

GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY RE-ENGINEERS PROPRIETARY 4GL APPLICATION INTO COBOL

TSG Software converts Mantis systems into COBOL

A leading, global provider of financial protection and investment solutions has completed the migration of its Cincom Mantis proprietary 4GL programs into run-time free COBOL II code. The application was reverse engineered with TSG's conversion tool that imports Mantis 4GL code and exports functionally equivalent COBOL.

This latest move to re-engineer one of its business applications followed a decision some time ago to standardise on COBOL as its preferred development environment. "In addition to reducing 4GL run-time licence fees, support and up-grade costs, TSG helped us to produce easy to maintain COBOL 2 code, which we have subsequently made millennium compliant," Systems Development Manager. "The use of TSG's tool certainly helped us to migrate from Mantis quicker than if we had hand-crafted the new code".

The project began in the first half of 1997 and the new COBOL code went into production at the end of June 1997. The TSG conversion process provides a high level of automatic migration from one programming environment to another. It is an import/export, rule-driven expert system that provides intelligent interchange of repository, analysis, design and program source code information.

In addition to Cincom Mantis, TSG also supports the migration of other 4GLs such as IBM CSP and CA's Ideal, with ProIV and Gener/OL products under development.

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