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BNP-Paribas Beirut

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ICBS – Trade Finance

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IBM benchmarking

For ICBS

at Montpellier

New Contracts

Unit	Client	Product/Service	Platform
Istisharat	BNP - Paribas (Beirut)	ICBS - Trade Finance	Oracle/Unix

BNP - Paribas is an ICBS user since 1993. The acquisition of the Trade Finance module (Letters of Credit - Import, Letters of Credit - Export, Import/Export Bills for Collection) confirms the ICBS choice.

Deployment

- In Kuwait:**

The **Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) - Kuwait** deployed ICBS in real mode in 12 branches.

- In Qatar:**

Masraf Al Rayan - Doha has deployed the 2.2 phase that includes the following ICBS modules: Ijarah, Letters of Credit - Import, Letters of Credit - Export, Foreign Checks remittances, Accounts payable, Import/Export Bills for Collection, Utility bills payment, Corporate salaries, Nostro Reconciliation.

Internal Training

The following courses were administered by Dr. Mohammad Khouchkouch, Quality Manager, during the summer of 2007 (July, August and September):

NAME	Prod. Unit	Oracle Developments	BML Development Standards	ISO Programmers	ISO Operations	SQL & PL/SQL
Georges Abbas	IMAD				X	
Georges Khnaisser	IMAD			X		
Antoine Chaar	IMAD	X	X	X		
Chady Chaar	CIRIS	X	X	X		
Georges Anbar	CIRIS	X	X	X		
Issam El Ghotmi	ICBS	X	X	X		
Joseph Yaghlji	ICBS	X	X	X		
Rémy Abou Jaoudé	ICBS	X	X	X		
Safa'a Dib El Moustapha	ICBS	X	X	X		
Mohamed Jaber	ICBS	X	X	X		
Carole Getti	ICBS		X		X	X

Research & Development

IBM Benchmarking for ICBS at Montpellier - IBM Products and Solutions Support Center (PSSC):

IBM PSSC at Montpellier organized a benchmarking process for ICBS on the z series mainframe. Walid Atmeh and Elie Bitar participated from BML Istisharat side. 7 specialists participated from IBM side for one week (See photo).

The simulated volumes were as follows:

Batch processing:

500.000 active accounts generating 3 machines transactions for each banking operation for the daily accruals (Interest or Aaadad calculation).

Constraints were defined as follows:

Daily accruals : No more than 20 minutes
Other End of day processing : No more than 40 minutes

Total End of day processing not to exceed one hour.

End of month accruals should not exceed 30-35 minutes.

On line processing:

400 concurrent users.

Each user generates 60 banking operations per hour.

Each banking operation generates 20 machine transactions on the server. Response time to be within 1-1.5 seconds.

The platform and environment were as follows:

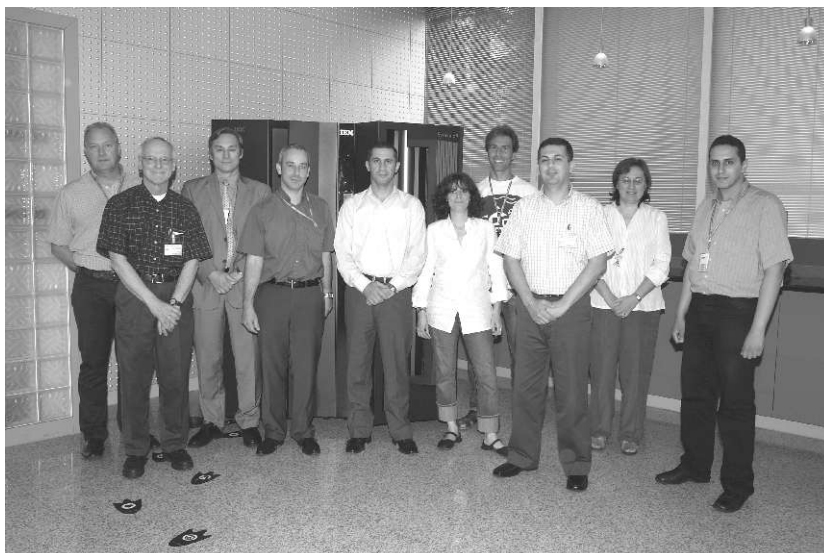
Equipment : IBM z9, 18 CPS
64 GB memory

Software : Oracle 10g
Linux SUSE sles9
ICBS V.9.1

Results:

Batch processing: The less than one hour objective has been maintained up to three times the initial objective: 1.500.000 active accounts (instead of 500.000). End of day processing took 28 minutes for accruals.

On line processing: The 1-1.5 seconds response time was maintained up to 500 concurrent users with a CPU usage of only 60%. In other words, the same configuration could maintain the same response time for a higher number of concurrent users.



Walid Atmeh and Elie Bitar with the IBM PSSC team

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Internship

5 trainees were accommodated in our company from 09/07/2007 to 31/08/2007. After a 15 days course period related to Oracle tools and data base, administered by Dr. Mohammad Khouchkouch, Quality Manager, the trainees joined our different Production Units where they participated in development workshops:

NAME	UNIVERSITY	PRODUCTION UNIT
Malek Wehbe	ESIB	ICBS - Banks
Ahmad Khoder Mawla	LAU	ICBS - Banks
Hanna Jabbour	ESIB	CIRIS - Insurance
Anthony Eid	AUB	CIRIS - Insurance
Wissam El Rawas	USJ	IMAD - Manufacturing/Distribution

Insight

New recruits:

Messrs. Issam El Ghotmi (Master in Business Computer - USJ), Joseph Yaghlji (B. Sc. in Computer Science - LAU), Mohamed Jaber (Master in Business Computer - USJ) and Ms. Rémy Abou Jaoudé (B. Sc. in Business Computer - USJ) and Safa'a Dib el Moustapha (B. Sc. in Business Computer - USJ) joined our Banking Unit as Programmers on July 4th, 2007.

Messrs. Chady Chaar (Master in Computer and Communication Engineering - USEK) and Georges Anbar (B. Sc. in Business Computer - USJ) joined our Insurance Unit as Programmers on July 9th, 2007.

Mr. Georges Khnaisser, B. Sc. in Computer Science (AUST), joined our ERP Unit as Senior Analyst Programmer on August 1st, 2007.



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Joseph Yaghlji



Mohamed Jaber



Rémy Abou Jaoudé



Safa'a Dib el Moustapha



Chady Chaar



Georges Anbar



Georges Khnaisser

People



Kaline Njeim and Jean Samaha

- Married: Kaline Njeim, Project Leader in our Banking Unit, with Mr. Jean Samaha, on June 30th, 2007 (See photo).

- Born: Mia, daughter of Michel Moussa, Confirmed Programmer in our Banking Unit, on July 31st, 2007 (See photo).



Mia Moussa

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