Carve out your next migration project
Steve Graves, Migration Solutions Architect

Meet Steve

With more than a decade of Services experience, Steve Graves has carved out a specialty in migrations to DB2 from competitive products. Steve has a deep understanding of the challenges of unique migrations, and has expertly led dozens of customers through successful projects.

Steve discusses how his clients have benefited from IBM Software Services when they made the move to DB2.

> **Keep it *simple*…** without adding *unneeded* **complexity.**

How Steve led a migration to DB2 from Teradata for a large financial organization

Steve was involved in every aspect of this migration from Teradata to DB2, from migration planning and execution to automation and tooling. During the eight month project Steve:

- Determined challenges unique to a Teradata to DB2 migration to improve the migration process and outcomes
- Automated the process to ensure timely project completion with minimal business interruption
- Developed best practices for future similar migrations and incorporating lessons learned

Steve's Approach to Migrations

Gain a complete understanding of the client's goals

- Steve works to fully understand his client's challenges with their current database environment and their ultimate business objectives. Gaining this understanding saves time and money.

Go beyond technical

- Think past the purely technical elements of the migration to understand how the IBM DB2 solution delivers enhanced business results for immediate and future needs.

Starting point: Phase Zero Assessment

- Deep and thorough, Phase Zero assessments nail down the full migration project by addressing scope, roles, and effort. A Phase Zero Assessment, typically short in duration, builds the framework for a successful project, removes risk, and drives long-term business value.

> **"** Software Services consultants go **beyond** the technology to consider the business **impact**. **"**

Steve's Philosophy

Keep it simple

- When crafting a solution for a customer, Steve strives to leverage IBM product capabilities without adding unneeded complexity.

Build best practices

- Successful migrations follow specific time-tested best practices. IBM has evolved these practices based on hundreds of diverse migrations conducted worldwide.

Software Services and the Strategic Advantage

IBM Information Management Software Services consultants go beyond the technology to consider business impact—we strive to understand our customers' ultimate business goals and then use technology for a competitive advantage. By drawing a correlation between technological solutions and business success, we help drive customer innovation.

Steve's Background

Steve's IT career spans 20 years. From an application developer to a Data Warehouse business owner, he has worked with countless database environments and understands migration challenges from both a customer's and a specialist's point of view.

Hobbies

Steve is deeply involved with Project Open Hand, a group that provides food and care to improve the quality of life for the men, women and children it serves. He also enjoys sports, including volleyball and tennis, as well as travel, which included a recent visit to Australia!