Security is refreshed nightly refresh.

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