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Success Story

MotoNovo Finance

Replaces Cron and Windows
Scheduling Solution with
Stonebranch



Rapidly expanding automotive finance firm simplifies automation processes in virtual Linux and Windows environments — and immediately improves operational quality.



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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 as both a business and employer in recent years.

Because of its simple financing options, MotoNovo helps thousands of new customers each week buy their next car.

Challenges

To support its tremendous growth, MotoNovo’s IT team operates around 100 virtual Windows and Linux servers, and various Oracle databases. Over time, delivering on business requirements and handling the existing Cron and Windows scheduling solution became increasingly difficult.

Therefore, the MotoNovo management team sought a solution that supported a fully centralized view of all relevant processes (e.g., time-based, event-based, etc.) and automated the control and management of all automation processes that need to be executed.

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

The Solution

In addition to Universal Automation Center (UAC) from Stonebranch, MotoNovo evaluated BMC's job scheduling solution, Control-M. Ultimately, MotoNovo selected Stonebranch for its ease-of-use and exceptional pricing policy.

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With UAC, MotoNovo's IT operations team has gained single-pane-of-glass visibility into all IT workflows and tasks. Additionally, the migration of all existing Cron and Windows tasks was seamless thanks to the Xpress Conversion Tool (XCT). The XCT solution supports a fully self-service conversion (XML format) of existing Windows and Cron definitions to UAC—simply, independently and automatically.

The Results

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 UAC — and especially the XCT — helped a lot while converting our very complex Cron jobs and creating clear workflows in Universal Controller," says Mr. 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," Mr. Roos added. "Stonebranch solutions enable a single view over the enterprise and agents can be added to new servers at a very competitive rate, which is a huge advantage for us as a rapidly growing company."

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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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