



Yorkshire Building Society
Bradford, England
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Industry:

Financial Services

Employees:

2,000 to 4,999

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Database
Oracle Application Server
Oracle Forms

Yorkshire Building Society

One of Britain's largest building societies, with assets exceeding £15 billion (US\$28 billion), Yorkshire Building Society is owned and run by its members. The Society has won many awards in recent years for the excellence of its mortgage products that are sold to customers via 131 branches across the country. One of the most cost-effectively run building societies in Britain, Yorkshire Building Society's policy is to operate as efficiently as possible to generate enhanced benefits for members.

Challenges

- Leverage existing investment in Oracle Forms by upgrading from client/server version to browser-based Oracle Forms 10g to make back-office lending functionality available to 900 users in its branches
- Achieve the upgrade of more than 2,000 Oracle Forms quickly and cost-effectively using existing development team and avoid the expense of re-training them or end-users
- Cut overheads by centralizing and browser-enabling key Oracle Forms based applications throughout the society using Oracle Application Server 10g and Oracle Forms 10g

Solution

- Initial conversion of 500 Oracle forms completed on time, on budget, with minimal development activity and little need to rewrite existing code
- Oracle Forms WebUtil streamlines the upgrade, manages client-side integration and provides access to MS Word on the client PC
- Developers who have experience of Oracle Forms are able to carry out the upgrade to Oracle Forms 10g without additional skills
- Staff using client/server version of Oracle Forms were able to use Oracle Forms 10g with no or little retraining
- Branch back-office lending functionality enhances loan processing by the society without incurring additional development costs
- Deploying centralized overtime recording system using Oracle Forms 10g, which saves HR department two person-days each month if known