



Global Financial Firm converts to RACF



This global financial firm works with over 20,000 clients and over 60,000 employees in offices spanning 30 countries. The firm handles a high volume of more than 79 billion transactions processed per year across the globe and is responsible for moving over \$10 trillion annually.

Challenge

In today's interconnected world, global companies are entrusted with vast amounts of highly sensitive client data — ranging from names and addresses to social security numbers and employment data. The stakes are exceptionally high when it comes to ensuring data security. This invaluable information has traditionally been stored within the mainframe enterprise due to its built-in integrity. However, as this global financial firm transitions towards a work-from-anywhere model for its thousands of employees, new and complex challenges have emerged. Balancing the need for seamless remote access while upholding the highest standards of data protection became an urgent and non-negotiable priority. The firm recognized it was critical to transform its digital security operations to ensure continued success in safeguarding client information.

The firm faced the need to decrease security investigations and response time to security events. Their goal was to automate tasks through integration with third-party products, all with the added challenge of having the new platform in place within 14-months.

The Challenge

After moving to a work-from-anywhere model, it was critical for the firm to mitigate risks and modernize its digital security operations within 14 months.

Solution

Facing a tight deadline and stringent requirements, the firm enlisted the expertise of Key Resources, Inc. (KRI), now a part of Rocket Software, to guide them toward an open and connected security platform. KRI promptly assembled a highly skilled security conversion team, which conducted a thorough assessment of the mainframe security landscape. Armed with valuable insights, KRI's Db2® and security conversion specialists became invaluable guides in the firm's transformation.

To streamline the process, the firm leveraged sophisticated tools to automate the conversion, ensuring efficiency and accuracy. Additionally, a dedicated project manager kept every aspect of the project on track ensuring seamless progress. As the conversion took hold, KRI went above and beyond by providing training on RACF and zSecure, empowering the firm's workforce with the necessary knowledge and skills to fully leverage the new security platform.

Results

Partnering with Rocket Software, this global financial firm successfully completed its conversion while implementing an integrated security model on the mainframe, leveraging the power of IBM® software integrations and consolidation offers.

As the conversion journey unfolded, each security database that transitioned from CA Top Secret to RACF was meticulously run through compliance assessment software to identify any compliance gaps based on the organization's stringent security policy. The security team swiftly and efficiently addressed these gaps, ensuring the firm's security posture remained strong and uncompromised.

Impact



Cost Savings

The successful conversion enabled the firm to reach cost savings goals, achieving \$5 million ROI savings over three years.



Improved Compliance

The conversion process allowed the firm to identify holes in its compliance quickly and take appropriate action to address problems.



Seamless Conversion

In partnership with Rocket Software, the firm converted to RACF within a tight deadline without disrupting operations.

The Solution

To drive the conversion forward, the firm turned to KRI (now a part of Rocket Software) to lead the project and provide the right security tools.

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