



B & M delivers a simpler, more stable mainframe environment for a major bank

B & M was asked to undertake a series of projects to introduce RACF access control and auditing infrastructure to a range of mainframe environments in a major bank, in a bid to reduce complexity and improve performance.

The year-long series of projects has led to greater stability in the system and notable reductions in downtime, as well as reductions in total cost of ownership.

Project Objectives

- To improve the stability of key systems to reduce downtime
- To reduce design complexity to make the system easier to support effectively
- To reduce support costs by consolidating distributed platforms into the zSeries environment
- To improve incident resolution rates.

Project Tasks

- To design and deliver RACF infrastructure for CICS Web services using WebSphere
- To design and deliver RACF infrastructure for CICS Transaction Server
- To design and deliver RACF infrastructure for MQ
- To design and deliver RACF infrastructure for Omegamon/XE
- To design and deliver RACF infrastructure for DB2
- To provide expertise and support to projects that will benefit from the new, simpler design.

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Duration

The projects took a year to complete.

Results

- The organisation has a simpler structure which makes best use of the latest strategic products
- Improved operation and support of key systems
- Notable reduction in system downtime
- Faster problem resolution
- Reduced dependence on off-host systems
- Enhanced stability through improved resilience of the mainframe
- Reduced total cost of ownership.

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