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**Virtualized. Scalable. Reliable. Secure. Global reach.
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cloud + solution.**

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Complexity reduction and superior customer experience. These are the two principles around which Polaris' cloud-based solution, FT Grid, has been designed. This brief article highlights the thought behind the FT Grid and its capability to elevate Polaris to a complete Financial Technology Infrastructure provider. The Genesis

“You press the button, we do the rest.”

These are the words that turned to be defining moment of a small company that went on to become a 16 billion dollar organization.

A couple of decades ago, during the early days of George Eastman, photography was a complicated process. It required a 'pack-horse load' of equipment, plus significant training and skill. Eastman introduced the Kodak camera with the catchy slogan - You Press the Button, We Do the Rest. What resulted was a revolution in photography.

Kodak's success came not just because it created a camera that was simple to use. It succeeded because it made the entire process of photography simple. Prior to Kodak, photographers themselves had to develop the pictures. Kodak made the process simpler by removing the burden of processing from the customer. And by doing so, it significantly reduced complexity for the customer!

Polaris's Financial Technology Grid (FT Grid) is built around the same principle - the principle of complexity reduction – and it aims to deliver superior overall IT experience for the customer.

The FT Grid is Polaris' Cloud-based Financial Technology solution. Through this mechanism, Polaris offers its products to customers in a hosted environment. The purpose of the FT Grid is to remove the complexity of infrastructure management from the customer. If a customer buys an equipment, he/she does so for the services it provides and not for the sake of the equipment itself. There is a cost attached to running and maintaining the equipment, and Polaris recognizes that is an unnecessary burden on the customer. FT Grid reduces this burden on the customer by provisioning, managing and running the IT infrastructure for the customer.

FT Grid goes beyond removing the complexity of infrastructure management. It seeks to make the market leading Intellect products available to even smaller financial institutions by reducing the financial burden on them. In the traditional model, a bank is expected to pay significant up-front costs for establishing its IT infrastructure. FT Grid changes that by providing the infrastructure and by charging on a pay-per-use model. In the process even the smallest banks can benefit from the formidable power of Intellect technology.

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FT Grid marks the completion of evolution of Polaris from a Financial Services provider to a complete Financial Technology Infrastructure provider. FT Grid fructifies Polaris's strategy in establishing its leadership position as a Financial Technology infrastructure provider to the financial institutions across the world.

FT Grid is run and managed by the RIM team – Reliable Infrastructure Management as we call it and Remote Infrastructure Management as the industry calls it. In other words, FT Grid is the complete end-to-end Software-as-a-Service model for Polaris's Intellect suite of Financial Technology solutions and RIM manages the underlying infrastructure. This team has deep experience in providing infrastructure management services for many leading global banks.

RIM has an ISO27001 compliant state-of-the-art Global Command Center (GCC) in Mumbai from where it runs and manages mission critical complex infrastructure for clients such as the Reserve bank of India. It also monitors and manages the infrastructure of our customers in Europe and USA.

So, while you just 'press the button', FT Grid, RIM and Intellect will do the rest.

About The Author

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This makes Polaris the chosen partner for 9 of the top 10 global banks and 7 of the top 10 global insurance companies. The company has a global presence through its 40 relationship offices across 30 countries, 6 international development centers and 8 fully owned Business Solution centers. Polaris has a talent strength of over 13,000 solution architects, domain and technology experts. For more information, please visit <http://www.polarisFT.com>

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