

Vision Solutions. Easy. Affordable. Innovative.



"We [migrated systems] in 24 hours what normally took two to three days plus some weekend work...Because of this solution, we get to go home and actually enjoy the weekend!"

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Upgrade/Migrate While Active™

Minimize Downtime when Upgrading or Migrating System i Servers

Your business grows. New technologies emerge. Given enough time, operational and competitive pressures will inevitably force you to upgrade your System i servers. In the past, this was a major headache that foisted considerable downtime—at least several hours and often days—onto the company. Vision Solutions' **Upgrade/Migrate While Active** eliminates the pain and lets your company continue its operations normally while you perform essential upgrades and migrations.

Eliminate Headaches and Downtime

Upgrade/Migrate While Active is a cost-effective solution that virtually eliminates the enormous downtime traditionally associated with system upgrades and migrations. It uses Vision's advanced high availability technologies to rapidly copy business-critical data to your new System i and keep it synchronized with your production system in real-time—without downtime. After validating your new System i environment, move users and processes in just minutes.

Take Your Time, Without Downtime

In the past, your IT department probably hurried through system upgrades and migrations because, even when rushing, you still had to shut down critical business applications for hours or days. And, as they say, haste makes waste. All of that rushing made the process more error-prone than it should have been. No more. **Upgrade/Migrate While Active** allows you to employ a more cautious approach, while virtually eliminating application downtime.

Run in Parallel

How can you avoid downtime when migrating or upgrading servers? Actually, it's simple. Install the new server and let **Upgrade/Migrate While Active** synchronize your new system with the old one. Then, while you take your time to validate the new system and users work normally on the old one, Upgrade/Migrate While Active keeps the new system current by migrating changes from the old system as they happen. Finally, when you're ready to flip the switch, operations will pick up on the new system exactly where they left off on the old one.

Mirror All Critical Objects

If anything gets left behind, the new system may fail to function properly—or at all. Leave nothing behind. **Upgrade/Migrate While Active** mirrors data, user profiles, authorities, data areas, data queues, IFS files, programs, spool files and all other objects needed for a successful upgrade or migration.

Get a Turnkey Solution

Migrations and upgrades can be trying and complex. Fortunately, with **Upgrade/Migrate While Active** you're not in it alone. From start to finish, Vision personnel work closely with you to install and configure the software, enable and monitor synchronization, and perform the final switch.

How Can Migrate/Upgrade While Active Help You?

Maintaining fully synchronized old and new systems during a migration or upgrade allows business operations to carry on unaffected while the IT staff runs tests, audits and other processes to verify objects on the new system prior to making the switch. What does this mean to you?

- Take the weekend off. Because upgrades and migrations require only minutes of downtime, you can perform most of the work during the normal work week rather than scheduling it for a long weekend. That will improve morale and possibly avoid considerable overtime.
- Minimize downtime costs. With many companies now running 24x7 and application outages costing tens of thousands or even millions of dollars an hour, reducing migration and upgrade downtime from days to minutes can result in a huge savings.
- Reduce ongoing IT costs. **Upgrade/Migrate While Active** works just as easily in many-to-one migrations as in one-to-one situations. Thus, you can easily use it to consolidate multiple, independently administered machines onto a single, centrally administered system. You can even use it to distribute applications and data to multiple System i environments.

"Total downtime from the consolidation/migration was 3.5 hours. Had Upgrade/Migrate While Active not been used, downtime would have been 36 hours or more."

– Beaulieu Group LLC

"There were alternatives but Upgrade/Migrate While Active was the best. - We cut our downtime to a fraction of what it would have been—it really worked out very well for us."

– Adventist Health

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