

Advanced Systems Concepts Unveils ActiveBatch® Support For Web Services Programming

Alternative to Existing COM Interface Gives Linux/Unix/OpenVMS Users New Options

Tech Ed 2006, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Booth #531—(June 12th, 2006)— Advanced Systems Concepts, Inc. (ASCI), a leading provider of system software solutions that enhance Windows™, UNIX, Linux and OpenVMS systems, announced today that it has created a new Web services add-in to its ActiveBatch job scheduling application. The Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) add-in, to be released in mid-June, gives developers a new cross-platform, industry-standard alternative to ActiveBatch's Windows-based COM architecture, enabling them to manage or program ActiveBatch features regardless of operating environment.

ActiveBatch, widely considered to be one of the top batch processing and job scheduling solutions for enterprise use, has offered data retrieval support via Web services since mid-2005. The new ActiveBatch add-in extends the application's Web services support to the programming level, enabling access to ActiveBatch Objects, Methods and Properties as well as easy manipulation of ActiveBatch within applications and/or Scripts.

“Because ActiveBatch execution agents run on a number of systems including Windows, UNIX, Linux and OpenVMS, it made sense to extend ActiveBatch's programming interface through the SOA model,” said Jim Manias, Vice President of Marketing and Sales at Advanced Systems Concepts. “Today's move gives Linux, UNIX and OpenVMS and even Window developers, among others, access to ActiveBatch within their native environments. Now, through the Web services framework, ActiveBatch developers have the most comprehensive and powerful options available to programmatically retrieve, access, manage and submit information across their extended enterprise.”

Range of Options

Using industry-standard protocols, ActiveBatch's new Web services add-in allows developers to direct an application with a similar level of control as through the traditional Windows COM interface upon which ActiveBatch was designed. Two administrative models are offered through Web services:

- **Simple Command**—supports the issuance of single-line URLs via regular HTTP posts, as well as SOAP messages, in order to invoke the most popular ActiveBatch object methods such as Trigger, Enable and Hold. These simple commands can be issued from any Web-enabled device including desktops, PDAs and smart phones;
- **Full Command**—allows more extensive integration of ActiveBatch within an application, including support for the most popular ActiveBatch objects such as Queue, Plan and Job (more objects will be included in upcoming follow-on kits), in order to adjust the system itself. The Full Command model also allows a superset of commands from the Simple Command model.

As the first ActiveBatch “consumer” of this technology, a new Java-based cross-platform command line shell, known as ABATCMD (ActiveBatch Command), gives ActiveBatch users the ability to access job scheduling features on supported platforms. The command line allows

users to invoke all simple object methods supported by the add-in, and also allows multiple commands to be executed.

Availability

ActiveBatch's new SOA/Web services add-in is secured using SSL technology and is easily installed on any Microsoft IIS server. The add-in supports any operating system that uses TCP/IP as a Web services consumer. The Microsoft .NET framework, along with the ActiveBatch Scheduler administrative client, is required for use.

For more information about ASCI's new ActiveBatch SOA add-in, or to obtain the new add-in capability, contact an Advanced Systems Concepts sales representative, email sales@advsyscon.com, or log on to www.advsyscon.com.

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