

Case Study: MyDirectoryMaker

Alpha Anywhere Makes Migrating MS Access to the Cloud into Child's Play

Situation

MyDirectoryMaker started when founders Jay and Tracie Oken volunteered to help their children's school create and manage a simple directory. That benevolent offer quickly evolved into a full-time database application development project and a thriving family business that has since attracted schools and churches across America.

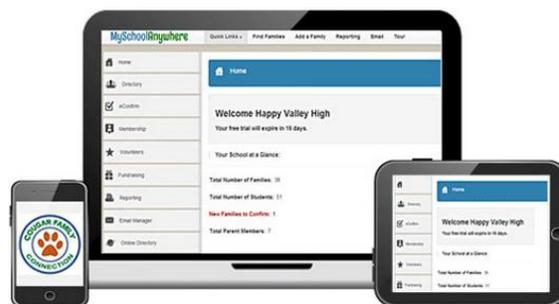
The application was originally built in Microsoft Access. But with success came two major issues: Access didn't support scalable multi-user access, and Access was chained to the Windows desktop. It was impossible to add web and mobile (tablet and smartphone) support to the Access application without investing in costly licenses and proprietary hosting for Microsoft SharePoint—something no school or church could easily afford.

Solution

After an extensive search and several false starts with other solutions, Jay and Tracie discovered Alpha Anywhere. Better still, they discovered the vibrant Alpha Anywhere community, who they turned to for help migrating their application from Access to the cloud.

Results

The Alpha community connected them to the right people and online resources they needed to be successful. Just five months later, their Access database was put out to pasture, and they launched MyDirectoryMaker applications on the web. The new solutions are true SaaS applications built in Alpha Anywhere. They feature responsive designs that automatically detect and adapt to the device the user is connecting with.



“ *The best thing about Alpha Anywhere is that it's a complete solution. All the components we needed to migrate from Access on the desktop to Alpha in the cloud were in the platform.* ”