



Take 2

After years of experience using Infor ERP VISUAL, you have gained invaluable insight into the software. You may find yourself wishing you had this wisdom when you first implemented the software. Perhaps you are in need of a Take 2.



Is Infor ERP VISUAL Working for You?

After using Infor ERP VISUAL extensively, you should ask yourself:

- 1) Are erroneous part numbers, transactions, and financial information in my database causing serious problems?
These items can lead to even more errors in the future.
- 2) Is my database cluttered with old transactions?
Unnecessary records can make reconciliations and troubleshooting difficult, if not impossible.
- 3) Would I like to go back and change IDs on parts, vendors, customers, work orders, etc.?
A logical system of assigning IDs can make record tracking and identification easy.
- 4) Wouldn't it be nice if I could just start over and do a Take 2 with my Infor ERP VISUAL database implementation? **YES!**

Possible Solutions

If you found yourself answering yes to any of the questions above, up until now you only had a few options to consider:

- Re-implement a fresh database from scratch
- Attempt to use the Infor ERP VISUAL utilities
- Use third-party purging or cleansing utilities
- Continue to struggle with your existing database

All of these options have pros and cons, but none in themselves offer a complete solution.

The Take 2 Solution

The Virant Group now has a 'best of all worlds' alternate solution to this dilemma.

Our approach has the benefits of the other options, without the attendant downsides.

Take 2 is a good solution for any company that is growing increasingly dissatisfied with its database, but does not want the expense and inconvenience of re-implementing or buying a new ERP system.

This is a complete guided solution based on our years of Infor ERP VISUAL experience.

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Our Unique Approach

The Take 2 approach starts by assuming all the data in your VISUAL database is bad. Then the good data is identified and those elements are lifted out and pumped over to a new, empty database. This is what we call the “bowling pin approach” — we pick up the known good pins and sweep away everything else. This approach has the highest probability that the new database will not be tainted with unwanted, erroneous, or otherwise bad data.

The Virant Group has been rebuilding customer databases using this approach for years. We now have developed the tools and procedures allowing us to offer this highly labor intensive service as a standard, cost effective guided solution that does not require on-site consultations or visits.

Guidelines to Our Approach

- Provide our online Take 2 Conversion Portal to help orchestrate the entire project
- Use many structured, hierarchical scripts so each conversion is reproducible, relying on minimal manual manipulation of data
- Allow several simultaneous connections to over 110 disparate data sources
- Transform data midstream as it is pumped from the old to the new database
- Convert data **without** disabling any triggers or breaking any logical business rules
- Allow massive renaming of data by using spreadsheets that map old to new
- Comprehensive testing after each iteration so you see the **exact results** before committing the new database to your live database
- Weekend and holiday availability for the live conversion to minimize work disruptions

This service is probably not for you if:

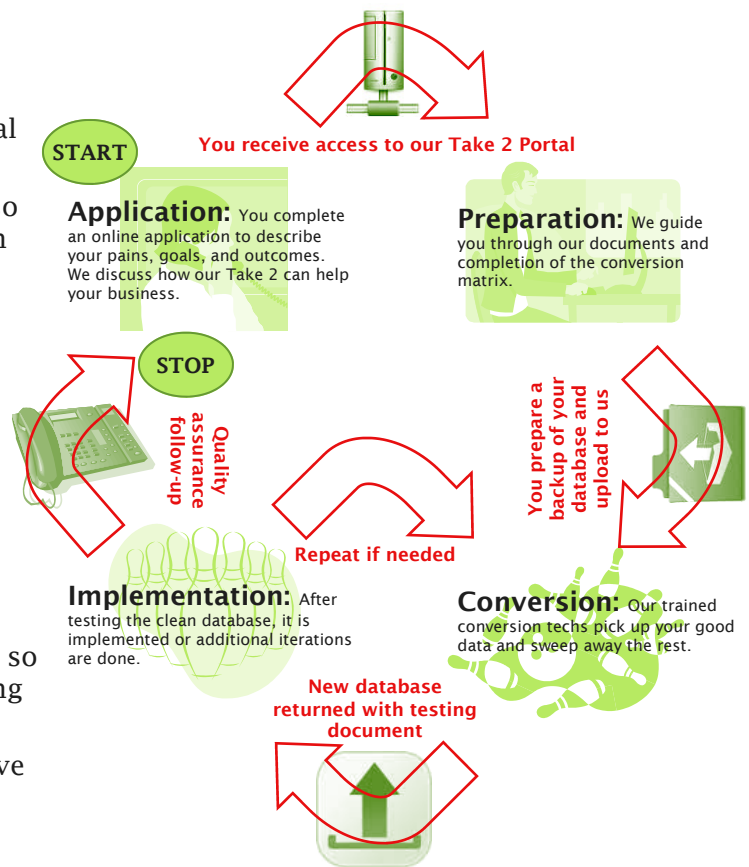
- You have a new implementation
- Your database is reasonably free of errors
- You are satisfied with your naming schemes
- You can successfully use the purging utilities
- You cannot risk losing **any** information

The Take 2 Portal

Our online Take 2 Portal is the central hub for all conversion communication and status, and provides everything necessary to complete the project.

- Project Gantt chart and documentation tools
- Comprehensive table-level conversion matrix
- Detailed database preparation and transfer instructions
- Pre-conversion and post-conversion data integrity reports
- Testing document

Database Conversions Made Easy



Ready to Get Started?

Fill out a Take 2 application on our web site at www.virant.com/take2 or contact us at info@virant.com if you have further questions.

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