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## Customer Showcase



Habib Bank AG Zurich: A Solution Now for Leading Edge IT

Syam S, IT Manager of Habib Bank AG Zurich, knew exactly what his requirements were when he began a competitive analysis of Java database connectivity products. A suite of production C++ applications were slated to be ported to Java, and introduced into production in the second quarter of 1997. The product that Habib Bank would decide to purchase had to be fully functional, mature stable and additionally, must have robust performance.

"Our environment is quite unique. We were using a technology developed in-house which is quite similar to Java," Syam points out. The object oriented design of existing applications allowed Habib Bank's IT group to quickly redeploy existing banking and user-interaction logic as Java bytecodes with a special class loader. Habib is committed to Java technology. Even the converter for the existing applications is written in Java.

For leading edge Java developers like Habib Bank, there is only one solution to consider for deployment today. According to Syam S. "FastForward's architects truly understand what Java can do, and they are to be congratulated for bringing a robust, high performance product to market in such a timely fashion!"

## BELLSOUTH

**BellSouth.net:JDBC solution from Connect Software provides the bridge to the "next wave".**

BellSouth.net's Christopher Straut has a clear vision of the sea change occurring in his service network. "The issues we face are enterprise data access; Connect Software's FastForward JDBC driver provides high performance direct connections to our backend database". Even in the early stages of redevelopment of legacy web based applications, it is clear to BellSouth.net that an object oriented architecture would give content and applications greater longevity and lower cost of maintenance.

BellSouth.net faced the daunting task of adapting existing applications to pure Java applets which provided dynamic connection to Sybase. Straut has undertaken this job with a robust set of products from Connect Software to make access to the database seamless within the Java environment.

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