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## **eCube Plans CORBA, DCE Evolution Tools**

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**eCube Systems**, which makes software that enables legacy systems to participate in modern platforms, will soon release integration tools for CORBA and DCE stacks that sit beneath its NXTware server and middleware platform.

“We’ve made a career of picking up abandoned technologies and leveraging them,” said Peter Marquez, eCube’s vice president of marketing, referring to such stalled projects as CORBA, RPC, DCE, COOL:Gen and Entera. “Where companies have lost skill sets, the costs to maintain [these systems] are quite high. The technology gets old before the gaps are filled in.”

The tools will be Eclipse-based and will provide wizards to help users unfamiliar with the legacy systems to step through the processes quickly, Marquez noted.

The DCE replacement solution is geared toward financial institutions that haven’t been able to move off the system, said Kevin Barnes, eCube’s president and CEO. “IBM announced in 2001 that it would stop support for DCE, but it hasn’t been able to,” he said. “We’re investigating with IBM” a solution that would enhance systems already in place, he added. DCE is built around a broker-based architecture and is known to be heavy on security, Barnes added.