

# Simplifying applications and data at a leading global bank with IBM Digital Foundation

Discover how IBM Application Innovation Consulting Digital Foundation helped a global bank to simplify its application portfolio.

## The challenges faced by the bank:

- The bank's Application Rationalization plan would simplify the portfolio of applications over a two year term with expected savings in overall costs of ownership and operation.
- Adherence to the schedule was critical to achieving savings objectives and launching strategic initiatives.
- However, the decommissioning effort was managed by individual project teams, struggling to comply with the exhaustive process in place.
- There was no end-to-end ownership of the decommissioning program, with limited view of current progress and low confidence in meeting target.
- Resource constraints were impacting the progress with quarterly targets missed and gaps identified were requiring further remediation work.

## How IBM made a difference:

- IBM was engaged to set up a scalable factory service to manage the decommission process, with immediate results.
- Delays turned around and the increased rate of decommissioning delivered 275 applications retired by the end of the year, exceeding the original target.
- The pilot was turned into an operational factory for the following year, with a target of 300 new applications to be decommissioned and extending the model to other units.

## It didn't take long for the bank to see the benefits:

**75%** increase in the rate of decommissioning compared to the period before IBM was engaged

**£22M** measurable savings attributed directly to the decommissioning service

**300+** applications retired by the scaled up factory team in 2016

By reducing time spent maintaining legacy applications while minimizing the impact of decommissioning, IBM enabled the bank to focus its people on innovation and strategic projects.

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