



# Modernizing a Distribution Network



Boosting efficiency and future-proofing with Rocket® Visual COBOL®\*

## CHALLENGE

### Inefficient heritage systems

The company's custom COBOL code for their ERP system **faced obsolescence when the provider announced it was discontinuing COBOL support**, putting key operations at risk.

- **System obsolescence**

Discontinuing COBOL support put thousands of critical programs at risk.

- **Limited agility**

The existing development environment limited their ability to adapt to changing business needs.

- **Rewrite infeasibility**

Rewriting code for each ERP upgrade was costly and time-consuming.

## SOLUTION

### Future-proofing with Rocket® Visual COBOL®

#### 01 Seamless code conversion

Upgrading to Rocket® Visual COBOL® preserved business logic while adopting a modern integrated development environment (IDE).

#### 03 Enhanced integration

The new environment integrated with systems like mapping tools, improving operational efficiency for users.

#### 02 Transformed workflow

The efficient process enabled the IT team to handle challenging user requests.

#### 04 Talent attraction

Switching to a modern IDE opened new opportunities for hiring and made retaining skilled developers easier.

## RESULTS

### Strategic partnership and competitive advantage

#### Protected investment

Preserved a 20-year investment in COBOL business logic across thousands of programs.

#### Increased agility

Streamlined development processes allow IT to adapt to market changes faster.

#### Fostered innovation

Empowered the IT department to become a strategic business partner and drive competitive advantage.

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