Wildcat Conversion - FAQ

Background

Wildcat is a service to convert and migrate old, legacy or failing applications from a wide range of different technologies to high quality web-based applications. Wildcat combines breakthrough automatic conversion technology and expert analysis.

What system problems or limitations does a Wildcat conversion solve?

A Wildcat Conversion is aimed at resolving the following common problems:

- Scale and user size limitations
- Data duplication, inconsistencies and limited ability for validation
- Unsupported/proprietary technology
- Prohibitive legacy system costs and proprietary licences
- Technical feature limitations (smart-phone / device access, maps, bulk communication)
- Usability problems, non-standard user interfaces and equal opportunity compliance
- Security limitations
- Accessibility limitations
- Performance problems and scalability limitations
- Change management risk identification
- Lack of documentation
- Inability to source expert knowledge, developer and support resources

Which Systems are Convertible?

Wildcat can convert almost all ODBC compliant applications, including:

- MS Access (mdb and accdb), VB6, Oracle Forms
- Excel workbooks, Paradox & CSV files
- VB.NET, C#.NET, ASP.NET
- ASP, JSP, PHP
- Peoplesoft, SAP, Siebel, Prophecy, Sugar...

And any system with these as a backend:

- SQL Server
- Oracle
- MySQL
- H2
- Postgres
- Ingres
- and many others (just ask us if your system isn't on the list)

What size systems can be converted with Wildcat?

Wildcat conversion is suitable for both small single-user applications and large scale multi-user systems with hundreds of millions of rows.

Wildcat Conversion - FAQ

Can you convert systems if there is no access to the code base or there is no or inadequate documentation?

Yes. However completing the conversion may take a little longer if there is lack of clarity about requirements.

Can you convert systems if the existing system uses proprietary technology?

Yes. Provided you own the data and don't have a licence arrangement which precludes you accessing the data directly.

Following conversion, what operating system will our application run on?

Wildcat converts and migrates application concepts and application data to the Skyve Enterprise Platform - an open-source Java EE application platform.

The Skyve platform can run on any operating system which has a Java Virtual Machine, including Windows, Linux, Mac OS etc.

What do I need to know about Skyve?

The Skyve Enterprise Platform is a new open-source low-code platform offered under LGPL licencing.

Skyve uses the Java programming language and is freely downloadable from GitHub.

No licence fees are required to use Skyve, however we offer a range of support arrangements and training options if required.

We also offer a range of additional modules and products, like CRM and Timesheet modules which are not included in the open source version.

Can the converted system be hosted internally or in the cloud (i.e. AWS or Azure)?

Yes, either.

Skyve applications have been successfully deployed in a range of environments including Government DMZ networks as secure and robust external facing applications, 3rd party hosting providers and internal networks.

What devices can the converted system be used on?

The resulting applications are accessible using most browsers and devices (desktops, laptops, tablets, smart-phones and other browser enabled devices).

How secure are the resulting applications?

Skyve enforces best-practice security measures, supports SSL encryption and has met the security requirements for public facing applications for a number of government organisations.

What are the ongoing fees?

The resulting applications use open-source software and no additional licence fees are required.

How will this help us avoid being locked-in or captive to any vendor or system?

All converted application components are in human readable files and standard formats, and the Skyve platform is open-source. In addition, the resulting application includes extensive and powerful data extraction capabilities, avoiding Vendor or Technology Lock-In.

Wildcat Conversion - FAQ

Who else has used converted applications?

Wildcat converted applications have been used by a number of government and private organisations, including for mission critical solutions, including:

- Federal and State Government Organisations
- Regulatory Bodies
- Private Corporations and Small Businesses
- and more...

Which operating systems can converted applications run on?

Wildcat converted applications can run on most operating systems including Windows and Linux, hosted internally or in the cloud (e.g. AWS or Azure), with Oracle, MS SQL, MySQL or PostGres databases.

What enhanced functionality is possible with converted applications?

Converted applications can take advantage of sophisticated out-of-the-box features like:

- Forms and data management
- Powerful advanced filtering, searching and reporting
- Easy export of data to PDF and Excel to create your own reports
- Administration module including user role-based security, backup and restore, system dashboard and data import and export tools
- Maps and spatial concepts, including spatial queries
- Charts, dashboards
- File and content uploads, including PDF, MS Office documents, images and many others
- Bulk communication capabilities
- Automatic rendering for tablets, devices and smart-phones, including iPad, iPhone, Android, Windows etc
- Jobs and offline processing
- Full activity auditing and tracking

How does the fixed-price program work?

Step 1 - Enquiry & Pre-Qualification - basically a run through a pre-flight checklist to answer basic questions

Step 2 - Wildcat Conversion Assessment Report & Demonstrable Prototype

Step 3 - (Straight Forward Fixed) Price Conversion OR

  (Complex) Fixed Priced Scoping Study (RFP Ready)

Step 4 - (Complex only) Fixed Price Conversion (post scoping)

How do you reduce our risk?

We offer a full money back guarantee for the fixed-price analysis program, if you pay up front. If for any reason, you're satisfied with our work, or the value we've provided to your organisation, you can have your money back, or we'll fix it - whichever you prefer.

Wildcat Conversion - FAQ

When is a Wildcat Conversion Process NOT recommended?

Wildcat conversion is not recommended when:

- You do not own the existing data, or
- You have licence arrangements with your current provider that exclude access to your data directly.

How do we start?

Go to

https://www.bizhub.com.au/apps/wildcat.xhtml

tell us about your situation, and book a time for a chat. We'll take it from there.