Mainframe Code Conversion Journey

Capgemini

Legacy modernization workbench in action

Legacy distributed, stored proc and mainframe legacy modernization

Distributed Legacy
- Soap Services
- Web Applications
- JSP/Servlets
- Other Non-Mainframe Legacy Components

Stored Proc Legacy
- PL/SQL
- Stored Procs
- Functions
- & other stored proc related tech stacks

Mainframe Legacy
- Cobol Modules
- JCL
- ReXX
- Copybooks
- Other Mainframe Components

1 **Legacy component/s identified for processing**

Cap360

DCC Analyzer

Capgemini Code Refactoring Tool (CCRT)

2 **Evaluation of size of the legacy component**

Too Large for Processing

Yes

Split Legacy Component for Processing

Legac Compon | Legac Compon | Legac Compon | ...

No

Setup for GenAI Processing

BREAD | GenYoda | GitHub Copilot

3 **GenAI Software Development Toolkit**

- **Technical Documentation (Requirements, Business Rules Summary)**
- **Code Conversion to modern technology of choice for the legacy component**
- **Test Case Identification**

Business Docume | Business Docume | Business Docume | ...

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Test Ca Doc | Test Ca Doc | Test Ca Doc | ...

Converted Component/s

4 **Code Consolidation/ Updation/ Validation Step**

Full Stack Developer & Legacy SME – 2 in a box

Rearchitect/ Rewrite

No

5 **Non- DDD Processing**

SMART COMPARE

Yes

5 **Domain Driven Design Processing**

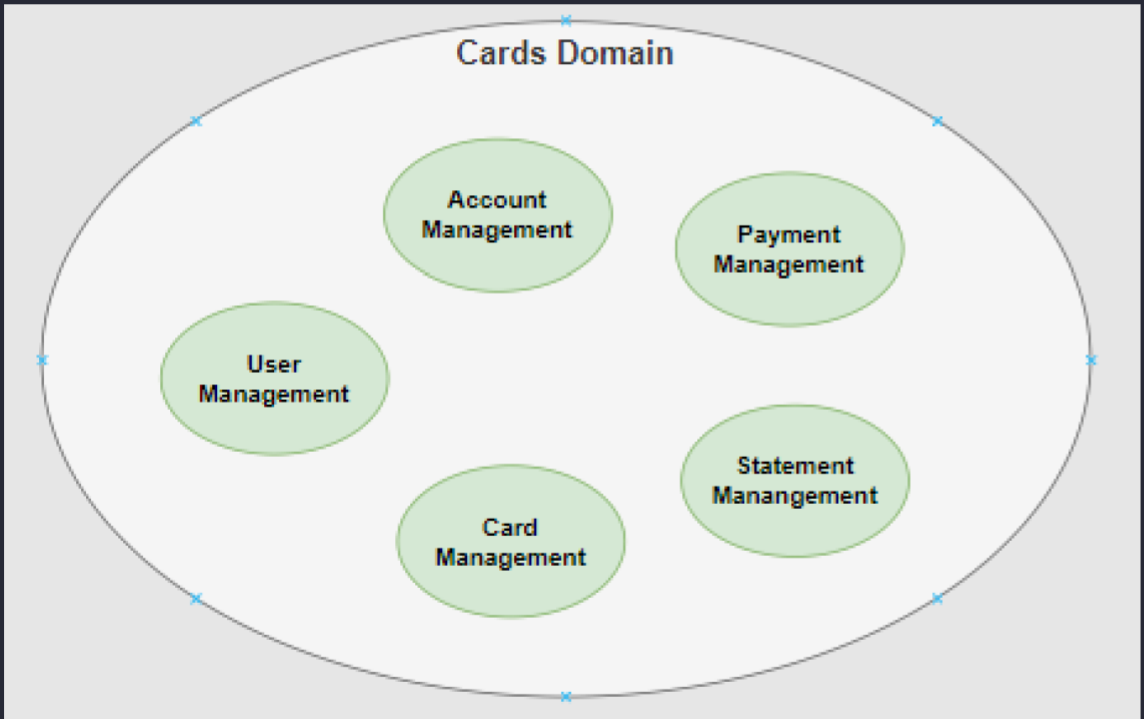
GenYoda

DDD Toolkit

6 **GenAI Treatment (Production Ready Code)**

DDD – STRATEGIC DESIGN

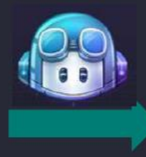
Cards Demo Context Map

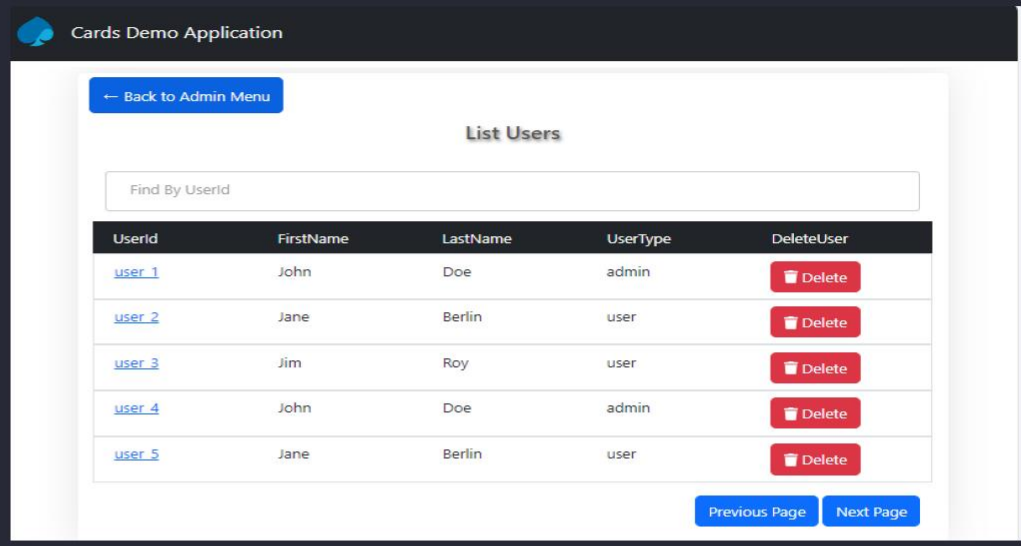


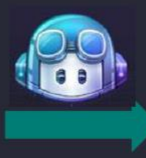
Summary

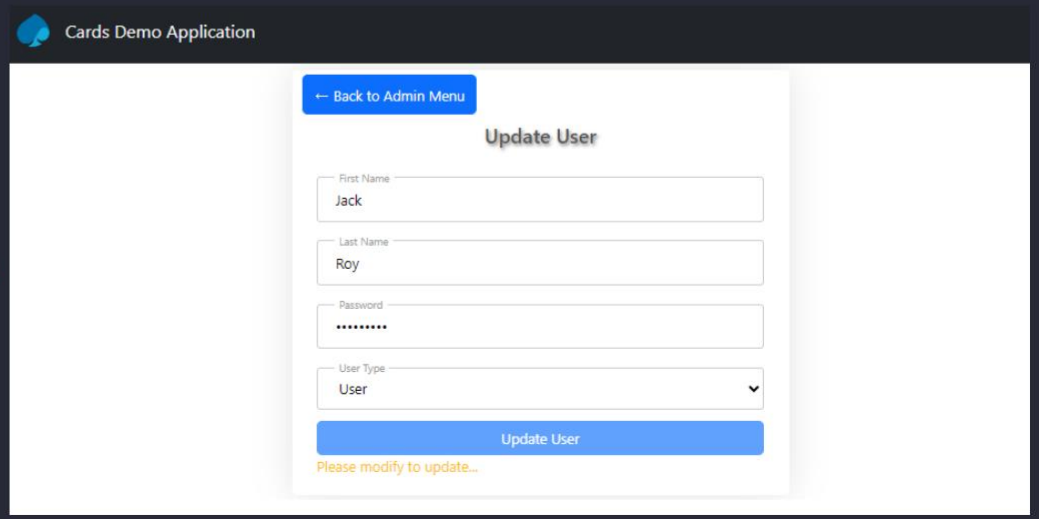
- Bounded Contexts represent the boundaries within a subdomain where a particular model (model and behaviors) applies.
- 5 bounded contexts (highlighted blue in the context map) are identified & evolve independently
- All components of a bounded context will be implemented together - Online, UI & batch
- Transaction, Reporting data & behavior is included in each bounded context
- Domain entities, API models will evolve as new attributes & value objects are discovered

GENAI GENERATED UI









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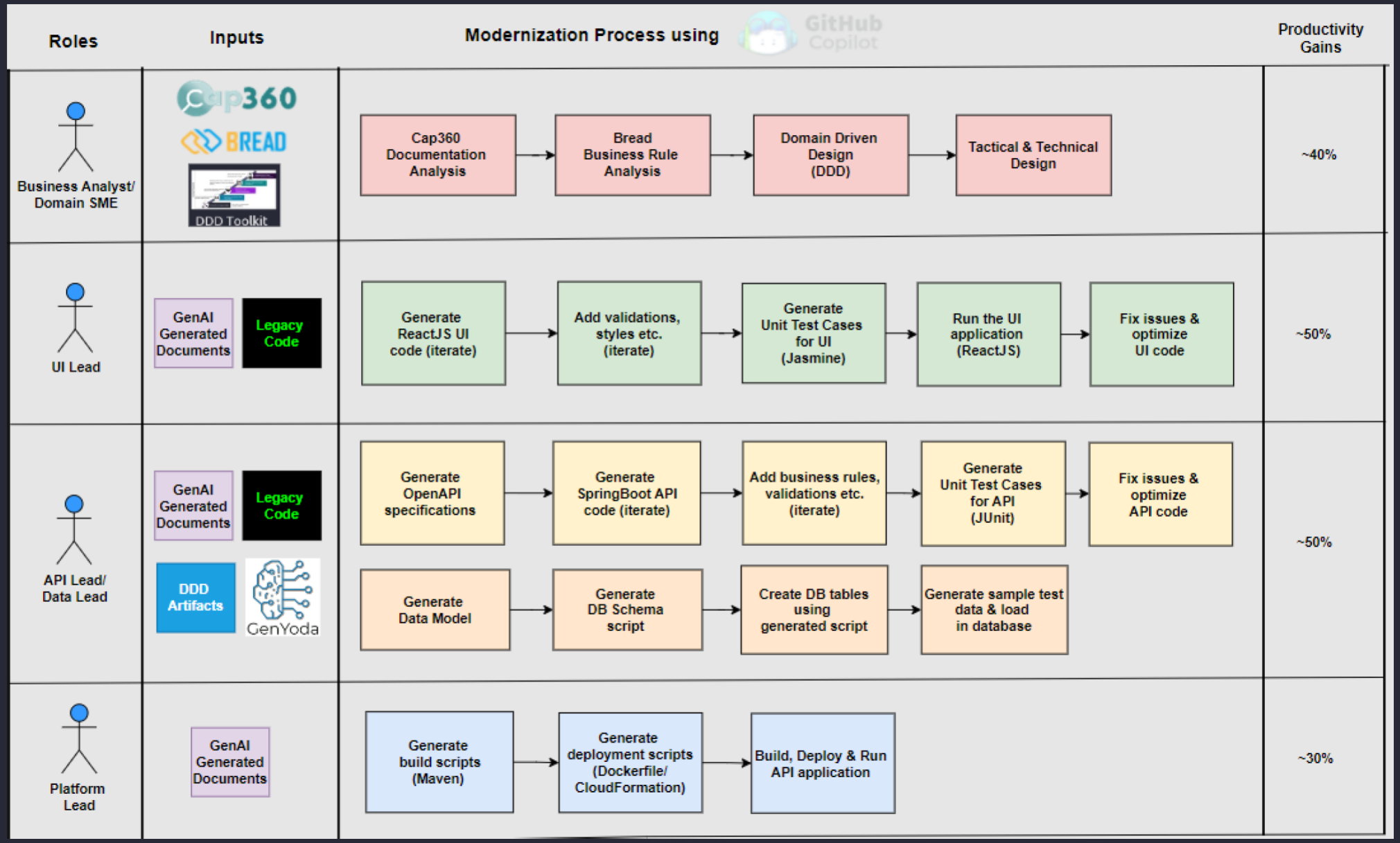

OBSERVATIONS

Business Analyst :

- GitHub Copilot was used to extract business requirements/rules from the legacy mainframe code & produce summary, this was done ~40% faster than traditional approach by reading the code line by line
- Dependency on the legacy SMEs was reduced by ~50%, routine business rules were extracted, detailed & clarified by prompting using GitHub Copilot. SMEs were primarily involved for evaluating the efficacy of the generated content/code by GitHub Copilot

UI/API Developer:

- CICS/Online code required reengineering by building separate UI & API components. GitHub Copilot generated business rules served as prompts to generate the base UI & API code.
- 70% of the new code (ReactJS UI & Spring Boot API) is generated using GitHub Copilot. UI code was developed by backend Java developers without prior ReactJS knowledge by using GitHub Copilot
- GitHub Copilot was used by developers with framework assistance, syntax, fixing issues, refactoring & optimizing without need to spend time researching online, resulted in ~50% productivity improvement
- 60% of the batch job code was generated using GitHub Copilot, breaking legacy code into multiple components if files are large & then combining them. Manual intervention was only needed to make the code compile & functional, without GitHub Copilot entire code should be written from scratch.

OBSERVATIONS CONT...

- ~90% of the Junit test cases for the API code are generated by GitHub Copilot. Test cases for ReactJS UI were also generated using GitHub Copilot
- Base API, data & domain models are generated from Cobol, Copybooks using GitHub Copilot
- Java documentation is generated automatically using GitHub Copilot

DevOps Engineer:

- OpenAPI specifications, build & deployment scripts were generated by GitHub Copilot which otherwise are manually coded

LEGACY & MAINFRAME MODERNIZATION - OUTCOMES

Code Category	Code Conversion from Cobol to Java		Efficacy of the Transformed Code		Expected Efficiency Gains	
	Conversion %	Observations	Efficacy %	Observations	Efficiency Gain %	Observations
Cobol Programs	60%	• Modules with extensive business logic showed high conversion rate of levels 80 to 90% • Modules with CICS interaction and/or linking to other modules showed a lower 30-40% of conversion rate • Modules with repetitive steps (e.g. SQL statements to delete multiple DB2 tables) observed to have the first instance accurately converted and needed manual reverse engineering for remaining statements	70%	• Converted Java code had higher accuracy with certain exceptions(Ex. Declaration of communication areas included as is in Java). • Conversion efficacy was also impacted due to Java specific coding optimization not applied on the converted Java code	45%	• Benefits found in leveraging converted code from Cobol to Java as it provides ~40% acceleration and standardization for developers • Business logic (documentation) pseudo code extracted enables the developer to accelerate the development
Copybooks	100%	• All the variables in the copybooks along with their datatypes & default values gets converted accurately	90%	• Converted all the Copybook entries to Java classes & variables, variable type declarations weren't very accurate	90%	• The converted copybooks can be used directly in the java program or as an external file with minimal changes needed
JCL	40%	• Groovy scripts is the better fit for JCL conversion for step-based processing • JCL with standard processing steps (program execution, sorting/processing files) showed higher conversion 70-80% rate • Groovy was observed to be not suitable in scenarios involving environment setup/ VSAM processing • JCLs used for functions like declaring & copying VSAM file/s and setting up environments was found to have very low conversion 10-15% rate	50%	• Conversion efficacy was impacted due to Groovy specific coding optimization not applied on the converted Groovy code	20%	• Extracted pseudo code documentation enables the developer to accelerate the development • Converted code from JCL to Groovy where standard processing was involved(program execution, sorting/processing files) helps to accelerate the development by 30-40%