however, migrations at 12.0 beta sites have been both fast and smooth. It seems reasonable that a migration to 12.0, even assuming some glitches, should take less than a week. Of course, we must bear in mind that nothing just happens. While CA has set things up to proceed cleanly, it obviously won't happen that way without planning. As with change control, the essence of success lies with careful planning.

Interestingly, perhaps the most important of all aspects of the migration is something we will not have to include in the plan. A migration to 12.0 does not affect the data in the database. The current data and data structures remain intact and unchanged. What's more, application programs are upwardly compatible and will run without change in the new 12.0 environment.

Information will not be altered, the corporate asset will be protected, and CA will have to its credit both a giant leap and a small step. Not only will CA have painlessly migrated its CA-IDMS users to a whole new technological world, but it will have made Bhaskara Chary happy.

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