



## University of British Columbia

### Enabling affordable access to critical education information

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Near the heart of downtown Vancouver, the University of British Columbia (UBC) has consistently ranked among the top 50 universities in the world. A research-intensive university with the province's only medical school, UBC is home to more than 50,000 undergraduate, graduate, and international students.

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The University turned to UniKix™ mainframe rehosting software from Clerity to create an online environment to provide timely information to all users and, in doing so, significantly reduced the cost of IT operations.

UBC migrated its applications from the mainframe to a new open systems environment, relying on UniKix software to run UBC's custom code. The rehosted infrastructure now runs UBC's new student information system as well as applications from Oracle, BEA, VERITAS and PeopleSoft. When new information demands arise, it is easy to incrementally add resources to the open environment, an advantage that was not possible with the previous mainframe infrastructure.

"We have established a very affordable, reliable IT system that will grow with the University," says Audrey Lindsay, Associate Registrar and Director Student Systems for the University of British Columbia.

Today, UBC operates its IT system at a lower cost than the mainframe and accomplished its transition at a fraction of the cost that other universities spent on similar projects at the time. "Other universities were spending \$80 to \$100 million to upgrade their student information systems," notes Lindsay. "Ours was substantially less expensive."

In summary, UBC realized significant operating cost reductions with a smaller, more powerful open systems environment through rehosting.

#### Highlights:

- Significantly reduced IT costs
- Reduced ongoing IT maintenance requirements
- Improved information access for students, faculty, and staff
- Eased integration efforts with legacy applications
- Enabled affordable growth to meet future needs

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