



75% drop in deployment time

50% less staffing for releases

60% faster DR switchover time



CMC Markets

INDUSTRY

Financial Services: Trading

CHALLENGE

Automate deployment and ongoing management of the NextGen trading platform.

SOLUTION

BMC BladeLogic Server Automation delivers rapid deployment, reduced human resource requirements, and ongoing monitoring and management.

BMC delivers software solutions that help IT transform digital enterprises for the ultimate competitive business advantage.

BMC – Bring IT to Life

CMC Markets uses leading-edge automation technology to keep its NextGen online trading platform stable, agile, and efficient

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Handling more than one million prices per second, the backend systems of CMC Markets enable spread betting, contract for difference (CFD), and foreign exchange trades for over 80,000 active customers. When CMC launched its newest trading platform, IT needed best-in-class automation for its initial platform deployment. The staff continues to leverage that technology today to manage the platform's 80+ applications, keeping them running reliably for customer trades in 3,000 different markets.

BMC SOLUTION

BMC BladeLogic Server Automation enabled CMC to roll out the new platform quickly, efficiently, and reliably. Additionally, the solution supports ongoing management of applications as well as monitoring of application status across development, user acceptance testing (UAT), performance testing, production, disaster recovery (DR), and pre-production environments.

BUSINESS IMPACT

BMC BladeLogic delivers automated deployment and management of the NextGen trading platform, enabling CMC Markets to streamline processes, reduce costs, and adopt a more agile development methodology.

- Staffing requirements for deployment of a typical release dropped 50% and **deployment time dropped 75%**.
- **Overtime costs** associated with application deployments and updates **dropped by a significant margin**.
- A 60% reduction in disaster recovery switchover times helped the staff better **align disaster recovery (DR) processes with legal mandates**.
- Automation **eliminates downtime**, enabling the company to **meet the 24x7 availability needs of its clients**.
- BladeLogic provides a foundation for **standardizing how applications are deployed, run, configured, and structured** on all servers.

“BladeLogic has been central to the rollout of our new trading platform, not only reducing the need for manual intervention but also enabling us to automate both deployment and management processes,” says Mike Brennan, automation engineer at CMC Markets.

“This means we can save on costs, reduce downtime, and implement efficiencies that will benefit our customers.”