



APPLICATION PORTING SERVICE

With impressive reliability and price/performance advantages, Linux® has firmly established itself as a proven foundation for enterprise-caliber operations. In fact, a recent Forrester study reported that 53% of large organizations leverage the platform to run mission-critical applications¹. Red Hat® Enterprise Linux®, the dominant market leader, has helped transform Linux from an edge-of-network curiosity to an invaluable enterprise technology.

But moving applications to new environments requires careful planning and consideration. Porting an application from UNIX®, mainframes, or any alternate platform to Linux presents a series of technical challenges. Compiler issues, varying library versions, Java® optimization, third party dependencies, and memory and management difficulties are just a handful of examples.

Realizing this, Red Hat has developed Application Porting Service to help customers port an application from alternate environments to Linux. In approximately two weeks time, Red Hat consultants expertly configure the build environment, recompile and test the application, integrate the environment, and push the application live. Customers are then able to realize the full benefits of Linux at an enterprise level with zero downtime for mission critical applications.

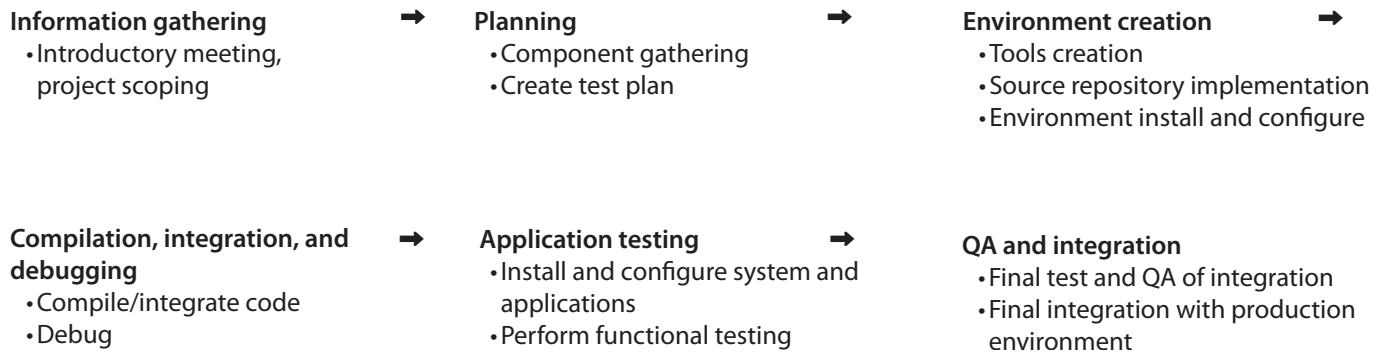
RESULTS

Having Red Hat Professional services migrate mission critical applications to Red Hat Enterprise Linux benefits an organization in many ways, including:

ACCELERATED PORTING	Assurance that the porting will be performed correctly and rapidly the first time around. No mistakes, guesswork, or delays.
RELIABILITY, PERFORMANCE ON COMMODITY HARDWARE	The full power of Red Hat Enterprise Linux for your enterprise-caliber applications. All the performance, scalability, and capabilities of traditional proprietary Unix systems at a significantly lower cost.
RETURN ON INVESTMENT	It's no secret that many week-long projects turn into month-long headaches or worse. Red Hat consultants typically complete the project in ten days. The process is time-tested and precise, paying for itself by freeing up resources and allowing customers to leverage Linux more quickly.
FULL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER	Comprehensive knowledge transfer from Red Hat consultants at the engagement's conclusion. Customers learn first hand how to perform similar porting efforts in the future.

¹ Linux crosses into mission-critical apps, Brad Day, Laura Koetzle, Forrester IT View Trends, April 26, 2004.

STRUCTURE



RESOURCES PROVIDED BY RED HAT

Red Hat's Professional Services team offers the experience and the expertise to determine the strategy that will work best for your environment. Our consultants consist of deep subject matter experts with many years experience delivering Red Hat and open source solutions in an enterprise environment. The experience uniquely qualifies this team to demonstrate how to leverage an Open Source Architecture. For the Application Porting Service, Red Hat will provide the following:

- **Technical Consultant:** performs the work, manages all stages of the engagement (day-to-day and long-term projects), provides full knowledge transfer, and completes any necessary documentation.

RESOURCES PROVIDED BY CUSTOMER

This project relies on having access to the personnel responsible for the development, deployment, and production support of the applications in question. It is critical that these individuals be involved in the planning phases of the project and available for information and assistance in later phases.

More specifically, the customer will need to provide access to one or more of the following:

- **Project Sponsor:** This person is the ultimate sign-off authority at the client-level, providing the high-level overview of long-term goals and objectives, and is typically an IT Director.
- **Project Manager:** This individual is in direct contact with Red Hat's technical consultant, manages the day-to-day client side activities, and ensures the timely delivery of information required for the project.
- **IT and other staff:** These people provide the information about the client's IT infrastructure and future requirements. Resources from development, operations, planning, purchasing, accounting, or finance may be incorporated into the project team or accessed via the Project Manager as appropriate.

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