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Success Story

Land's End

Replaces CA Legacy Job
Scheduler with Universal
Automation Center

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Background

Lands' End is a leading multi-channel retailer of clothing, accessories, footwear, and home products. Lands' End is a classic American lifestyle brand with a passion for quality, legendary service, and real value. They seek to deliver timeless styles for men, women, kids, and the home.

Challenges

Lands' End needed to upgrade its legacy CA Workload Automation ESP scheduler to comply with a company-wide strategic decision to migrate all enterprise applications off the z/OS mainframe environment.

The Lands' End scheduling team volunteered to be the first in the company to modernize. First, they collected, reviewed, and ranked a robust list of system requirements. Then, they sent a request for proposal (RFP) to five vendors, including Stonebranch.

Results

- Improved maintenance
- Increased ease-of-use
- Seamless upgrades
- Quick and effective transition from legacy scheduler
- Reduced z/OS CPU usage by 31%

The Solution

Following a thorough review of RFP responses and an intense proof of concept (POC), Stonebranch's Universal Automation Center (UAC) was identified as the ideal automation engine for Lands' End's post-mainframe environment.

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The Results

The implementation of UAC went smoothly, with minimal impact on Lands' End's operating environment. The transition from ESP, aided by Stonebranch's experienced transition team, was verified successfully and completed on schedule.

With Universal Automation Center, the key benefits reaped by Lands' End were:

- Ease of use
- Improved maintenance
- Ability to mass update without affecting active servers.

"We are no longer dependent on messages to the z/OS master console, or subject to them being deleted accidentally or disappearing because the console was set to roll/delete," says Mr. Lemanski. "The custom dashboard facilitates correct and successful monitoring."

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I would definitely recommend Stonebranch to other organizations looking to improve on automation. We are very pleased to be powered by Stonebranch."

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Stonebranch builds IT orchestration and automation solutions that transform business IT environments from simple IT task automation into sophisticated, real-time business service automation. No matter the degree of automation, the Stonebranch platform is simple, modern, and secure.

Using the Stonebranch Universal Automation Platform, enterprises can seamlessly orchestrate workloads and data across technology ecosystems and silos. Stonebranch serves some of the world's largest financial, manufacturing, healthcare, travel, transportation, energy, and technology institutions.

