

Advanced Open BASIC Automates the migration of BASIC applications

Open BASIC is a retargetable compiler that reads VAX BASIC and generates portable C source code. It also automates the migration of BASIC applications to open systems.

Open BASIC is a compiler for programs written in the VAX BASIC language. It is both a compiler and a converter designed for:

- Porting VAX BASIC applications from OpenVMS to Unix-based platforms
- BASIC code development with the functionality of VAX BASIC on Unix-based platforms
- Converting VAX BASIC programs into C programs. Open BASIC includes its own runtime system (see listing of supported functions and statements)

Open BASIC automatically creates the proper linkage to our VMS-runtime library product, Open LIBR8.

All device and file names are mapped so no changes are required in the VAX BASIC source.

Open LIBR8 includes support for RMS, SMG, Sort/Merge and the majority of SYS\$ and LIB\$ system services.

Features

- > Fully retargetable compiler
- > Translates all VAX BASIC extensions
- > Produces understandable and concise C code

Benefits

- Port VAX BASIC code efficiently avoiding trial and error
- Preserve investments in software and personnel
- Achieve full portability to all major open system platforms
- Support VMS runtime routines including RMS, QIO, SMG, logical name handling and indexed files

"We developed our applications in-house to handle the unique needs of our diverse client base. However, further scalability was not going to be possible without a change of platform.

Migration with Advanced offered us a fast, cost-effective and low-risk solution."

Rob Hussey > Head of Solutions Delivery > Mercer Outsourcing

Open BASIC



SMG or FMS screen form management





User interface can remain character-based or a new interface using Java, VB or ASP.NET/JSP browser-based deployment can be implemented.

Tools-based migration of core

COBOL, FORTRAN, Pascal, Ada,

BASIC, and C on-line and batch

programs, with optional extraction and componentisation of core business rules into re-usable 'application' or Web services.

RMS and Rdb databases migrated to RDBMS environment. Application

underpinned with embedded SQL I/O services and called from original file access points in application.

data management layer







Upgrade to Open RDBMS environment

"We chose Advanced for this complex and demanding migration as it had both the technical expertise to convert our OpenVMS applications to Windows, and also its well established migration methodology."

Martin Heaton > Control Systems Development Manager > Springfields Fuels

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