



Press release

Royal Navy rolls out Active Navigation to get fleet servers ship-shape for frontline operations

Fleet mobile units will adopt the MOD's mandated Defence File Plan ahead of 2012 deadline

Winchester - 28 January 2010 - Following a successful trial on HMS ALBION, the Royal Navy (RN) has signed an agreement with [Active Navigation](#) to provide information governance software which will cleanse and reorganise the information for the entire RN fleet in readiness for the [MOD's Defence Information Infrastructure](#) (DII) installation programme. This is part of a three year refit plan where all Fleet mobile units will be fitted with DII and the latest operating systems

This ongoing project is designed to ensure that the RN is compliant with Government policy and that information assurance and record management principles are applied to all RN information. With the aid of Active Navigation, RN fleet mobile units will adopt the MOD's mandated Defence File Plan ahead of the 2012 deadline and address elements of their Network Enabled Capability Information Management (IM) requirements by the end of 2012. It is estimated that the RN will make significant server capacity savings while preparing for DII migration by reducing data holdings on their servers across its mobile organisation.

The trial results have already seen the removal of up to 45% of redundant data from HMS ALBION; while the most recent unit, HMS WESTMINSTER, had 69% of its departmental information transferred to archives at the Naval Historical Branch for Corporate Memory where all RN records are stored.

As warships, submarines and Royal Fleet Auxiliaries regenerate from their UK maintenance periods to return to frontline operations, the Navy Command Information Management (IM) team will use Active Navigation software to identify and remove any redundant, obsolete or duplicate data from the ship's servers. The shared working areas within the unit will be restructured to assist with DII migration requirements and this will improve future information retrieval and encourage better collaborative working.

"Statistics from Active Navigation's work with the RAF and PJHQ over the last few years have been impressive and the RN decided to engage Active Navigation in a similar project which will work in conjunction with our warship refit programme. The software has already resulted in a significant reduction of unnecessary data from the servers of HMS ALBION, HMS WESTMINSTER and HMS WALNEY and we are eager to build on that success with our entire Fleet." said Warrant Officer John Coleman of the Royal Navy. "The Navy Command IM team is keen to reduce the amount of administrative work that busy operational units find difficult to achieve. Active Navigation assists in this process as well as meeting several compliance requirements such as the [Hannigan Data Handling Review](#), therefore we are improving ships company's work life balance as well as turning the RN into an information led organisation."

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“CIO and DII compliance is a massive undertaking for the whole of the armed forces. Active Navigation is pleased to be working with the Royal Navy as well as the RAF to help achieve the data standards set out by the Ministry of Defence,” said Peter Baumann, Chief Executive Officer of Active Navigation. “We look forward to rolling the programme out to more of the RN fleet.”

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