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FirstOntario Credit Union Automates Disparate Job Scheduling Tools with Stonebranch's Universal Agent

Job scheduling solution centralizes scheduling, reducing risk and amount of time and resources expended.

Background

FirstOntario began in 1939 when a group of employees at the Steel Company of Canada created the Stelco Credit Union. Their goal was similar to those of today's nearly 10 million credit union members in Canada: To get the most out of their hard-earned money with an organization that identified with Main Street more

than Bay Street. Today More than 115,000 Ontarians choose FirstOntario for their financial needs – from chequing and savings accounts to loans and mortgages and highly qualified investment advice. FirstOntario Credit Union is a leading credit union located throughout Southwestern Ontario region.

Challenge

FirstOntario Credit Union was utilizing disparate job scheduling tools for its IBM iSeries, Windows and Linux platforms. Using multiple job scheduling tools required the company to monitor each scheduler separately, decreasing visibility and the amount of time and resources allocated to each job scheduling solution.

Unable to automate their processes in one environment, the IT team sought a solution that works across platforms without specialization, and that could also standardize processes and consolidate existing tools.

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Director, Enterprise Technology,
FirstOntario Credit Union

Solution

FirstOntario Credit Union selected Stonebranch's Universal Agent, a solution that enabled the company to replace its diverse agent infrastructures with a single enterprise-wide execution layer, the Enterprise Execution Environment.

This unique solution provides one common infrastructure, removing artificial barriers between platforms, departments and applications.

Additionally, Universal Agent gave FirstOntario an end-to-end view of all workload activity within its infrastructure

through Stonebranch's Single System Image approach. This unique approach provides FirstOntario with central auditing and monitoring of workload activity across the enterprise as well as central management of the entire workload infrastructure—as if it were a single system.

Michael J. Walsh, director, enterprise technology for FirstOntario, says "We needed a solution to control all job scheduling centrally with visibility into all the jobs running within our infrastructure."

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Results: Return on Automation*

Universal Agent consolidated FirstOntario's job scheduling solutions and simplified compliance by providing a centralized audit trail no matter where the workload was initiated.

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Additionally, because Universal Agent is platform independent, FirstOntario is able to automate its entire job scheduling process, moving files between systems with minimized risk for errors. Allowing people to work across platforms without

specialization improves IT maturity while reducing hard and soft cost significantly. Walsh adds, "By automating our processes, there is no need for manual intervention and the amount of time and resources dedicated to our job scheduling process is greatly reduced."

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The overall result is a strong Return on Automation.*

*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.

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 Sweden, and the European headquarters in Bad Homburg, Germany.