



B & M enables financial services giant to keep hardware up to date during period of rapid change and growth

B & M was engaged by the mainframe infrastructure function of a major UK based financial services organisation to perform a series of projects which would optimise hardware performance.

The brief for the nine month project was to perform the various tasks without interruption to the business and to ensure the currency of the disaster recovery solution.

Project Objectives

- To optimise performance from the mainframe environment
- To migrate hardware to new versions
- To ensure that disaster recovery processes and solutions are fully maintained and up to date
- To support mainframe expansion during a period of growth and change
- To identify and resolve networking issues within the mainframe environment.

Project Tasks

- To update Input/Output File (IODF) and hardware configuration (HCD) definition files
- To diagnose and resolve faults in the connection between zSeries servers
- To identify and resolve issues concerning Cisco switches and connectivity
- To analyse the performance of storage environments, and to configure these to improve operation
- To manage operations connected with the organisation's TrueCopy mirrored storage application.

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Duration

The project took nine months to complete.

Results

- The organisation now has a robust mainframe environment that can cater for its growth and change
- Improved allocation of hardware resources, including more effective and better-managed virtualised environments
- Improved connectivity through a more effective distribution of ports and connections
- Development of a diagnostic application (in REXX) to check and manage the status of TrueCopy mirrored storage resources
- Improved disaster recovery solution.

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