

LVM Centralizes Java Batch Scheduling with Stonebranch Solution

Universal Agent integrates LVM's existing batch environment with WebSphere XD.

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- Met strict audit and compliance mandates
- Provided end-to-end visibility

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Project Leader at LVM



BACKGROUND

LVM Insurance is one of the 20 largest German insurance companies with more than 2.27 billion in earnings. As one of the largest auto insurers, LVM insures more than 2.6 million people. As a full-service insurance company, LVM offers both individuals and businesses a myriad of insurance services.

CHALLENGE

LVM, a leading insurance company with more than 2,500 independent agencies throughout Germany, introduced a new insurance application which required it to schedule Java batch jobs running within the WebSphere XD environment on AIX. LVM was unable to find a solution on the market that would allow it to use its existing z/OS job-scheduling environment and was left with the option of using two job-scheduling systems. Managing WebSphere XD batch jobs separately would have increased cost and complexity and prevented end-to-end visibility of the enterprise-wide business process flow.

Challenge: LVM needed a solution that could accommodate WebSphere XD batch jobs with their existing job scheduling.

SOLUTION

As a current customer, LVM approached Stonebranch to help develop a solution. The resulting component, Universal Agent, enables LVM to schedule WebSphere XD batch jobs with their existing job scheduling system.

RESULTS: RETURN ON AUTOMATION*

By integrating WebSphere XD into its existing workload automation environment, LVM was able to manage new Java batch applications with its existing people, processes and technology—reducing risk and effort.

Results include

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- Ability to meet strict audit and compliance mandates
- End-to-end visibility

* Return on Automation (RoA): the investment in automation and the right automation tool pays off in a short time and returns many benefits. These include higher efficiency, faster processes, greater process reliability, higher data throughput, seamless integration, and higher production. The overall result is an increase in profits.

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Jürgen Falk, Project Leader, Production and Performance Management for LVM, says, "With Stonebranch's Universal Agent, we are able to seamlessly monitor and manage our new WebSphere XD-based insurance application flows from our proven job scheduling environment, without having to hire new employees or purchase additional management tools."

LVM was also able to meet the strict audit and compliance mandates with centralized auditing of its jobs going back ten years. LVM can now use one single solution to archive job logs and application logs from all platforms, including WebSphere XD. This is not only cost-effective for LVM, but it also reduces time and effort in the auditing process, as all required information is available in one location. The overall result is a strong Return on Automation.*

ABOUT STONEBRANCH

Stonebranch provides modern automation solutions that simplify mission-critical IT business processes reliably and securely across complex and diverse IT environments.

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