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CASE STUDY

MotoNovo Finance

Replacement of Cron and
Windows Scheduling
Solution with Stonebranch



Rapidly-expanding automotive finance firm simplifies automation processing of virtual Linux and Windows environments and improves operational quality immediately.

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Background

MotoNovo Finance, a division of South African First Rand Bank, is a rapidly expanding finance firm headquartered in Cardiff, Wales.

Founded in the mid 1970s MotoNovo has enjoyed substantial growth in sales and reputation, both as business and employer, in recent years.

The company offers a very simple and straightforward way to buy cars. Therefore, thousands of new customers each week rely on the products and services of MotoNovo Finance to buy their next car.

Challenges

To support the tremendous growth and the thousands of customers every week, the IT-Team of MotoNovo operates a rising amount of about 100 virtual Windows and Linux servers and various Oracle databases. As a result the delivery of business requirements and the handling of the existing Cron and Windows scheduling solution became more and more difficult.

Therefore, the management team of MotoNovo was in search of a solution that supported a fully centralized view (single pane of glass) of all relevant processes (i.e. time based, event based) and facilitates the automated control and management of all executions and processes.

RESULTS

- Fully customizable Web-GUI. Centralized setup, control and monitoring of all processes.
- Decreased batch processing time. Real-time resource control of event and time based tasks.
- Self-service conversion. No heavy migration projects.

Solution

Besides Stonebranch's Universal Automation Center (UAC), MotoNovo Finance evaluated BMCs job scheduling solution Control-M, but selected Stonebranch for its ease of use and the exceptional pricing policy.

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With the Stonebranch Solution the IT operations team have been able to optimize 'single pane of glass' visibility to all IT staff across MotoNovo Finance. In addition no complex migration for the conversion of all existing Cron and Windows tasks was needed.

With UAC and the integrated Xpress Conversion Tool the automated conversion becomes reality. The Xpress Conversion Tool supports a fully self-service

conversion (XML format) of existing Windows and Cron definitions to UAC - simple, independently and automatically.

Results: Return on Automation*

MotoNovo now uses Stonebranch Universal Controller and Universal Agent as part of UAC to automate, integrate and manage all workflows and processes.

"Right from the start our impression was very positive. Stonebranch's UAC and especially the Xpress Conversion Tool helped a lot while converting our very complex Cron jobs and creating clear workflows in Universal Controller," says Etienne Roos.

"The migration was very easy and the software itself is very intuitive. The solution interacts with Windows, Linux and Solaris servers, as well as Oracle Databases. Even the online documentation is very clear. We made the right decision by selecting Stonebranch and we are expecting great value in the near future", added Roos.

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* 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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ABOUT STONEBRANCH

Stonebranch builds dynamic IT automation solutions that transform business IT environments from simple IT task automation into sophisticated, real-time business service automation, helping organizations achieve the highest possible Return on Automation.

Using Stonebranch's simple, modern and secure IT automation platform, enterprises can seamlessly orchestrate workloads and data across technology stacks and ecosystems.



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