



B & M delivers pivotal software upgrade for a major bank

B & M was asked by a leading bank to update its CICS software and to develop an automated process that would enable the software to be maintained and upgraded more easily, quickly and cost-effectively in the future.

Project Objectives

- To reduce the high maintenance costs associated with running an outdated version of CICS
- To support the objectives of the group technology function by reducing licence costs
- To improve business continuity
- To speed up and reduce resource needs for future releases of CICS
- To improve functionality of the CICS systems.

Project Tasks

- To audit and report on the work required to implement the CICS migration
- To write a new automated migration programme using REXX
- To migrate all functionality in three Sysplexes
- To ensure that a large number of CICS regions were upgraded to achieve full benefit from the new-generation CICS Transaction Server.

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Duration

The project took six months to complete.

Results

- B & M delivered a new CICS environment with improved functionality
- Significant savings on CICS licensing costs
- A new automated process is in place to ensure that future upgrades to new releases can be implemented simply, quickly and cost-effectively
- All elements of the business are able to benefit from the upgrade, with a very large number of CICS regions all brought up to date.

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