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# MAPS

## MIGRATION ALTERNATIVES PLANNING SEMINAR

**MAPS** is a two-day customer-site program specifically designed to address issues you will face when trying to integrate your legacy systems into a digital business plan.

A MAPS consists of formal technical briefings, one-on-one expert consulting, automated system analysis, and recommendations. If you are contemplating a modernization, MAPS will help you optimize your decision with accurate, client-specific benefit, cost and risk analyses. If you are already committed to migration, MAPS will benefit your project by incorporating, as appropriate, the latest migration methodologies, automated modernization techniques and conversion project planning management techniques.

MAPS includes formal briefings on legacy modernization options geared to both IT management and technical staff. It helps you evaluate the costs, benefits and risks of the broad range of alternatives, including: do nothing, re-develop, outsource, replace with packaged software, and approaches that combine various alternatives.

MAPS incorporates an automated migration feasibility analysis of your candidate portfolio. It includes question-and-answer sessions, and a formal client-specific modernization assessment report. MAPS will help you optimize your modernization decisions, strategies and project execution.

### MAPS Details

#### *Technical Briefings*

During the MAPS we present a formal technical briefing on application modernization strategies. You are updated on the latest alternatives and the factors you should consider for each alternative that might be right for you. We give you the information necessary to optimize your

migration plans and build a road map for success.

#### *Existing Systems Evaluation*

MAPS provides an overview of the expected results of various modernization alternatives for your applications. We have identified technology attributes and business issues that are key to the cost, effectiveness and risk of the various alternatives and discuss these with your staff. We show you how to quantify the estimation process for modernizing your systems. Prior to coming on-site we run your portfolio through our automated assessment process. If a DBMS is to be converted, we also run your schema through a trial conversion and document any issues found. The results of the program assessment (and database review) are available at the two-day on-site



session.

#### *Assessment & Recommendations*

Using the information assembled during the evaluation process, we make specific recommendations for your modernization effort. This includes our assessment of the "convertibility" of your systems using the various options outlined. It also includes the ranking of alternatives and discussions on why certain alternatives may or may not work.

#### *Follow-Up Report*

We provide you with an executive management report detailing the assessment and recommendation information described above. The report is sent to you approximately 2 to 3 weeks after the on-site session. The Forecross Migration Assessment Review Board, an organization of our top modernization experts, will review the on-site analysis and amend this report, where appropriate. This formal review process ensures that you receive the full benefit of our firm's extensive migration experience.



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## Who Should Attend?

At least one representative knowledgeable in the business and technical functions of each candidate application should attend the MAPS. Such participation is critical to the existing systems evaluation section of the MAPS - it will help ensure the relevant value of the modernization analysis and recommendations provided. Additional attendees should include those individuals who would participate in and/or manage a modernization project. In addition, we recommend that senior IT management participate in the opening a closing one-hour sessions.

## How a MAPS Operates

### Customer Preparation

You will need to send your source code (and DBMS schema punch or VSAM file definitions if a database conversion is anticipated) to Forecross approximately three to four weeks before your on-site session begins. In addition you will need to fill out questionnaires to both quantify and qualify the features and functions of your candidate applications and send this information to Forecross Corporation two weeks before your on-site session begins. Prior to these activities you will receive an Assessment Preparation Guide that contains the questionnaires and describes the process for gathering and sending your source code to us.

### On-Site Services

Forecross migration specialists will spend two days at your site. While a MAPS is customized to your requirements, the structure is generally as follows:

**System Review** – One half-day discussion and review of the candidate applications, including automated assessment of the program portfolio (and database issues if appropriate)

**Briefing** – Two half-day sessions devoted to technical briefings and open discussion of various conversion alternatives

**Preliminary Analysis** – A half-day presentation and discussion of our preliminary analysis and recommendations for your potential modernization

## Cost

The cost for a two-day on-site MAPS in the United States is \$15,000 plus travel expenses. When a MAPS is conducted outside the United States the cost of the two-day on-site session is \$18,500 plus travel expenses.

## Next Step

To ensure you have all the information you need before making a large corporate investment, contact Forecross Corporation, the world's leading migration experts. [MAPS – your road map to success.](#)

## Forecross Software Solutions

### Redeployment Solutions:

#### Languages:

From: ADS/O, PL/I, COBOL, CSP, IMSADF II

To: COBOL, C# .NET, VB .NET, IBM EGL (Java), .NET COBOL

#### User Interfaces:

From: IDMS-DC, IMS-DC

To: CICS including mainframe CICS, the TXSeries for AIX, Windows, Solaris, HP-UX, other transaction servers (UNIX, MicroFocus CICS Option)

#### Database Platforms:

From: IDMS, IMS, VSAM

To: DB2, Oracle, SQL Server

### Solution Enhancement Tools:

I/O Navigator

Data Evaluator

DBAdvisor

TestSentinel

### XML Solutions:

L2X SmartXML Series



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