

The logo for Anvil Consulting features a stylized orange anvil icon with a red spark above the word "ANVIL" in a dark blue, sans-serif font. Below "ANVIL" is the word "CONSULTING" in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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About Anvil Consulting

In today's fast moving market, only the fittest survive.

Anvil offers a broad range of consultancy services to financial organisations offering compelling, complete business solutions through the effective use of technology. Our skills, flexibility and resources enable us to work independently or as part of your team.

Anvil has worked with every facet of the financial and technology industry, from global investment banks to local institutions, lending business knowledge and technical expertise to enhance the use of technology to improve business effectiveness.

The Anvil Portfolio

Anvil's guiding principles have always been integrity and professionalism. We offer a flexible team fluent in both the subtleties of the securities industry and the complexities of technology; a questioning nature, a solution-focused attitude and the ability to deliver what we promise on time and within budget.

- Strategy and Planning
- Analysis and Evaluation
- Architecture and Design
- Implementation and Development
- Project Management
- Systems Integration and Deployment
- Training and Support

See the Difference

“ It worked first time!”

Software systems have a reputation for being unreliable and riddled with bugs. Through rigorous attention to testing, and application of quality control procedures, our goal is to produce error free systems. We trade on our reputation, which is only possible if clients have trouble free experience with our software.

You don't have to take our word for it though - pick any of our clients as a reference site.

“ I have a clear picture of what I'm getting before it's delivered”

The traditional software life-cycle involves gathering requirements, design, implementation, testing, then delivering it to the customer. We work differently, involving users and exploiting rapid prototyping techniques and make the system available for review early on in the project and at regular stages throughout - meaning no nasty surprises at the end.

“ The system did exactly what I wanted it to”

The key to this, again, is genuine business knowledge to supplement technology skills. Often systems are designed to the ideals of the programmer, not to the requirements of the user. We work closely with end users, usually as part of their team, and make it our business to think like your users.

“ They make it all seem so clear”

IT is a tool to support business. When dealing with customers, we are more often than not speaking directly to the business users - not the IT people. Our consultants have a rare blend of business knowledge and communication skills so we can make everything clear, no matter who we are talking to in the organisation.



Look at some of the things we've done

Position Consolidation

Anvil designed and implemented a backbone for providing cross product views of trade information originating from disparate trading systems. A component of this infrastructure was a position server providing views of projected value dated positions from several of the investment bank's front office trading systems.

Bloomberg Price Feed

A leading investment bank wanted to publish real time prices to Bloomberg, and Anvil hit the ground running. We provided a robust solution that subscribed to price messages broadcast on a TIB, and to publish them over an interface according to Bloomberg's Multi-Product Feed Specification.

Matrix Pricer

A major investment bank was looking to develop a real time matrix pricing system to price various fixed income instruments.

The resulting system, delivered to tight time-pressure, is now used for real-time pricing across government and corporate bonds europe-wide, using a range of complex pricing methods and drawing on various real time market data feeds. This key system, commissioned by a major international blue-chip bank is now a key plank in their sophisticated technology armoury.

"Comprehensive financial markets and IT experience"

E-Markets Infrastructure

We developed a single interface through which Outright and Basis orders could be placed on multiple electronic markets. The resultant system enabled the customer to exploit arbitrage opportunities within the different electronic markets.

Linux Migration

As long-standing advocates of the benefits of Linux, both server and desktop, Anvil has advised many clients on the strategic deployment of Linux-based systems. Our long experience with both Linux and financial systems means we are well positioned to help you get the most from this remarkable operating system.

Anvil Carry

On behalf of a leading investment bank, Anvil developed Anvil Carry to provide traders and trading management with accurate cost of carry information to reflect the true cost of holding a position (including your own costs, and across trading desks). The system is web-based and provides easy and secure access to whoever needs it.

Risk Management

Anvil developed a major system for the analysis of risk on a multitude of trading activities, including Bullion, Precious and Base Metals, FX, Options, IR Swaps and Bonds.





“We won’t blind you with science. We just help you maximise your return on technology investment.”

Technology

C++ , Perl, VB XML
Java, J2EE, Swing
CORBA, COM/DCOM
SQL, Sybase, Oracle (ODBC), JDBC
Perl/CGI, HTML and Apache
UNIX, Linux and Windows
MQ Series, WebSphere, JMS

Business

Bonds	Position Keeping
Equities	Trading
Money Markets	Risk
Options	Compliance
Swaps	Analytics/Pricing
Futures	Reporting
Repo	Accounting
Securities Lending	Settlements, STP
	Order Management/ECNs

Join Our Clients

Anvil's reputation is amply demonstrated by repeat business: when traders move to organisations that don't have our systems, they demand Anvil.

Our client list ranges from modest fund managers to the largest international investment banks. Here is a selection of past and present clients:

ABN AMRO	Mizuho International
Bank of America	Macquarie Bank
Bank of Montreal	NIB Capital
Barclays Capital	Nomura
Citigroup	Rabobank
CSFB	Royal Bank of Canada
Desjardins Trust	Sydney Futures Exchange
Deutsche Bank	UBS
HypoVereinsbank	Wachovia Securities
ING Financial Markets	West Yorkshire Pension Fund

Get in Touch

If you would like to know more about Anvil, or our products and services, then please visit our website, e-mail us, or contact us through your nearest office listed on the back cover. Using our website you can register for access to extensive product demonstrations and presentations. We look forward to hearing from you!





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