The crucial value of a loan origination system in the demanding conditions of a retail banking environment.

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The Business Need

The Bank needed an IT system that would automate and manage the whole sales cycle of retail banking products, mostly loans and credit cards. It was common finding that these processes were plagued by red tape which resulted in delays and increased management cost.

The solution

The system is based on the upgraded version of the i-apply platform and is used in all approval processes for consumer loans, house loans, credit cards and debit cards. It supports all the stages of a loan origination procedure, from the first submission of a request to final approval, while also handling all the necessary controls at every stage. It interfaces with both the core banking system and the card management system and allows for either the retrieval of existing customer data or for the origination of accounts, loans or credit cards.

The result

This real-time, on-line and fully automated loan origination system has significantly reduced the sales cycle of any retail banking product or service from days to mere minutes and now ensures fast and seamless customer service, by eliminating cumbersome red tape processes. It minimizes delays and mistakes and allows the Bank to cross sell products and services and to reach its customers any time, from any point of sale.