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WHY CGI FOR MICROSOFT?

2000+ Microsoft professionals

Award-winning, Gold Certified Partner

Multiple Microsoft Solution Competencies:

- Custom Development
- Information Worker
- Business Process and Integration
- Advanced Infrastructure
- Networking Infrastructure
- Data Management
- Security
- Mobility

Microsoft Patterns & Practices

Advisory Board member

Advanced development frameworks, certifications and quality standards:

- MCSE and MCP certifications
- ISO 9001
- Alignment with Microsoft's Infrastructure Optimization program
- CMMI Level 3
- VSTS-based development framework

Expert and cost effective remote delivery options

Proven Microsoft track record with clients such as:

- Bombardier Aerospace/BRP
- Bell Canada
- Canada Bread/Maple Leaf Foods
- Cirque du Soleil®
- Cott Corporation
- Desjardins General Insurance Group
- National Bank of Canada
- The Government of Quebec
- Russell Investments
- Yellow Pages Group



Accelerate the adoption of Microsoft® technology

EXPERIENCE GUIDES THE BEST TECHNOLOGY CHOICES

Organizations must provide their people with the tools that will optimize productivity in intensively competitive, increasingly global and rapidly changing environments. They must choose the best path to adopt new technologies and find the right partner to guide them.

For more than 30 years, CGI has been a trusted advisor and has objectively helped many of the world's leading organizations rapidly implement new technologies. CGI's Microsoft practices, with more than 2,000 professionals in Canada and around the world, help our clients embrace and leverage Microsoft technologies.

Windows Server® 2008, SQL Server® 2008 and Visual Studio® 2008 are key technologies that will accelerate efforts to stay ahead in today's competitive business environment.

LEVERAGE THE CGI/MICROSOFT PARTNERSHIP

CGI is a privileged Gold Certified partner and key participant in many of Microsoft's programs. CGI is deeply involved in efforts to continuously extend the Microsoft platform. We are one of six consulting partners on the world-wide Customer Advisory board of the Patterns & Practices Group which helps Microsoft in its development and design of future Microsoft development products and releases.

CGI's depth of Microsoft expertise ensures that we can successfully implement large projects. CGI's breadth of experience ensures that we can address our clients' needs in a wide range of industries.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP WITH CGI'S RAPID ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Rapid Assessment Program (RAP) is a structured, methodical approach that ensures that the proposed Microsoft solution aligns with the client's current and future business objectives, leverages existing assets and maximizes the return on investment. RAP can deliver a proof-of-concept that helps build the business case and justify the financial impact of the solution.

Microsoft®
GOLD CERTIFIED
Partner

Microsoft Partner Program
AWARD WINNER

CGI AND MICROSOFT: COMBINED BEST PRACTICES

MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EVOLUTION PRACTICE

Our dedicated team specializes in the delivery of Microsoft technological infrastructure evolution projects. We help companies implement new Microsoft technological infrastructures to address their changing business requirements. We professionally execute migrations to recent infrastructures such as Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista and Exchange 2007. We provide a clear and cost-effective path for companies to follow as they embrace new Microsoft technologies.

While other service providers are able to manage the technical requirements of infrastructure evolution, CGI's unique methodologies helps clients deal with the organizational impacts as well as application migration. Our comprehensive strategy covers change management, work structure revision, training and user communication.

In Canada, CGI has migrated over 100,000 workstations and 5,000 servers to the latest Microsoft platforms. CGI has helped both government agencies and private sector clients achieve their migrations with a minimum of impacts on their user base.

MICROSOFT SOLUTIONS PRACTICE

CGI's Microsoft Solutions Development Practice connects people to business processes through technology leadership, solution engineering and business transformation. Our proven technical expertise and experience in managing and integrating complex projects makes us the right choice for solution development.

CGI's Microsoft Solutions Development Center, which includes Microsoft Certified Professionals (MCP), application developers (MCAD), solution developers (MCSD) and software engineers (MCSE), offers a cost-effective, development-ready environment for efficient project implementation and deployment. The center's solid development frameworks make use of CGI's Architecture Foundation - a repository of best practices and reusable components.

The Solution Development continuously invests in the implementation of industry leading methodologies that address development and deployment. These methodologies are derived from the Unified Process (UP) and Agile approaches which are supported by CGI's proprietary ISO 9001-certified client partnership management framework. CGI's development methodologies have been adapted for Visual Studio 2008 and SQL Server 2008.

CGI PROFILE

CGI clients around the world gain the advantage of knowledgeable, dedicated partners working to develop and implement IT oriented solutions to address business and technology challenges.

CGI is one of the largest independent information technology service firms in North America. CGI couples extensive industry sector expertise with a full range of services including strategic IT and management consulting, systems integration, and management of IT and business functions.

For more information please visit us at: www.cgi.com or email us at microsoftinfo@cgi.com

CASE STUDY

RUSSELL INVESTMENTS SERVER MIGRATION

Faced with an aging infrastructure and seeking improved productivity and security, Russell chose to migrate its server operating system and messaging platform to the latest Microsoft technology. As a financial services company, Russell was required to adhere to strict regulations governing document control, versioning, audit trail and archiving.

TANGIBLE RESULTS

CGI team members in three locations - Quebec City, Regina and Tacoma (Washington) - remotely migrated 200 NT 4 and Windows 2000 servers to 160 Windows 2003 servers across 14 sites in nine different time zones with very little downtime or strain on Russell's support center. The team also consolidated 16 Exchange 5.5 servers into 4 Exchange 2003 servers and migrated over 2,000 mailboxes.

Russell's server environment is highly reliable and has the scalability to support next-generation applications. In addition to finding considerable efficiency by operating fewer servers, Russell now uses a completely automated server installation process, reducing the time needed to build new servers. Following the success of the migration, CGI received a Microsoft Winning Customer Award in recognition of the virtually seamless upgrade to Windows Server 2003. The tools and methodologies that CGI used in this remote migration to Windows 2003 have been adapted for Windows 2008.