



API Integration | App Modernization | Enterprise

Toptal partners with Yahoo Sports for a game-changing platform modernization project

Yahoo Sports had to migrate, test, and deploy two decades' worth of features in less than a year—and needed to rapidly scale its team to stay on track.

Challenge: Platform modernization requires intensive updates and migrations of everything from API integrations to legacy code. Yahoo Sports, a dominant source for stats and news in its field, took on an ambitious modernization project to optimize and improve its sports data platform.

Client

yahoo!sports

Industry
Communication, Media,
and Entertainment

Employees
10,000+

Expertly Matched Talent

An integrated team of
back-end engineers

Related Capabilities

[API Developers](#), [Back-end Developers](#), [Data Engineers](#), [JS Developers](#), [Kotlin Developers](#)



With Toptal, we were able to get high-quality candidates with unbelievable expediency. We could ramp up in just days.

EJ Campbell

Senior Vice President, Yahoo Sports

Solution

Vetted experts in 48 hours

Within two days, Toptal had a lean team of experienced developers assembled and ready to integrate with Yahoo's team. Once integrated, they updated legacy code, rebuilt API architecture, and transitioned the feeds for 13 distinct sports to Yahoo's refreshed platform.

Foundational team augmentation

Toptal's vetted network allowed for the rapid formation of a foundational team, giving the project early stability. Working under the tenured leadership of Yahoo Sports' Director of Engineering, Chuck Riess, this unified team delivered 60,085 lines of Kotlin code across 646 files, as well as over 5,000 lines of Java.

Impact

Modernized code, improved process

During the modernization process, 20 years of legacy code files were updated and standardized. While processes were previously siloed due to individuals holding specialized knowledge, the new architecture allows all engineers on current and future teams to easily perform maintenance.

Accelerated innovation

Yahoo's new platform further enhances an already impressive lineup of features, solidifying its position as the leading source of Fantasy data for its millions of sports fans. Additionally, the project enabled Yahoo Sports to strategically progress key initiatives, accelerating innovation across its entire ecosystem.