



COBOL V5 Migration Strategies

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Background

COBOL V5: CliffsNotes

- Significant rewrite by IBM
 - leverage Code Generator code used in Java and C/C++
 - catch up with z/OS hardware improvements
 - aggressive optimization (CPU and memory intensive compile)
 - (more or less) compatible with previous COBOL compilers
 - (more or less) can run combined with older COBOL executables
- Runtime Performance improvements
 - We see 5-7% at our customers (highs in the 9-11% range)
 - IBM says up to 20% or more in certain cases.

COBOL V5 Win-Win

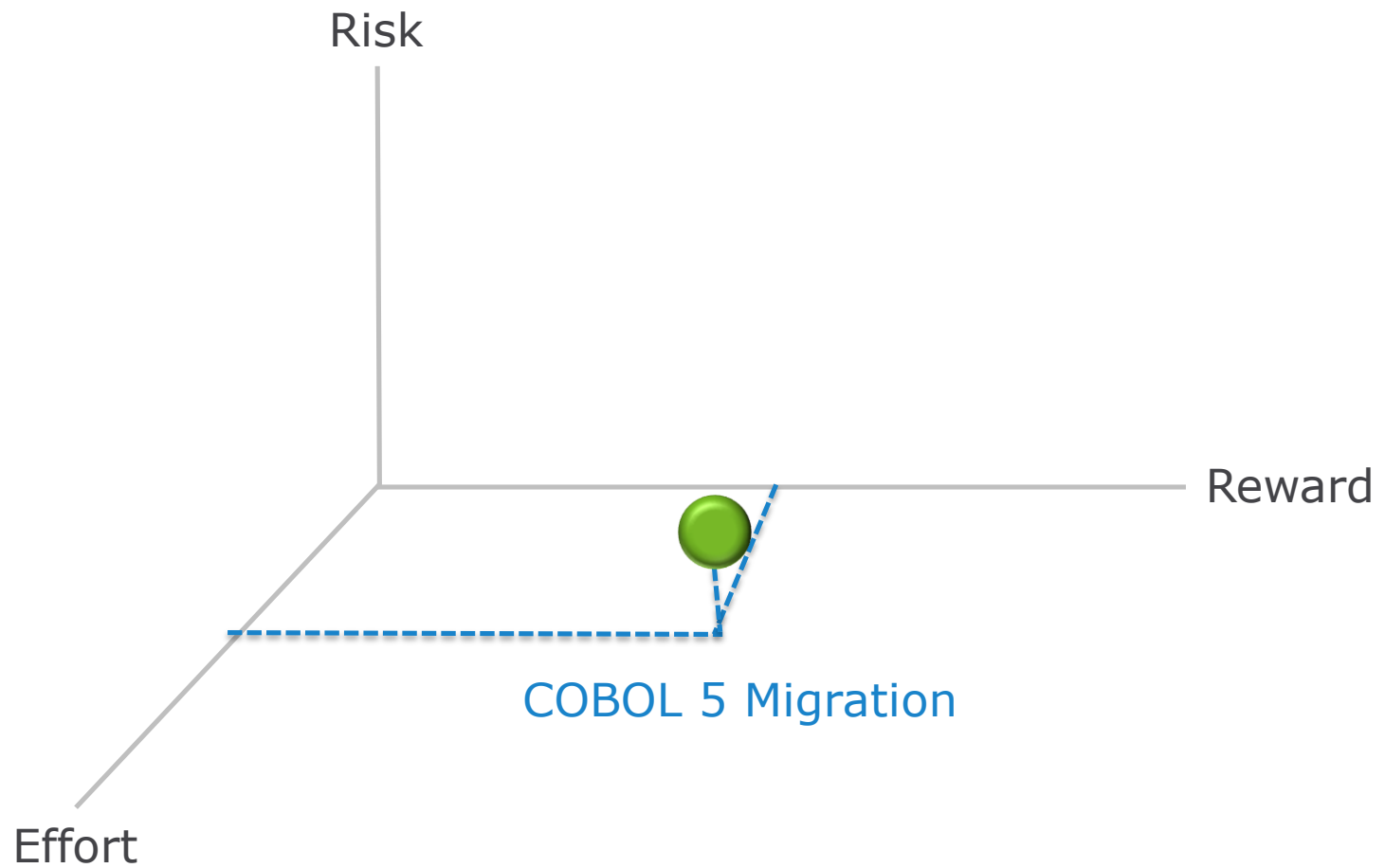
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For **customers**

- possible budget savings
- software catches up to hardware
- IBM commitment

For **IBM**

- common code paths
- reinvigorate a significant money maker
- growth path



Migration

First Steps

1. Read these Books!

Migration Guide –
GC14-7383-03
Programming Guide
SC14-7382-03



For Systems programmers:
Performance Guide – COBOL 5.1.1- Paper

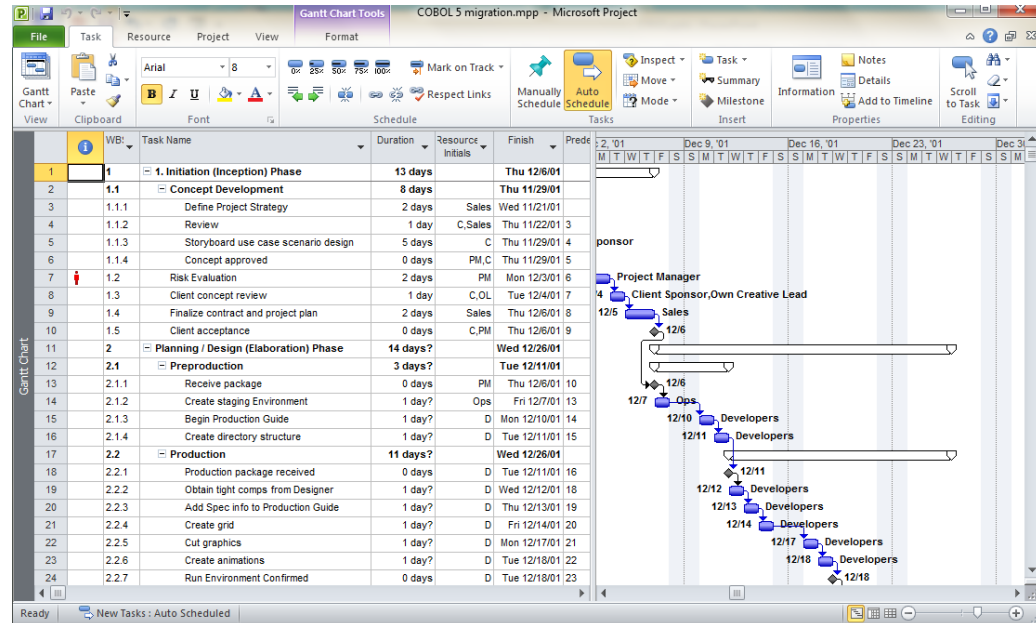
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First Steps

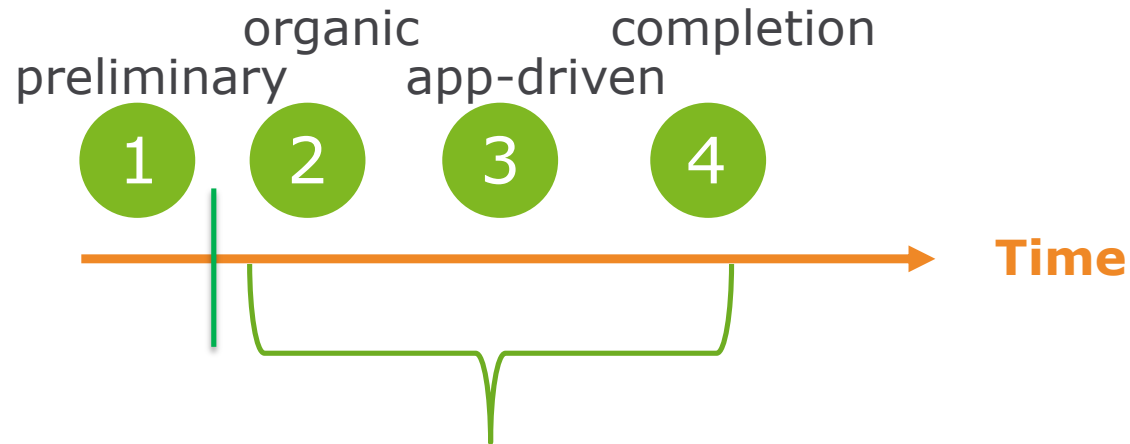
1. Read Migration Guide

2. Create a project!

- a) Scope
- b) Effort
- c) Expectations



Project Timeline



IBM grace period for running two COBOL versions¹

¹ talk with IBM

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Preliminary Work

- Simplify migration by completing these items beforehand
- Do not order COBOL v5.2 until you're happy with the preliminary work!

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Preliminary Work

a

Get current

Prerequisite levels of related software products

To use these products with Enterprise COBOL V5, they must be at the following levels:

- z/OS V1R13 or later
- CICS Transaction Server for z/OS, V3 or later
- IBM DB2 V9 or later
- IBM IMS V11 or later

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Preliminary Work

a

Get current

b

Complete LE runtime migration

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Preliminary Work

a

Get current

b

Complete LE runtime migration

c

Convert Load libraries to PDSE^{*}

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Preliminary Work

a

Get current

b

Complete LE runtime migration

c

Convert Load libraries to PDSE

d

SCM product to drive all compiles

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Preliminary Work

e

Order and install COBOL v5.2 and apply latest PTFs!



¹ Likely to involve many PTF's – don't forget ISV's too.

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Preliminary Work

e

Order and install COBOL v5

f

Implement COBOL v5.2 in SCM driven compiles

- JCL changes
- decide on certain compile options
 - ARCH
 - NUMPROC
 - OPT
 - SSRANGE
 - STGOPT

Project Timeline



2 Organic changes

a Pilot project

2

Organic changes

a

Pilot project

b

Migrate programs as they come up for changes.

- Bug fixes
- Active development
- How much added regression testing?

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Organic changes

a

Pilot project

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c

Publish results

- CPU savings
- % complete (total, by application)

2 Organic changes

Challenges

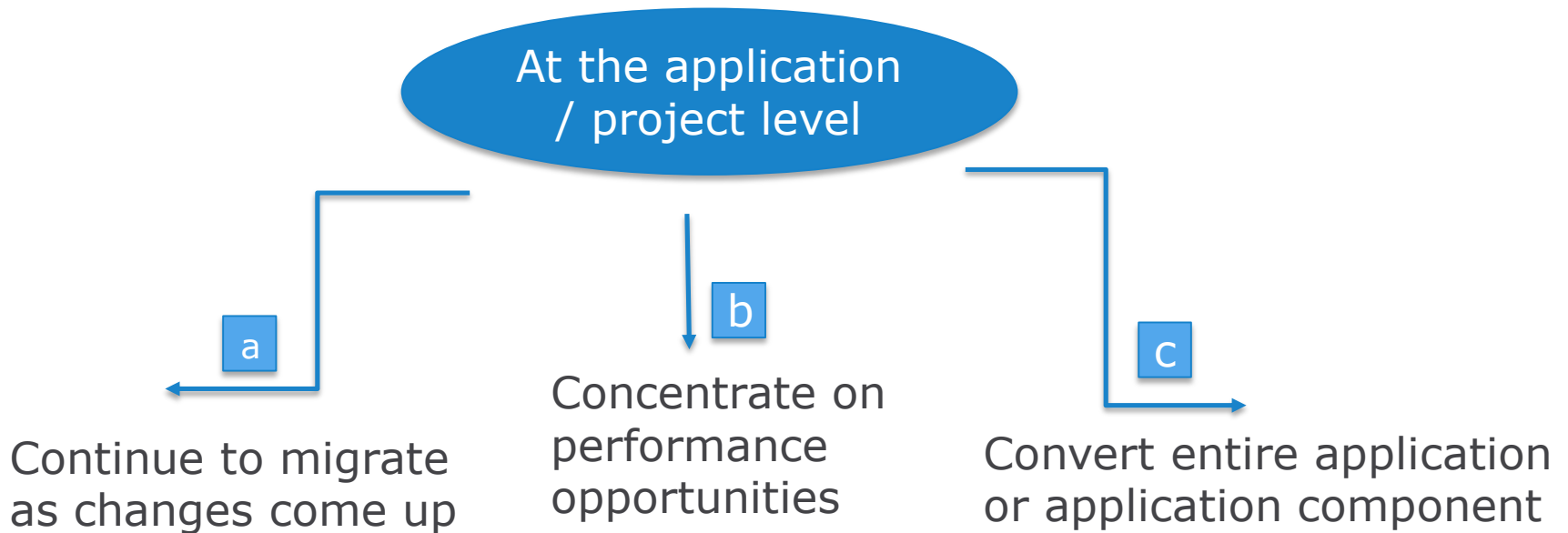
- Expect “devil is in the details” type problems at this point.
- Exception criteria? Who decides the exceptions?
- When to move to step 3? What about code freeze time periods?

Project Timeline

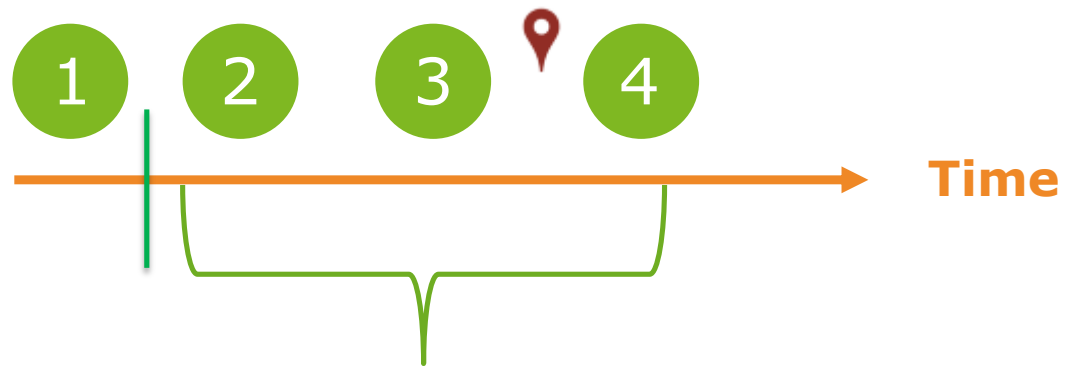


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Application Groups drive speed of migration



Project Timeline



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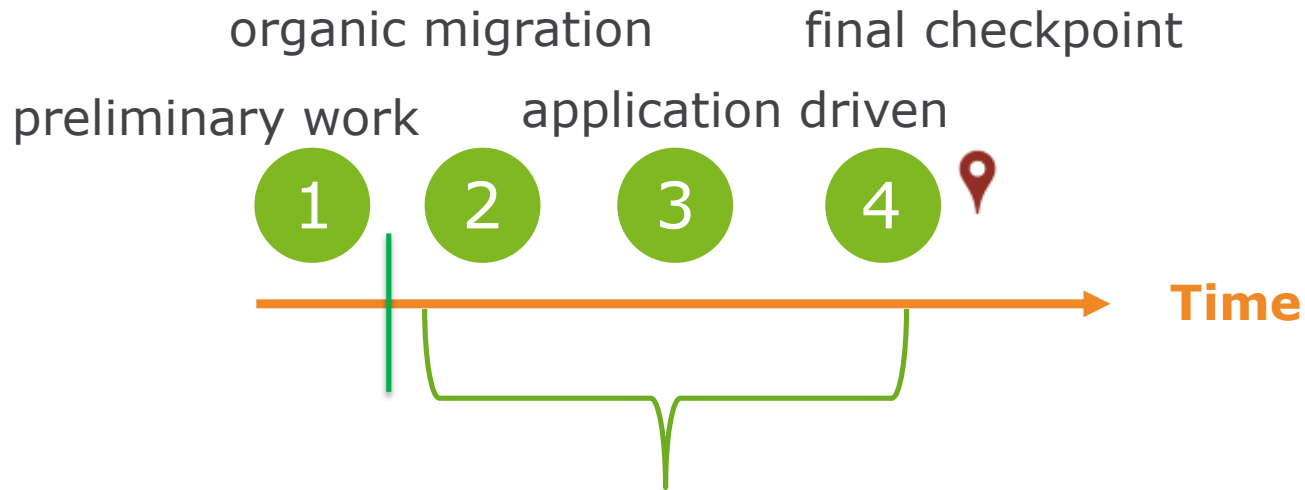
Final checkpoint

- Confident of conversion effort – willing to retire the older COBOL
- Go through one code freeze cycle?

Project Timeline



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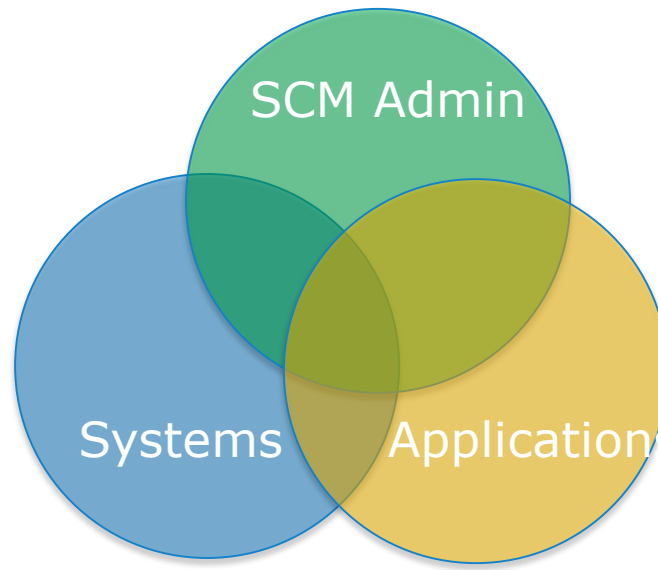
IBM grace period for two compilers

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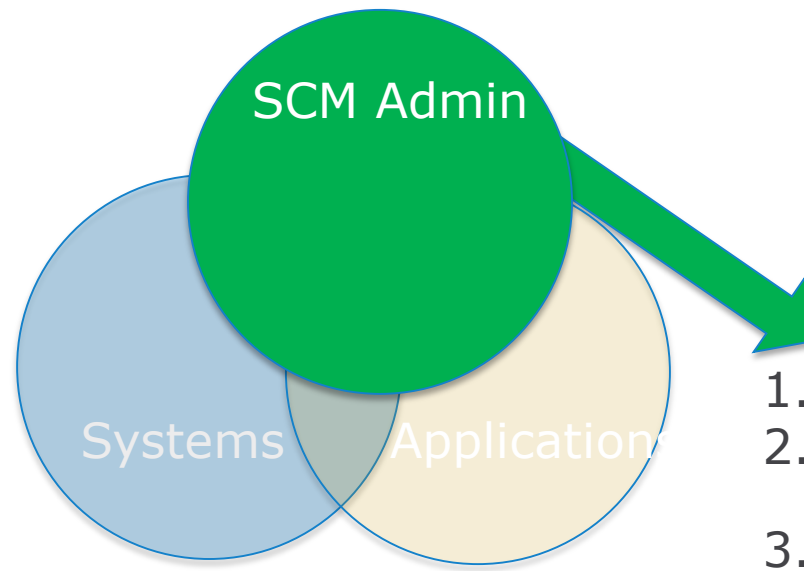
Project Analysis

- Did the project meet expectations?
 - CPU savings
 - \$ savings
 - effort
- What about the remaining COBOL programs?

Project by Group

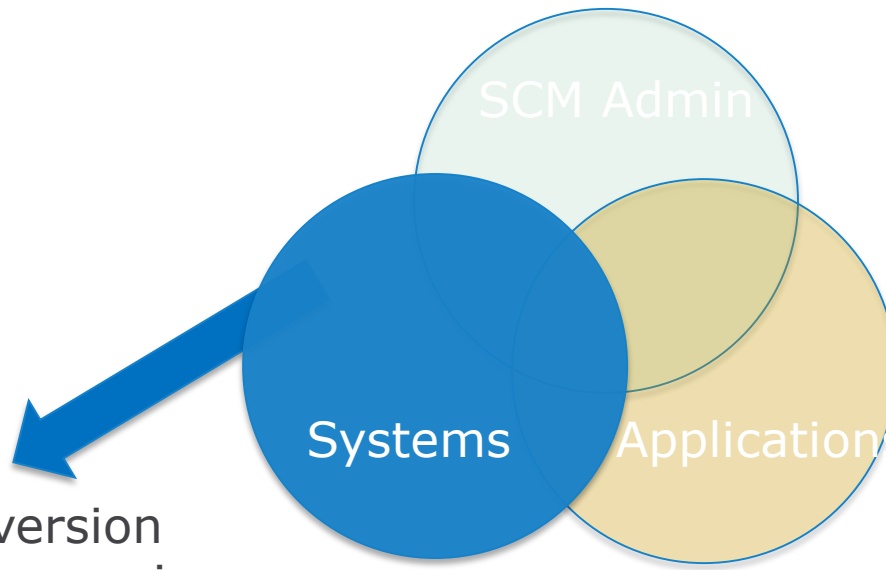


Project by Group



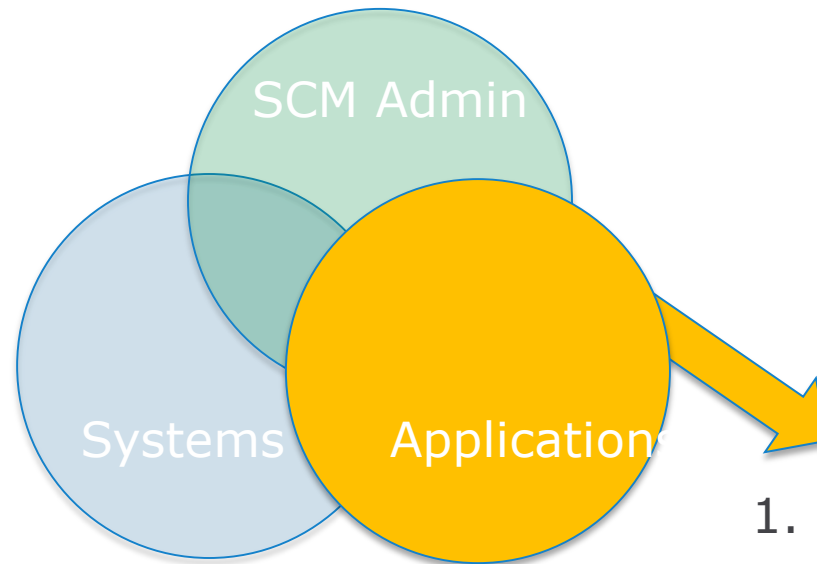
1. Compile JCL
2. Compile options
 - a) At each promotion level
3. No-go gates

Project by Group



1. LE Conversion
2. PDSE conversion
3. Currency

Project by Group



1. Application Migration
2. Regression testing

Considerations

Compile Options

| Option | Consideration |
|---------|---|
| OPT(n) | Recommend OPT(0) during development; OPT(2) for last compile. |
| ARCH | Lowest common denominator |
| SSRANGE | not in production |
| NUMPROC | PFD. If NOPFD, why? |
| RULES | Helps identify performance and coding issues |

Optimization

- OPTIMIZE(0) specifies limited optimizations, which result in the shortest compilation time. TEST option is not needed to use Xpediter for full debugging capability
- OPTIMIZE(1) specifies optimizations that improve application runtime performance. Optimizations include:
 - basic inlining
 - simplification of complex operations into equivalent simpler operations
 - removal of some unreachable code and block rearrangement.
 - Compiling with TEST will allow full debugging
- OPTIMIZE(2) specifies further optimizations:
 - more aggressive simplifications and instruction scheduling.
 - When the TEST option is specified, some debug capabilities are available.

Older Environments

| Environment | Consideration |
|----------------------|---|
| OS/VS COBOL | Doesn't mix with COBOL 5 |
| VS COBOL II | If NORES – cannot mix with COBOL 5 |
| Storage Eye-catchers | May be removed (STGOPT) during COMPILE. |
| AMODE(24) | Part of migration – to remove this restriction? |

Abend Personality

Index over-runs:

- May change from S0C7 to S0C4
- Over-run itself may corrupt / re-corrupt / un-corrupt index
 - Removes forensics
 - Applications may reach out to systems to help solve

New IBM Compiler output

- Previous versions of the compiler output would display the BLL, BLF and BLW cells for each of the variables in the File Section, Program Storage Section and Linkage Section
- The new compiler output does not display the offset from the BLW pointer anymore. All 77, 88 and 01 group level variable names are located in the 'Static Map'.
 - Elementary variables are not listed in the static map. In the Working-Storage area, the elementary level variables are denoted by an offset from the group level
 - To find the value of the variable, one must find the location of the group level in the static map and add the offset of the variable from the group level (found in the program-storage section)

Pre 5.2 Compiler Listing

Compuware Abend-AID ----- Source Program Browse ----- Row 000154 of 000352

COMMAND ==>

SCROLL ==> CSR

==>

```
000013  █      WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
000014      01 CWAADATE      PIC X(08) VALUE 'CWAADATE'.          BLW=00000+000      8C
000015      01 HOURLY-RECORDS-PROCESSED      PIC 9(2)          VALUE 0.          BLW=00000+008      2C
000016      01 RATE-DETERMINATION-FIELDS.          BLW=00000+010      0CL6
000017          05 HOURLY-EMP-RATE      PIC 9(3)          VALUE 0.          BLW=00000+010,0000000 3C
000018          05 HOURLY-OVERTIME-RATE      PIC X(2)          VALUE SPACES.      BLW=00000+013,0000003 2C
                                                IMP
000019          05 HOURLY-EVALUATOR      PIC X          VALUE SPACES.      BLW=00000+015,0000005 1C
                                                IMP
000020      01 WS-HOURLY-SWITCHES.          BLW=00000+018      0CL3
000021          05 WS-SENIOR-RATE-IND-SW      PIC X          VALUE SPACES.      BLW=00000+018,0000000 1C
                                                IMP
000022          05 WS-OVERTIME-INDICATOR-SW      PIC X          VALUE SPACES.      BLW=00000+019,0000001 1C
                                                IMP
000023          05 WS-HOURLY-RAISE-REVIEW-SW      PIC X          VALUE SPACES.      BLW=00000+01A,0000002 1C
                                                IMP
000024      LINKAGE SECTION.
000025      01 H-EMP-WAGES      PIC 9(5)V99      COMP-3.          BLL=00001+000      4P
000026      01 H-EMP-RATE-INFO.          BLL=00002+000      0CL5
000027          05 HOURLY-RATE      PIC 9(3)      COMP-3.          BLL=00002+000,0000000 2P
000028          05 HOURLY-INDICATOR      PIC X.          BLL=00002+002,0000002 1C
000029          05 HOURLY-OT-RATE      PIC X(2).          BLL=00002+003,0000003 2C
000030      01 FILLER REDEFINES H-EMP-RATE-INFO.          BLL=00002+000      0CL3
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Finding Value of Variable using COBOL 4.2 and Earlier

Abend-AID ----- Memory Display -----
 COMMAND ==> SCROLL ==> CSR

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Start Addr: 377c1828

Comment: _____

[illegible]

With the 5.2 compiler listing

| Compuware Abend-AID ----- Source Program Browse ----- Row 000156 of 000352 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| COMMAND ==> | | | | | | | | SCROLL ==> | PAGE ==> |
| 000013 | WORKING-STORAGE SECTION. | | | | | | | | |
| 000014 | 01 | HOURLY-RECORDS-PROCESSED | PIC S | | | | | | 2C |
| 000015 | 01 | RATE-DETERMINATION-FIELDS. | | | | | | | 0CL6 |
| 000016 | 05 | HOURLY-EMP-RATE | PIC S | | | | | 000000000 | 3C |
| 000017 | 05 | HOURLY-OVERTIME-RATE | PIC S | | | | | 000000003 | 2C |
| | | | | | | | IMP | | |
| 000018 | 05 | HOURLY-EVALUATOR | PIC X | VALUE SPACES. | | | | 000000005 | 1C |
| | | | | | | | IMP | | |
| 000019 | 01 | WS-HOURLY-SWITCHES. | | | | | | | 0CL3 |
| 000020 | 05 | WS-SENIOR-RATE-IND-SW | PIC X | VALUE SPACES. | | | | 000000000 | 1C |
| | | | | | | | IMP | | |
| 000021 | 05 | WS-OVERTIME-INDICATOR-SW | PIC X | VALUE SPACES. | | | | 000000001 | 1C |
| | | | | | | | IMP | | |
| 000022 | 05 | WS-HOURLY-RAISE-REVIEW-SW | PIC X | VALUE SPACES. | | | | 000000002 | 1C |
| | | | | | | | IMP | | |
| 000023 | LINKAGE SECTION. | | | | | | | | |
| 000024 | 01 | H-EMP-WAGES | PIC 9(5)V99 | COMP-3. | | BLL=00001 | | | 4P |
| 000025 | 01 | H-EMP-RATE-INFO. | | | | BLL=00002 | | | 0CL5 |
| 000026 | 05 | HOURLY-RATE | PIC 9(3) | COMP-3. | | BLL=00002,000000000 | | | 2P |
| 000027 | 05 | HOURLY-INDICATOR | PIC X. | | | BLL=00002,000000002 | | | 1C |
| 000028 | 05 | HOURLY-OT-RATE | PIC X(2). | | | BLL=00002,000000003 | | | 2C |
| 000029 | 01 | FILLER REDEFINES H-EMP-RATE-INFO. | | | | BLL=00002 | | | 0CL3 |
| | | | | | | 25 | | | |

Under COBOL 5.1, BLW cells are not available. You need to go to the Static Map and find the location of the 01 group level that the field you are looking for. Then add the offset of the elementary item to find the location within storage

With the 5.2 compiler listing

Abend-AID ----- Source Program Browse ----- Row 000264 of 000352

COMMAND ==>

SCROLL ==> CSR

==>

***** S T A T I C M A P * * * * *

| 0 OFFSET (HEX) | LENGTH (HEX) | NAME |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | 28 | BLL_Ptrs |
| 28 | C | BLT_Ptrs |
| 38 | 4 | JNIENVPTR |
| 40 | 2 | RETURN-CODE |
| 48 | 2 | SORT-RETURN |
| 50 | 8 | SORT-CONTROL |
| 58 | 4 | SORT-CORE-SIZE |
| 60 | 4 | SORT-FILE-SIZE |
| 68 | 4 | SORT-MODE-SIZE |
| 70 | 8 | SORT-MESSAGE |
| 78 | 4 | TALLY |
| 80 | 1 | SHIFT-OUT |
| 88 | 1 | SHIFT-IN |
| 90 | 4 | XML-CODE |
| 98 | 1E | XML-EVENT |
| B8 | 4 | XML-INFORMATION |
| C0 | 2 | HOURLY-RECORDS-PROCESSED |
| C8 | 6 | RATE-DETERMINATION-FIELDS |
| D0 | 3 | WS-HOURLY-SWITCHES |

Using the Static map, it is necessary to find the group level (RATE-DETERMINATION-FIELDS) and find the offset from the beginning of the Static Map (x'C8')

Entry=0636462(HSTJXL0X) Code=S0C7 AA01VS01 AssistMenu=PF24

More...

With the 5.2 compiler listing

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Abend-AID ----- Memory Display -----
COMMAND ==>
SCROLL ==> CSR

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Start Addr: 0006DC50      Comment: S:WSA      E:CWAAHOUR      LEN:0000013C

Address  Offset  Word 1  Word 2  Word 3  Word 4  Word 5  Word 6  Word 7  Word 8  Storage
0006DC50 +00000000 0000C3C8 0000C447 0000C445 0000C3EC 0000C3E8 0000C3E6 0000C3E5 0000C3E4 0000C3E3 C ..CY..C .. .. *
0006DC70 +00000020 0000B349 0000C435 0006DC78 0006DC7C 0006DC80 0006DC7E 0006DC7D 0006DC7C 0006DC7B @. "..... *
0006DC90 +00000040 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 C9C7E9E2 0006DC8E 0006DC8D 0006DC8C ..IGZSRTCD..... *
0006DCB0 +00000060 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 E2E8E2D6 0006DC8A 0006DC89 0006DC88 ..SYSOUT ..... *
0006DCD0 +00000080 0E000000 00000000 0F000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 ..... *
0006DCF0 +000000A0 40404040 40404040 40404040 40404040 40404040 40400000 00000000 00000000 00000000 ..... *
0006DD10 +000000C0 F0F10000 00000000 F0F2F540 405B0000 E8D5E800 0006D598 F1F4F0F7 F7F5F1F1 *01.....025 $..YNY.. Nq14077511*
0006DD30 +000000E0 0006DD68 0006D888 00000008 14000000 37C71878 00000000 00000000 37C6F0E8 *. . Qh... .. G ..... F0Y*
0006DD50 +00000100 00000000 00000000 00000000 E2E8E2D6 E4E34040 37C6F0F0 00000001 80000000 *. ....SYSOUT F00.. "...*
0006DD70 +00000120 0006D000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0006DD28 00000000 *. }..... ..*
0006DD8C :0098B06B is not found in the dump
0098B06C +0091D41C 039F8030 1098BD84 68000000 0F001100 01000000 FF000000 8F01D04C 0498B048 * " q d ... .. }< q *
0098B08C +0091D43C 18FBD310 00000020 00020020 00020001 00010001 00000000 00000000 00000051 * L ... .. *
0098B0AC +0091D45C E3E5C1D9 C1C90000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *TVARAI..... *
0098B0CC +0091D47C 0098B410 *.q *
0098B0D0 :0098BD83 is not found in the dump
0098BD84 +0091E134 039F8030 1098CF80 68000000 00001100 01000000 FF000000 8F01D0E4 0498BD60 * " q " ..... }U q -*
0098BDA4 +0091E154 58FBD700 0000004B 0003004B 00030001 00010001 00000000 00000000 00000050 * P.....&*
0098BDC4 +0091E174 E3E5C1D8 C1C10000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *TVAQAA.....*

Entry=0636462(HSTJXL0X) Code=S0C7 AA01VS01 AssistMenu=PF24 More...
  
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HOURLY-EVALUATOR is located at offset x'05' from the start of the group level RATE-DETERMINATION-FIELDS. The group level is located at offset x'C8' from the start of the Static Map. To find the address of HOURLY-EVALUATOR, add x'05' to x'C8'

New IBM Compiler output

- Finding the value of the index has become more problematic under 5.2. The Indices and the offset are listed in the static map. However, when you go to the storage, the value is an offset.
 - You have to calculate the value of the offset against the length of the array level plus 1. The initial index value location was at offset 0 of the array.

Finding the Value of the Indices under COBOL

5.2

```
000089      01  HOLD-TABLE.                                         0CL4000
000090          05  HOLD-AREA      OCCURS 4 TIMES                000000000 0CL1000
000091                      INDEXED BY REG-IX.
000092          10  HOLD-LINE      OCCURS 20 TIMES                000000000 0CL50
000093                      INDEXED BY HOLD-IX.
000094          15  HOLD-ANNIV      PIC X.                        000000000 1c
000095          15  HOLD-REGION    PIC X(5).                    000000001 5c
000096          15  HOLD-TYPE      PIC X.                        000000006 1c
000097          15  HOLD-NAME      PIC X(15).                    000000007 15c
000098          15  HOLD-WAGES     PIC 9(5)V99.                  000000022 7c
000099          15  HOLD-OT       PIC 9(5)V99.                  000000029 7c
000100          15  HOLD-COMM      PIC 9(5)V99.                  000000036 7c
000101          15  HOLD-TOTAL    PIC 9(5)V99.                  000000043 7c
```

Finding the Value of the Indices under COBOL 5.2

| Abend-AID ----- Source Program Browse ----- | | |
|---|-----|------------------------|
| COMMAND ==> | | |
| 150 | 2 | WS-SYUT1-STATUS |
| 158 | 7 | SWITCHES |
| 160 | 15 | COUNTERS |
| 178 | 1 | REGION-SUB |
| 179 | 6 | TODAYS-DATE |
| 180 | 1 | HIGH-VALUE-SW |
| 188 | FA0 | HOLD-TABLE |
| 1128 | 4 | REG-IX |
| 112C | 4 | HOLD-IX |
| 1130 | 14 | REGION-NAME-TABLE |
| 1148 | 9C | REGION-SALES-TABLE |
| 11E8 | D | CALC-COMMISSION-FIELDS |
| 11F8 | C | TOTAL-FIELDS |
| 1208 | A | GRAND-TOTAL-FIELDS |
| 1218 | 6 | OVERTIME-FIELDS |
| 1220 | 50 | EMPLOYEE-WORK-AREA |
| 1270 | 50 | EMPLOYEE-SALARY-AREA |
| 12C0 | 50 | EMPLOYEE-HDR1 |
| 1310 | 50 | EMPLOYEE-HDR2 |
| 1360 | 50 | EMPLOYEE-DTL |
| 13B0 | 50 | EMP-TOTAL-DTL |
| 1400 | 50 | REGION-HDR1 |
| 1450 | 48 | REGION-HDR2 |

The start of HOLD-TABLE is at x'188' from the start of the Static Map. The values of the two indices REX-IX and HOLD-IX are at offsets x'1128' and x'112c' respectively

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Finding the Value of the Indices under COBOL 5.2

Abend-AID ----- Memory Display -----

COMMAND ==>

SCROLL ==> CSR

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Start Addr: 0000B1D0

Comment: S:WSA E:CWAACOB1 LEN:00001c3c

| Address | Offset | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Word 4 | Word 5 | Word 6 | Word 7 | Word 8 | Storage |
|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 0000C270 | +000010A0 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | * |
| 0000C290 | +000010C0 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | * |
| 0000C2B0 | +000010E0 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | * |
| 0000C2D0 | +00001100 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | * |
| 0000C2F0 | +00001120 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0000BB8 | 00000032 | D6D9E3 | C8E2D6E4 | E3C8C5C1 | E2E340E6 | * |
| 0000C310 | +00001140 | C5E2E340 | 00000000 | D5D6D9E3 | C8D2C1E3 | C8E840C1 | C5E3E340 | 40404040 | F1F5F0F0 | *ESTNORTHKATHY DETT 1500* |
| 0000C330 | +00001160 | F0F0F0F2 | F5F0F0F0 | F0F04040 | 404040E2 | D6D9E3 | C8E2D6E4 | E3C8C5C1 | E2E340E6 | *0002500000 SOUTHAUDREY KAROS* |
| 0000C350 | +00001180 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | F0F0F0F0 | *KI 11250000000000 EAST KAREN* |
| 0000C370 | +000011A0 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | * JOHNSON 20000000000000 WES* |
| 0000C390 | +000011C0 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | *T 00000005555000 * |
| 0000C3B0 | +000011E0 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | *S05555000 |
| 0000C3D0 | +00001200 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | * |
| 0000C3F0 | +00001220 | F0F1F3F2 | F1C8F5D1 | D6C8D540 | D3C1E6D9 | C5D5C3C5 | 4040F1F2 | F340D5D6 | D9E3C840 | *01321H5JOHN LAWRENCE 123 NORTH* |
| 0000C410 | +00001240 | C1E5C540 | 40D7D3C1 | D5D64040 | 40E3E7F5 | F7F0F1F0 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | *AVE PLANO TX57010 * |
| 0000C430 | +00001260 | 40404040 | 40F0F6F2 | F5F8F4F0 | F0404040 | F0F1F3F2 | F1F3F702 | 5C5B4040 | 40404040 | * 06258400 0132137 *\$ * |
| 0000C450 | +00001280 | 4040F0F4 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | * 04 * |
| 0000C470 | +000012A0 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | * |
| 0000C490 | +000012C0 | 4040D9E4 | D540C4C1 | E3C54040 | 00006100 | 00610000 | 40404040 | 4040C5D4 | D7D3D6E8 | * RUN DATE .././.. EMPLOY* |
| 0000C4B0 | +000012E0 | C5C540C3 | D6D4D7C5 | D5E2C1E3 | C9D6D540 | D9C5D7D6 | D9E34040 | 40404040 | 40404040 | *EE COMPENSATION REPORT * |

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[More...](#)

Finding the Value of the Indices under COBOL

5.2

- From the compiled listing, the HOLD-TABLE array is 4000 bytes long. Each occurrence of HOLD-AREA is 1000 bytes and HOLD-LINE is 50 bytes long.
- Since the value of REG-IX is 3000, and represents the offset within the array, the value of the index can be calculated by dividing the offset by the length of the array ($3000/1000 = 3$) and then adding 1. This is necessary because the array actually starts at offset 0. So the value of the index is 4
- HOLD-IX's value is 50. The length of HOLD-LINE is 50, so the value of HOLD-IX is $50/50 + 1$ or 2

Questions?



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