

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Upgrades to Newer Technology to Expand Access and Reduce Administration

As part of its migration from a 16-bit operating system to a 32-bit operating system, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) needed to replace the emulator they had been using to provide desktop access to their MVS application. The homegrown 3270 application is accessed by various CDC personnel and partners, such as the American Cancer Society, throughout the country. Roughly 2,000 users concurrently access the applications to perform scientific and statistical analyses and administrative functions such as financial reporting, travel processing, procurement and accounting.

The CDC sought a full-function 3270 emulation solution that would require little customization or maintenance. After evaluating several options, the CDC selected Seagull Software's BlueZone™ based on the small footprint of the client, ease of installation and minimal maintenance requirements.

The biggest benefit to the CDC has been the out-of-the-box implementation and that the maintenance requirements are extremely low. The CDC experienced immediate cost savings by not having to allocate resources internally to support the product. The Web-based deployment also enabled the CDC to distribute updates to their application more quickly and cost-effectively.

The users of the application are also enjoying improved performance, and the ability to work with several applications simultaneously since the small footprint of the BlueZone emulation consumes a fraction of the memory and systems resources required by the organization's previous emulator.

About the CDC

The CDC, located in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, is an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services. The CDC is recognized as the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people - at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. The CDC serves as the national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States.

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