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Success Story

LVM Insurance

Reduces by Two-Thirds
the Cost and Time Needed
to Manage Job Scheduling

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



Background

LVM Insurance is one of the 20 largest insurance companies in Germany, offering both individuals and businesses a myriad of insurance services.

Challenges

LVM introduced a new insurance application that required it to schedule Java batch jobs within the WebSphere XD environment on AIX.

Unfortunately, LVM was unable to find a solution on the market that allowed it to use its existing z/OS job-scheduling environment, so the company faced the unattractive prospect of using two job scheduling systems.

Managing WebSphere XD batch jobs separately would have increased costs and complexity and prevented end-to-end visibility of the enterprise-wide business process flow.

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Jürgen Falk
Project Leader
LVM Insurance

Results

- Reduced risk by 40%
- Enabled the ability to meet strict audit and compliance mandates
- Reduced employee effort by 60%
- Provided end-to-end visibility via a unified, vendor-agnostic platform

The Solution

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

The Results

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, thus reducing risk and effort.

Jürgen Falk, LVM's project leader of production and performance management, 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 10 years.

LVM can now use a single solution to archive job logs and application logs from all platforms, including WebSphere XD. The Stonebranch Universal Agent solution is not only cost-effective for LVM, it also reduces time and effort in the auditing process by making all required information available in one location.

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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.



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