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# Zoo welcomes new breed as old system put out to Grazer

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Software developed by Grazer helps electronically manage operations and maintenance information for large commercial buildings.

Grazer helped the zoo by replacing hardcopy manuals with digitised technical data for its new conservation centre, entrance and panda enclosure.

Now building drawings and maintenance schedules do not need to be printed out, saving more than 73 reams of paper.

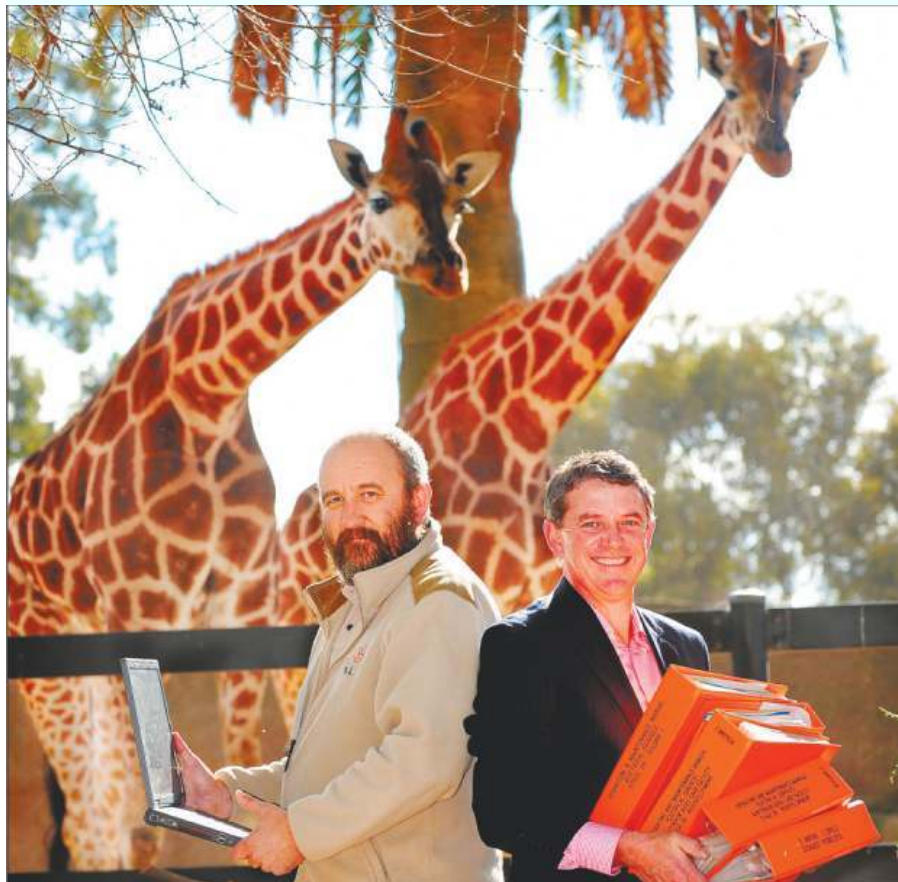
Zoos SA estate manager Paul Armstrong said the computerised system had helped the zoo simplify its operations.

"Rather than searching through countless pages of technical information

stored in any number of unwieldy four-ring binder manuals, our staff can now readily access data electronically," he said. "The Grazer system has given the Adelaide Zoo an enormous boost in managing and maintaining our critical infrastructure."

Grazer chief executive Craig Cowling said it was amazing how many buildings were managed using printed manuals. "Billions of dollars are invested in built assets so it makes sense that technical information is managed digitally to ensure the performance of these assets for their entire lifecycle," he said.

Grazer was established in 2000 to help businesses with more efficient management systems. Clients include SA Water and Melbourne's Federation Square.



**BETTER REACH:** Zoos SA's Paul Armstrong and Grazer's Craig Cowling