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## **Chorégie has chosen SysperTec's Virtel Web Integration to establish dynamic communication between its WebSphere portal and its mainframe application for managing payments**

MFP Services and its IT economic interest group Chorégie have successfully launched a new secure and user-friendly Web portal called "Santé Pratique," designed to improve the quality of service provided to its members, partners, employees, and elected officials. The technical project is a success thanks to SysperTec's Virtel Web Integration, which makes it possible to dynamically retrieve DB2 data by establishing communication between different environments.

### **MFP Services: Services for millions of Fonction Publique retirement and health insurance beneficiaries**

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MFP Services wanted to improve the quality of services provided to its members, partners, employees, and elected officials. To achieve this, MFP Services and Chorégie decided to launch a new secure and user-friendly Web portal called "Santé Pratique." The goal for the portal is to improve access to information and to incorporate new services (real-time payment tracking, electronic statements, policyholder file lookup, etc.).

From a technological point of view, the constraint is to be able to query the DB2 database associated with the central payment management CICS application from the new Web platform using standard and scalable technologies. Also, Chorégie wants to have an identity management service on the new Web portal, based on its LDAP directory, to simplify and customize the management of user profiles.

To implement this project, Chorégie wants to use the IBM WebSphere Portal for iSeries solution to develop its Web portal, using existing components in a COBOL CICS application residing on a z/OS 1.8 machine. The two environments should be able to communicate using standard technologies based on Web services to ensure the sustainability and scalability of the portal.

Chorégie has chosen SysperTec's Virtel Web Integration to establish this communication.

## **Virtel Web Integration establishes communication between WebSphere and the mainframe application**

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Virtel Web Integration combines VTAM relay with an HTTP server. Virtel is installed directly on the z/OS platform. This positioning allows Virtel to use existing CICS transactions to access DB2 data and to also establish an interface with WebSphere Portal for iSeries. The whole setup is based on HTTP and XML market standards, using a secure URL. With the use of a basic Web service, Virtel Web Integration can then provide mainframe data in real time.

"This solution eliminates any dependencies between the Web portal and the mainframe application, allowing full latitude for ultimately moving toward the target architecture," states André Bour, Architecture Director at Chorégie. "And unlike other solutions, Virtel Web Integration, with its simple implementation, allowed us to meet our deadlines, all at a very reasonable cost."

## **A simple and fast implementation**

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Setting up Virtel took only a day and a half for training and handover to the mainframe team. This was enough for the team to become fully independent and easily set up Virtel Web services to access existing CICS transactions.

"The procedure for setting up Web services with Virtel is so simple," says Jeanick Sinapayen, manager of the mainframe project within Chorégie's Architecture Department. "Everything went very smoothly because there was no need for both mainframe and Web skills, so every team qualified."

## **Objectives achieved: Greater responsiveness and better-performing technology**

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"Ultimately, the solution was implemented very quickly, meeting all MFP Services requirements in terms of deadlines, technology, and budget," boasts André Bour.

Setting up this interactive portal now allows MFP Services to improve the quality of the services it provides and to be much more responsive in addressing the needs of its policyholders.

Also, the technological choices allow MFP to adopt regulatory and institutional changes more quickly and to be more responsive in making those changes available to policyholders.

**To learn more about this case study, please contact us to set up a meeting or obtain a more detailed testimonial.**

## About MFP Services

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MFP Services is a group of 30 insurers serving three public areas (national government, local government, and hospital staff). Its mission is to manage health services and to help insurance companies attract and keep members. MFP Services provides health services to nearly 2 million beneficiaries and manages one of the top three long-term care contracts in France, with 500,000 people covered. To manage and deliver its services, MFP Services relies on Chorégie GIE, created in partnership with the MGEN (Mutuelle Générale de l'Éducation Nationale).

For more information: [www.mfpservices.fr](http://www.mfpservices.fr) - [www.mfpservices.fr/santepratique](http://www.mfpservices.fr/santepratique)

## About SysperTec Communication

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