

FMCRT - EMEA Digital Transformation

Efficiency Unleashed Scaling KNIME Adoption at Citi

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Citi: One of the World's Most Global Banks

Our Global Impact:

Nearly \$5 trillion

financial flows

Our global network allows us to move the equivalent of Germany's GDP each day across borders, currencies and asset classes.

\$1+ trillion

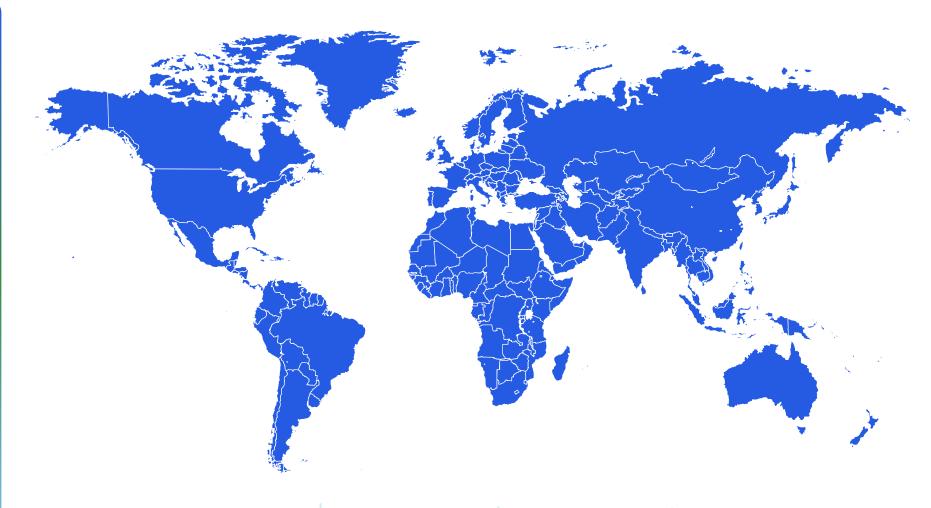
committed to ESG

We believe in playing a leading role in solving increasingly interconnected societal challenges. We set goals and we hold ourselves accountable to reaching them.

19,000+

institutional clients

Our clients include 90% of global Fortune 500 companies who are served through our institutional banking franchise.



~229,000 employees

working worldwide

180 countries

Where we serve our clients

90+

countries

with on-the-ground presence

77 countrieswith trading floor



Citi: One of the World's Most Global Banks - Global Footprint



Citi Hungary Overview

1985*
Timeline

- Citi franchise in Hungary since 1985
- CSC Budapest in Hungary since 2005

3,000+*
Colleagues

60%*
Senior roles

46%*
Gender Diversity

2 Offices

- Promenade Gardens
- Arena Corner with Technology Lab







EMEA GFT Digital Transformation Team

Who are we?

James Whelan

GFT Digital Transformation & EUC Remediation lead, Application Management



65% of staff are Developers 15% QA & 20%Other

Multinational Workforce

Strong connection with CSC EMEA & Global teams for the purpose of EUC remediation

Past / Present / Future



Implemented KNIME Infrastructure in CSC Finance EMEA and ASPAC in support EUC Remediation



Remediation of 000s EUCs across CSC Finance & Non CSC (Treasury, Risk, Product Control)



Supporting Financial Reporting Implementations and Changes



Act as COE in support of implementation of KNIME frastructure for CSC Finance & Non CSC Globally

Participate in Graduate / Internship

programs to build pipeline for future

analysts



Remediation of 000s EUCs across CSC and Non EMEA



BA and Product Assurance to implement Process improvement in support of Regulatory Reporting



Continue to develop our teams and tools to further enhance our footprint in being recognised as a leader in EUC Remediation & Reporting automation



What do we do and who do we support?

CSC Finance EMEA

- Integration with Strategic Financial Reporting Tools
- Component Development
- **CSC Workflow Development**
- **CSC Workflow Development Support**
- WF Conversion & Migration

CSC Finance **NON-CSC Finance**

- Component Development
- Workflow Development
- Application Support
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citi Non-CSC **FMCRT EMEA**

Centre of Excellence (COE)

- · Node Development
- Innovation
- · Infra Setup & Configuration
- Version Control
- **Tech Mandates**

COE KNIME

Tools

- Python
- Java
- VBA
- Tableau

CSC & NON-CSC Finance

- Component Development
- Application Support
- Incident Management
- CM/RLM
- · Vendor Management / Support
- Production Support

Support

- **Project Management**
- **Business Analysis**
- Change Management
- Release Management
- **Testing Support**

Collaboration



50+ Power Users 000s+ Consumers KNIME DT 5000+ Installs



All Development team certified in KNIME Application Development



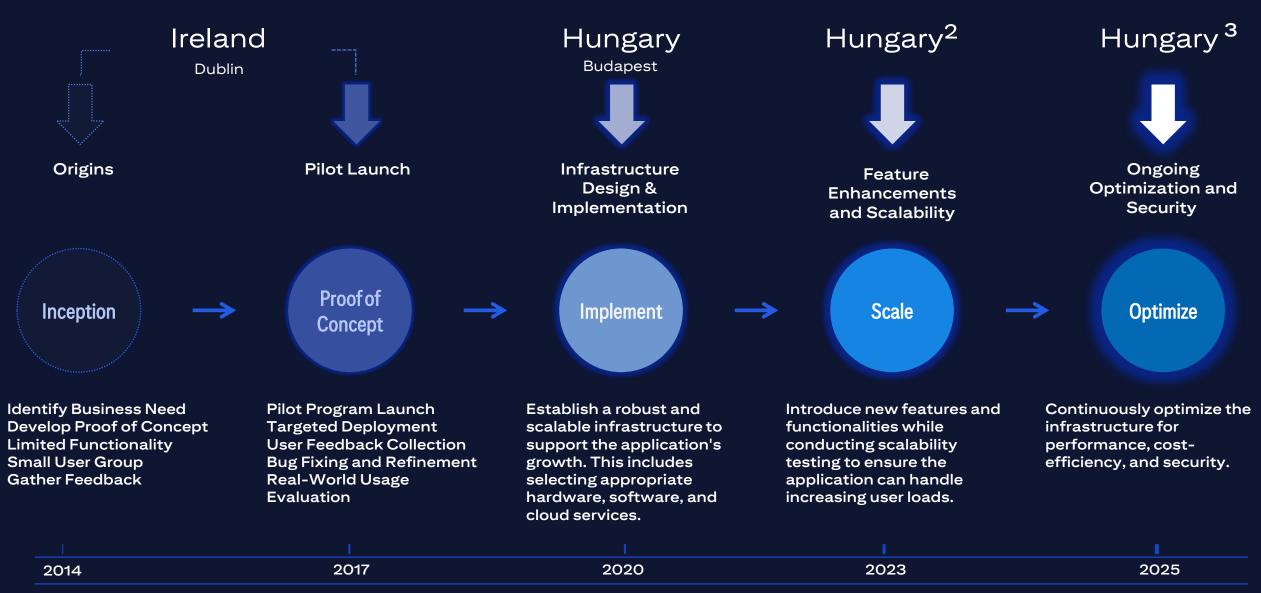
Training and Knowledge sharing with users



Collaboration With Vendors & users on Product Roadmaps and **Doctor Sessions**



KNIME - Evolution at Citi





Digital Transformation





437

KNIME Workflows released to Production in 2024

1022

KNIME Workflows released to Production to date





EUCs Remediated to date

1800+

Reduced Support Costs





Reduced Security Risks

Malware, phishing, data breaches.







Shadow IT

Migrating workflows from unauthorized software & apps to CORE IT



Increased Productivity







Increased Control

Eliminate Update Issues







Keeping our Systems Strong







Server Stability

50k workflows executed in 2024

306 failed or **0.61%**





Vulnerability Management

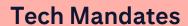
180 vulnerabilities reduced to 38 in 2024



Server Availability

Currently running at 99.3%





KNIME Workflows released to Production to date



Server Utilisation

600+ unique workflows executed in 2024





Server Upgrade Management

11 new servers configured and setup in 2024





CoB Testing

Completed and tested in line Citi DR policy





23 servers in EMEA

full HA in a multi executor configuration KNIMEHUB Adoption evaluation / PoC underway





OS & Middleware management

ALL Servers upgraded to RHEL 8 in 2024

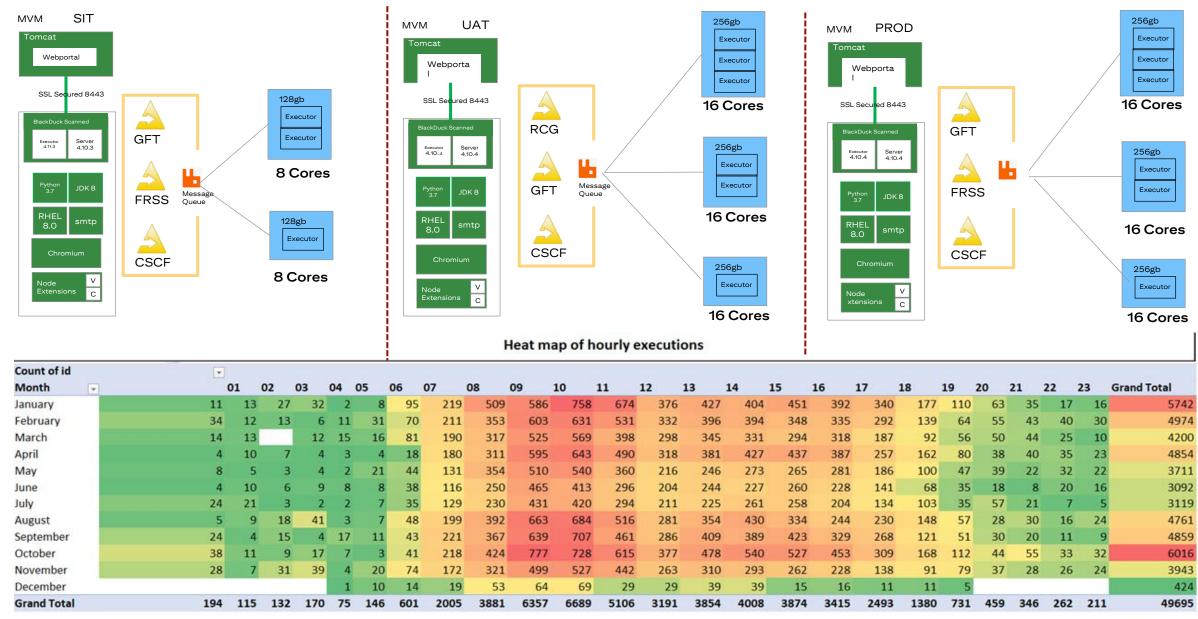


Resilient High Availability Architecture





GFT Digital Transformation - KNIME High Availability Architecture





KNIME - Specific Challenges during Scaling



Power User Model

- Power User: a non-IT staff member who develops end-user solutions, typically working with other Power Users
- Business User: an SME who develops solutions for their specific business needs but not as primary job function
- Tech Team role is limited to server support and maintenance, not building solutions in this model



Challenges

- Growing complexity
 - Use cases starting from Excel to KNIME conversion, now covering full country reporting
 - Workflows several rule/conversion engines built and maintained as End User Solution
- Workflow ownership: different teams manage code and infrastructure, limiting control over workflow quality
- Unrestricted flexibility in the desktop app may lead to creative solutions unsupportable on Server



Workflow quality control

- Early Tech involvement is constrained by regulatory deadlines and tight timelines
- Automated solution implemented for basic quantitative checks
- Risk-based reviews: end-to-end qualitative reviews occur on a sample basis, leaving potential gaps



Workflow change management

- Source code managed through documentation only; no code-level tracking
- Codebase knowledge evaporation caused by staff turnover and org changes
- Lack of transparency in Production workflow logic, resulting in organizational memory loss
- Change Requests: gaps between Business, Power User and Tech resulting in vaguely formulated requests

