

Mainframe Rehosting Reduces Operating Costs for Critical Services



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Market leader seeks IT system that can provide stability and development support

Serving more than 700 companies across Italy from offices in Milan, Rome, Ivrea, Treviso, and Faenza, Antex has long been known for providing outstanding HR administrative services.

As the 40-year-old company grew rapidly in recent years, its traditional mainframe, processing about 200,000 payrolls per month, had become too costly and did not offer a growth path to incorporate future technologies that would allow Antex to expand its services and market share. The company needed an IT system that would be less costly to operate and offer room for growth, but it also needed to preserve its existing investment in a set of unique legacy payroll applications—which were of critical importance to maintain. An additional factor was the need to achieve high availability in a clustered environment. It was very important to Antex’s customers and their employees for Antex to maintain the same processes with zero disruption during the IT transition.

UniKix™ Transaction Processing Environment (TPE) software and UniKix™ Batch Processing Environment (BPE) software from Clerity enabled Antex to relocate its valuable payroll applications to the open systems platform without the peril or cost of rewriting applications. Clerity worked closely with Atos Origin (the outsourcing provider for Antex) and long-time Clerity partner I-Ter S.p.A., an IT service provider in Italy offering specialized IT solutions, on this mainframe rehosting project.

By replacing the costly mainframe with an open systems environment, Antex was able to reduce TCO by 45 percent. With an ROI of 12 months, the savings has quickly been earmarked to add resources to market and customer expansion. UniKix software helped improve batch processing time by 30 percent, reducing the need for larger, more costly IT systems. In addition, the improvements in batch processing have helped the IT staff become more productive by minimizing the time they devote to this activity.

The ease of migration through rehosting allowed Antex to preserve its investment in legacy payroll applications and make the transition to a new IT environment completely transparent to users. Antex found the mainframe rehosting effort a way to insure continuity of service while gaining a less costly and improved IT system.

Highlights:

- Lowered total cost of ownership (TCO) by 45%
- Improved batch processing time by 30%
- Delivered a return on investment (ROI) in 12 months; reduced operating expenses
- Preserved investments in legacy applications
- Provided business agility for market expansion

About Clerity

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