

Remote access makes it possible for SSP to prove Insure^J performance and scalability at the IBM Innovation Centre

With over two decades' experience, SSP has a proud history of delivering innovative solutions that improve business control, productivity & efficiency. And with more than 41,000 users in over 50 countries, SSP is the partner of choice for insurance businesses worldwide.

SSP has worked with the team at the IBM® Innovation Centre in Sydney since 2001 to conduct application performance and scalability trials on IBM System i, System x and System p platforms. Most recently, remote VPN access to the Innovation Centre has allowed Melbourne-based SSP to do more testing, and to contain costs.

The SSP Insure^J software operates in a J2EE environment supported by IBM WebSphere® & DB2® software to deliver a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) General Insurance application spanning Customer Management, Policy Administration (Underwriting), Claims, Reinsurance and Finance (Billings & Collections).

SSP's Chief and Senior Architects, Stephen Down and Philip Merry say that "The sheer range of equipment, software and professional support available at the IBM Innovation Centre makes all the difference".

They also state that with the tests conducted at the centre, Insure^J has proven to have excellent scaling capability and flexibility for deployment options. During the tests advanced IBM POWER® servers were used from the IBM Innovation Centre to test clustering capability using advanced clustered topologies utilising dedicated online and background processing servers.

"In this configuration, online user requests were routed to server instances on one machine, while all background processing tasks were directed to a separate dedicated machine. This allowed for increased responsiveness for online users and maximum transaction throughput to be achieved."

Philip states that "The knowledge and experience of the team at the IBM Innovation Centre was invaluable in providing assistance with tuning the AIX® server operating system and DB2® configuration for increased performance. Being able to configure servers and run load tests remotely over VPN connections was a great help to us, and makes the centre easily accessible."



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