B & M helps global services company drive down its hardware and software costs

B & M was asked to develop a supported hardware platform and to install tolerance features on the software platform of a major global services organisation, specialising in the transport industry.

The project enabled the organisation to reduce its hardware and software costs by some £750,000 (€950,000) a year.

Project Objectives

- To reduce hardware and software operating and maintenance costs, with a target saving of around £500,000 (€635,000) per year
- To ensure that the new hardware platform is able to support the business
- To improve software productivity
- To improve tolerance in hardware and software platforms
- To achieve cost and scale benefits which exploit the new software platform licensing.

Project Tasks

- To install a new hardware platform, consolidating three mainframes into a single, homogenous platform
- To ensure tolerance in the new hardware environment
- To migrate existing services onto the new hardware platform
- To safely de-commission the old hardware platform
- To install and implement a new software platform
- To ensure tolerance in the new software environment
- To set up new software platform licensing environment
- To implement new software platform controls.

B & M Europe

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Duration

The project took nine months to complete.

Results

- B & M delivered a hardware and software environment that will provide cost savings of between £600,000 and £750,000 (€760,000 and €950,000) per annum
- The operating system was upgraded to ensure that it is now fully supported
- New licensing for mainframe software is simpler and more cost-effective year on year
- The company now has a single mainframe which will be more efficient and easier to support into the future.