

Cazenove provides a modern platform for business-critical legacy systems

Cazenove is a leading independent investment bank, managing funds on behalf of a wide range of prestigious clients worldwide.



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Background

Towards the end of 1999 Cazenove was experiencing serious problems with a high profile, business critical quasar legacy system. Whilst the system provided excellent functionality the existing platform of VAX/VMS/DSM had reached a limit on disk capacity and the overnight processing was taking over twelve hours, posing a real risk to daily business activities.

The Challenge

Bespoke Services was asked to manage and resource a team to migrate the system to a new IBM RS600/AIX platform within three months. The technical aspects of the delivery included the conversion and testing of thousands of lines of code and re-writing numerous DCL procedures. All interfaces had to be adapted and tested. The project also involved co-ordinating eight internal teams of technical and non-technical experts. A very tight deadline was imposed on project delivery due to fiscal constraints. This deadline was met.

The Solution

The implementation was a particular challenge. A very small time window was available for the switch over and live data feeds had to be transferred in a one-off operation; there was no easy way of going back without significant business disruption.

On the day, the switch over went seamlessly and the successful completion of the project resulted in great benefits to Cazenove. The disk capacity limitation was removed, overnight processing was able to complete within two hours and direct transfers to and from other systems became far easier to achieve. The rejuvenated system is still running smoothly today supporting over 120 concurrent users.

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- CACHE Web Link
- Ensemble
- SQL Server
- MTS
- Oracle
- Access
- Delphi
- VB
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- HTML
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- Macromedia Dreamweaver
- ASP
- NT
- Windows
- Unix
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