



Case Study

About the customer:

BLS AG is a transportation company with two main business fields: passenger traffic and infrastructure.

The rail and transportation enterprise has a history going back over 100 years, employs about 3,000 people, and has annual revenues of 1 billion Swiss francs. It runs a rail network in Western Switzerland and, with the Lötschberg base tunnel that opened in 2007, the company operates one of the most modern railway tunnels in the world.



About the project:

Building a Java EE Platform

BLS IT began to modernize its platforms and IT applications in 2009. They brought Simon Martinelli into the team in 2011 in order to define and build a modern Java Enterprise platform with full-stack development along with the in-house IT architects.

Simon Martinelli's previous experience with the railway field and his teaching position at the University of Applied Science in Bern made him the perfect choice to help with this project. Within three months, he had evaluated and constructed the platform the company needed according to their stated requirements.

The Java EE platform is still the backbone for all their custom developments of business-critical applications. External developers who are brought in for software development have repeatedly praised the development environment, the tools and the processes that now exist, stating, "We very rarely see this sort of environment at this level of quality."

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