

2004 Customer Conference - Thursday Panel Discussion “Lost in Translation”

Questions:

- 1) a. What are the considerations for WDI 3.2 standards vs. Host converted standards?
 - b. How should I migrate my custom standards?
- 2) How do I determine what mapping style to use when migrating maps? SEND/RECEIVE or DATA TRANSFORMATION
- 3) What is the necessary suite of software for installing and using the WDI V3.2 translator?
 - On a server platform?
 - On the mainframe?
- 4) Since the WDI Client can be installed multiple ways, what has been the predominant installation?
- 5) Is there a specific way or pattern to defining the server directories for the WDI translator to better control management of the translator inputs and outputs?
- 6) How can I apply mapping change control to the WDI Client maps? (EX: Changeman on mainframe).
- 7) How long should I allow for my migration from 3.1 to 3.2?
 - How do I prepare for this
 - How much should I test?
- 8) How many companies will be up and running on 3.2 at year end? 1Q-2004? 2Q-2004?
 - Support for 3.1 extension needed?
 - what kind of support are you looking for?
 - for how long?
 - L2 support?
- 9) What does dropping support of 3.1 end of year mean?
 - PTFs can still be ordered after EOS
- 10) What is the #1 thing to look out for when going through this?
 - time and flexibility (MetLife)
 - setting expectations
 - RACF not covered in manual
 - What function has gone away from 3.1 to 3.2 (differences)
- 11) Conversion - Mapping - how it is handled?
 - How to test migration when not sure you understand the application
 - Talk about techniques used when testing
 - Results of 3.1
 - Results of 3.2 ----->match to see if differences
 - Known problems fixed along the way
- 12) What makes this migration different from previous ones?
 - DB change
 - Structure of maps changed
- 13) Differences
 - Data validation issues - coupling to the standards
(cannot have 2 maps with 2 standards with same name - have to copy standard and rename)

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