



Preserving Decades of Critical Data with Rocket® Mobius®



Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (Kawasaki) markets and distributes motorcycles, sport bikes, side x side vehicles, cruisers, and watercrafts. Kawasaki also distributes gasoline engines and professional handheld power products for landscape, industrial, and consumer markets.

Challenge

For years, Kawasaki relied entirely on the mainframe to run its most critical applications and business processes. As the volume of data and information increased, so did the cost of running and managing the system. Kawasaki was simultaneously experiencing an attrition of its mainframe domain experts, leaving the company with a significant skills gap. These business realities — coupled with a shifting global business strategy — convinced Kawasaki leaders it was time to decommission the mainframe and move to a distributed hybrid cloud environment.

Kawasaki began its migration journey knowing that moving off the mainframe would be complicated. It needed to ensure minimal interruption to daily business operations, while preserving nearly two decades of documents and data that needed to remain fully accessible to business users throughout the migration. These requirements were complicated by resource limitations, including the number of staff available to focus on the project and the tight timeline to complete the work. Kawasaki needed a partner that could manage the project to efficiently preserve and maintain access to reports and data throughout the migration process while keeping the business running smoothly.

The Challenge

A shifting business strategy — coupled with increasing costs and a reduction in domain experts — led Kawasaki to decommission its mainframe and embark upon a hybrid cloud migration.



As we embarked on a hybrid cloud migration, it was critical for us to ensure no content was lost in the process. Working with Rocket Software gave us the continuity, experience, and tools to ensure there were little to no disruptions every step of the way.”

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Manager, Infrastructure and Operations



Solution

Kawasaki took advantage of the previous success with Rocket Software's Mobius team and leveraged its existing Rocket Mobius architecture to avoid the outage periods that often occur during a cloud migration project. The organization transitioned from Rocket DocumentDirect® for the Internet to Rocket Mobius View, a modern UI/UX platform, enabling it to run Rocket Mobius in the cloud and modernize without disruption. This provided immediate compatibility and continuity and ensured end-users could seamlessly access documents and data from both past and present, all without encountering workflow changes or interruptions.

Results

Kawasaki made the right decision to leverage Rocket Mobius to preserve its historic business data and information. Using an existing architecture meant the organization could realize cost savings by avoiding data reprocessing when moving from on-premises to the cloud. It also ensured data was secure and accessible for reporting. Because of the familiarity and working relationship with the Rocket Software team, Kawasaki could seamlessly gain the right insights, support, and guidance when needed.

For Kawasaki's business users, the decision to continue leveraging Rocket Mobius ensured a familiar platform, experiencing minimal disruption to their day-to-day operations, from start to finish. This continuity also enabled Kawasaki to better manage, preserve, and ensure access to countless PDFs, data, and other documents needed to keep the business on track.

The Solution

Leveraging Rocket Mobius, Kawasaki was able to modernize without disruption, preserving access to two decades of mission-critical data and documents and maintaining availability to users during the transition.

Rocket Software's impact on Kawasaki



Cost Savings

Choosing to rely on existing Rocket Mobius architecture meant Kawasaki could avoid the costs of reprocessing data and information.



Consistency

Business users experienced minimal disruption to their daily operations, leveraging existing Rocket Mobius architecture and tools.



Improved Accessibility

During a complicated migration, Rocket Mobius guaranteed Kawasaki's access to mission-critical documents without disruption.

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