



B & M delivers savings in CICS licence costs for the insurance division of a major bank

B & M was commissioned to build and populate new CICS systems to improve performance and capacity and to ensure business continuity for the insurance arm of a major bank. By migrating to a new, fully-supported version of CICS, the bank was able to make significant savings on licensing costs.

Project Objectives

- To reduce licensing costs by moving to a supported version of CICS
- To ensure compliance with internal infrastructure standards
- To improve business continuity
- To provide a method for handling web-based queries such as insurance quotes by enabling the web browser to access data held on the mainframe
- To improve functionality of the CICS systems.

Project Tasks

- To build new CICS systems
- To analyse the existing CICS configuration ready for data migration
- To convert and populate a new CICS configuration
- To customise and support eight different test environments
- To analyse and resolve any problems during the new build
- To undertake performance monitoring using Omegamon
- To implement WebSphere to enable the web browser to access data held on the mainframe.

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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 identified
- New WebSphere system supports web-based self service applications such as insurance quotes
- Measurable improvements in performance.

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