

# MAJOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY TURNS TO NUIX FOR RAPID DATA PROCESSING PRIOR TO DIVESTITURE OF SUBSIDIARY



## SUMMARY

One of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world faced a problem. It was divesting itself of a subsidiary company that happened to have its own data center, complete with file shares housing some of the parent

company's intellectual property.

The company faced the challenge of identifying and remediating this data within a two month window before the divestiture was completed when it would lose access to the subsidiary's servers. Nuix eDiscovery Workstation and Nuix Collector were deployed to the data center to process and index all of the data on the servers, identify the intellectual property, and remove it before the deadline arrived. In addition, the company also needed to search its email servers to ensure its intellectual property was not contained in any of the departing users' email mailboxes.

- Nuix software was deployed in the subsidiary's data center and a data center in the parent company, with remote access granted to the parent company's analysts and KPMG staff
- KPMG processed 30 TB of data from servers in two data centers
- Using Nuix, KPMG searched millions of unstructured records for intellectual property
- KPMG completed the data remediation in accordance with the company's deadline.



## CHALLENGE

The pharmaceutical company in question has a large, international presence—over 40,000 employees around the world. When it decided to divest a subsidiary, it quickly came to the realization that it might lose a significant amount

of intellectual property in the process.

The company turned to KPMG, a Nuix partner, for assistance with finding its intellectual property on the subsidiary's servers. There was a catch, however—it only had two months before the divestiture was scheduled to be completed, after which time the subsidiary's servers and the data residing on them would no longer be accessible. With about 30 TB of data to work through, the clock was ticking and everyone knew it.

"The subsidiary manufactured some of [the company's] premier pharmaceutical brand name products that were remaining with the parent company," said David Shin, Director, Forensic Technology at KPMG LLP. "A key ingredient in their 'secret sauce' were the detailed manufacturing processes of their brand name products. It was vital for our client to ensure that we thoroughly vetted and identified all documents that had to do with the manufacturing process and forecast planning. There were a lot of documents that were created and stored at the subsidiary. Due to the many challenges of thoroughly searching 30 TB of unstructured data within the timeframe, we worked closely with the Nuix team to develop a quick and defensible methodology with proven technology."

"Due to the de-integration activities of their IT staff," Mr. Shin continued, "they needed an experienced service provider that had the capability and scale to assist them with scanning and indexing a large volume of data in a very short period of time while minimizing any disruption to normal business processes."



## SOLUTION

KPMG turned to Nuix eDiscovery Workstation with customized scripting and Nuix Collector to meet the client's needs. Analysts at the pharmaceutical company and at KPMG remotely accessed Nuix eDiscovery

Workstation installations onsite in the subsidiary's data centers, turning the Nuix Engine's unmatched processing capabilities on the 30 TB of information stored on their servers.

"The volume of unstructured data we reviewed stands apart," Mr. Shin said. "We were doing OCR, looking at image files, ISOs, and a lot of unique file formats associated with biopharmaceutical manufacturing." Through it all, Nuix eDiscovery Workstation enabled the analysts tasked with ingesting massive quantities of data to do so in a timely, efficient manner.

From there, Nuix Collector was employed to remediate the records identified on the subsidiary's servers as proprietary intellectual property. In accordance with the divestiture's closing schedule, the intellectual property on the subsidiary's systems was remediated.



## RESULTS

The review and remediation project was completed within the allotted time, allowing KPMG to meet its commitment to the client and ensure a smooth transition in the divestiture.

“The company has a confidence level that their confidential information was not transferred during the transaction,” concluded Mr. Shin.

### UNRIVALED PROCESSING SPEED AND SCALE

Thanks to Nuix and KPMG, 30 TB of data were processed, reviewed, and remediated in the allotted time.

“We were able to scan and identify over 30 million emails, remediate over 300,000 emails, and millions of records on the file share,” Mr. Shin said.

### SCALABILITY AND MOBILITY

The Nuix solutions were scaled to fit the needs of the client and installed exactly where they needed to be.

“We remoted into the box and were able to perform a lot of the work remotely with minimal impact on the client’s team,” said Mr. Shin.

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