Software Development Platform: Enabling Multiple Developers to Code Simultaneously

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Some of the applications we support include a claims payment system on the mainframe as well as distributed applications such as mybluecross.com, which allows you to look up doctor and nurse information from the network standpoint.

Marketing and customers are demanding more and more intelligent software, which is just putting more pressure on the developers, and that means you need to have stable software tools to let the developers get their job done and meet their deadlines.

ClearCase allows us to have project teams working on multiple branches, or versions of the codes; some could be short term, some could be long term projects as well as production fixes.

The Rational tools help us enforce our processes and our procedures, so the developers can be writing code as efficiently as they can, the whole project team, starting with the requirements all the way through to the test results.

We're helping consumers make smarter healthcare choices.