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CASE STUDY

Weis Markets

Transforms from BMC's
Control-M to Stonebranch's
Universal Automation Center



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Background

Weis Markets, Inc. was founded in 1912, and today employs approximately 18,000 associates. Currently operating 204 stores in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Virginia and West Virginia, they have a long standing history with their community and local growers.

For over 100 years, Weis Markets and its associates have worked hard to offer their customers the best combination of value, quality, and service.

Challenges

Weis Markets needed to upgrade from its legacy BMC Control-M scheduler, as it was no longer supported. The cost to upgrade was deemed excessive, given that the usability of the software was substandard when compared to alternative solutions. A decision was made to transition to a better automation solution.

Weis Markets sought a modern workload automation solution that could easily replace BMC's Control-M, improving ease of use and functionality while enabling them to leverage their automation investment.

RESULTS

- Seamless upgrades
- Fewer job definitions
- Top-notch support and guidance
- Unlimited tasks
- Quick and effective transition from legacy scheduler
- Reduced operating costs and vastly improved performance

Solution

Following an extensive search, Weis Markets chose Stonebranch's Universal Automation Center as their workload automation solution. The reason was simple: it offered everything they were looking for and more.

Stonebranch's Universal Agents minimized costs by enabling Weis Markets to run unlimited tasks. Furthermore, upgrading to new releases became much simpler, allowing Weis Markets to focus on expansion.

Results: Return on Automation*

Since implementing Universal Automation Center, Weis Markets has benefitted from virtually seamless upgrades, the ability to run unlimited tasks and, most importantly, vastly improved ease of use. This has kept costs down while significantly improving performance.

"Weis Markets needed to upgrade from its legacy Control-M scheduler, as it was no longer supported. Additionally, it was overly pricey, and difficult to learn and use," says Mary McCreary, manager of Data Center Operations at Weis Markets.

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Stonebranch provides a truly universal job scheduling or workload automation platform that can be used with any of the marketed scheduling products, other third-party vendor scheduling products, and even homegrown solutions. Organizations can choose to either enhance their existing tools with Stonebranch, or replace their legacy schedulers entirely, as Weis Markets chose to do.

Weis Markets now enjoy fewer job definitions. They have taken advantage of variables to build processes that are generic and can be run for each of their stores. Now when they bring a new store online, all they have to do is build new triggers for the store. They have succeeded in lowering their job definitions from 1,284 in BMC to 342 jobs in Universal Automation Center.

When asked if Weis Markets would recommend Stonebranch's Universal Automation Center to other organizations looking to improve their automation, Mary McCreary did not hesitate.

"I would recommend Stonebranch to anyone who is looking for a scheduling tool," said McCreary. "It truly is best-in-class."

* 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 provides modern automation solutions that simplify mission-critical IT business processes reliably and securely across complex and diverse IT environments. Stonebranch clients include some of the world's largest financial, healthcare and technology institutions.

Founded in 1999 and headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Stonebranch has offices throughout the world, including the US, Germany, Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Greece, Spain, and the European headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany.



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