

Paul Conte explains the importance of agility, reliability and productivity in a successful modernization plan

System i Modernization Survival Guide White Paper

A recent survey conducted by System iNetwork reported that 76 percent of IBM System i shops are looking to begin a modernization project within the next 12 months. The survey also showed that only 25 percent of those planning a modernization project have a plan in place or have chosen the tools they will be using for the project.

To help companies determine how a modernization project can be a part of their business plans, which tools to use and whether a third-party vendor should play a role, LANSA is making available the white paper, "SYSTEM i MODERNIZATION SURVIVAL GUIDE: Future-proofing your Applications and Development Strategies."

Written by well-known author, speaker and consultant Paul Conte, this white paper explores the pressures an enterprise faces in today's business environment, outlines the reasons an enterprise might consider a modernization project and provides a strategy to get such a project underway.

LANSA also invited Conte to present on this topic in an Executive Level Round Table at the 2008 LANSA International User Conference.

Embrace Change and Minimise Risk

According to Conte, "A sound approach to modernization should embrace change, but minimize risk to the enterprise. The result must enable the IT organization to efficiently deliver the right information and capabilities to the right people at the right time, and to quickly adapt what's delivered to support the enterprise's evolving strategies and initiatives."

Such an approach will reduce significant risks brought on by mergers and acquisitions, a move to a new platform, unanticipated technological initiatives and more.

The white paper explains the significance of modernization within the enterprise and examines the steps to implement a modernization project.

According to Conte, the ideal modernized environment will comprise existing applications (whole or in part) alongside new applications with new navigation and interoperability frameworks. This combination provides an integrated view of the full range of application capabilities that are available through flexible user interfaces on a variety of platforms, yet also prepares the enterprise to incorporate SOA and Web services.

Download the White Paper and View a Video Presentation

Modernization requirements are becoming more common as companies look for a strategy to harness their current applications and enable them to meet modern-day technology and business challenges. Modernization typically presents a faster and lower risk approach when compared to a system replacement project.

LANSA offers this white paper to the IBM i community to provide best practice advice on approaching these projects from a recognized and leading expert on the topic.

To download the white paper or preview a video of the presentation by Paul Conte at the 2008 LANSA International User Conference, please visit: www.lansa.com/conteexplains

Later in this issue of the LANSA Review, you can read an Industry Showcase that focuses on businesses that are using RAMP from LANSA to achieve their System i application modernization goals. ■



LANSA recognizes customer and partner excellence

At the 2008 LANSA International User Conference in Orlando, Florida, LANSA honored Save the Children, Royal Bank of Canada and Fidelity National Information Systems with Customer of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Partner of the Year awards respectively.

Save the Children, the internationally recognized children's charity operating in more than 40 countries around the world, was distinguished by its long-term commitment to LANSA technology with the Customer of the Year award.

Initially, Save the Children used LANSA to provide integration and extensions to its core Synon-based donor system and recently to rebuild its Sponsorship Web site to add content management, donor self-service and PDF generation.

The Lifetime Achievement award went to Royal Bank of Canada who originally implemented LANSA to develop a heavily customized insurance policy and administration system. The most recent development is the Wireless Road Advisor application that allows insurance claims adjusters the ability to service clients on site. Built with Visual LANSA, this application lets adjusters immediately access policies, key in data and initiate claims services. The application was ranked fourth in North America by Bank Technology News in its Innovators 2007 listing.

The Solution Partner of the Year award recognized the Fidelity National Information Systems ACBS division. Based in Del Mar, California, Fidelity ACBS has been a LANSA partner for 16 years and markets a LANSA-based commercial lending package, used by 35 of the top 50 banks in the world confirming its position as the market leader in the banking and financial industries.