Beyond

End of Life Technology Transformation.

CLIENT

Our client is a leading nationwide Shareholder and Pension services provider who have grown to over 3500 employees across 28 locations internationally by developing innovative services for their clients. Knowing a impending "End of Life" event for Microsoft Operating Systems would impact their systems they led programme to eradicating the aging technology to remain compliant and competitive.

> "The solution was implemented successfully against challenging timescales which is a testament to the expertise and investment shown in understanding the requirements and the brief from the client."
>
> Project Manager, Financial Services

SCENARIO

The organisations' foresight of the impact to their IT services meant there was a strong business case to create a programme to resolve and future-proof their technology estate. It was also an opportunity to reduce costs, eliminate physical hardware and simplify the estate by removing unnecessary legacy applications and services. With a legacy estate of close to 1,000 servers the challenge was to discover the servers and services being provided and convince the IT stakeholders to undertake significant elimination of servers that were fully operational.

APPROACH

To ensure a streamlined and successful programme it is essential to deliver using a service-oriented approach. This approach allows for clear identification of the services, and the ability to convince IT stakeholders to make changes on a per-service basis. Using our discovery software 'Lens' we rapidly removed identified servers, services and interdependencies across the client's estate, combined with our consultants who worked with the internal team to manage the associated projects and deliver the technical change. Resulting in removal of vulnerable assets from the estate without causing disruption to the business.

- 2 Year Programme and Project Management
- 1,000 Server Elimination
- Liaise with business stakeholders to gain buy-in and confidence.
- Service assessment using bespoke LENS discovery software.
- Tailored approach – using a repeatable change process
- Extensive documentation for legacy systems which previous had no or little documentation
- Minimal operational impact due to joint-teams focus and approach.

BUSINESS BENEFIT

- Reduced potential attack vectors.
- Reduced operational cost of IT.
- Reduced legacy datacentre footprint.
- Enhanced productivity - faster applications and services.
- Allowed IT to focus on critical projects and innovation.
- Creation of solid documentation enhancing or replacing existing.
- Consolidation of physical assets.

OUTCOME

With the removal of this unsupported platform, our clients gained a more compliant infrastructure with reduced operational costs.

"We managed to create a solid plan based on the CMDB information provided by Beyond."
Programme Manager, Financial Services

Microsoft Partner
Gold Application Development
Gold Datacenter
Gold Devices and Deployment
Microsoft

2012 MICROSOFT. PARTNER OF THE YEAR FINALIST
Microsoft Partner Network