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Virtual Data Center Management Gets Boost Via ActiveBatch's New Support For Microsoft Virtual Machine Manager

*New Job Steps in Industry's Leading Job Scheduler Gives Enterprises Ability to Provision
Microsoft Virtual Server, Hyper-V as well as VMware and Other Virtual Machine Systems*

MORRISTOWN, NJ – (March 21, 2011) – [Advanced Systems Concepts](http://AdvancedSystemsConcepts.com), Inc. (ASCI), maker of [ActiveBatch® Workload Automation and Job Scheduling Software](http://ActiveBatch.com), today announced expanded integration with Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager (SC-VMM) to allow IT organizations to improve their business operations. Reflecting the mega-shift of data centers to cloud and virtual machine architectures, ActiveBatch's new SC-VMM job steps facilitate a full range of scheduled activity for provisioning virtual machines, thereby improving efficiency, increasing resource availability, enhancing service delivery and reducing overall IT costs.

"If users had infinite resources, they wouldn't need to worry about virtual provisioning. But all businesses understand they have finite resources and are looking to leverage them accordingly," said Jim Manias, Vice President of Marketing and Sales for Advanced Systems Concepts. "Adding virtual provisioning to the start and end of the workflow process can result in a significant improvement in resource utilization by allocating resources as the workflow powers on, and giving them back when finished."

[ActiveBatch's SC-VMM new job steps](#) offer a complete, unified and easy-to-use environment for workflow scheduling. Supporting Microsoft Virtual Server, Microsoft Hyper-V and other virtual machine systems, the steps substantially extend ActiveBatch's already strong support for [VMware](#), enabling a wide range of VMware-based provisioning and event commands.

ActiveBatch's Virtual Machine Manager steps also allow data center personnel to make greater use of Microsoft's popular virtual server management tool. Part of the Microsoft System Center line, Virtual Machine Manager coordinates and consolidates physical and virtual or cloud-based infrastructure for greater efficiency. From an easy-to-use central management console, the tool identifies suitable resources, provisions those resources, migrates information, and intelligently distributes workloads as needed.

Deployed at enterprises in over 40 countries, ActiveBatch is a cross-platform Job Scheduler and Workload Automation solution that allows enterprises to [centrally manage](#) disparate jobs and workflows, including tasks involving the most common operating systems, enterprise business applications and even [Web Services](#). Supporting Windows and other common operating systems, platforms and applications as well as Web Services and SOA, ActiveBatch allows users to optimize enterprise resources; its central dashboard, [Integrated Jobs Library](#), event-based architecture and "production-ready" job steps help users

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quickly and efficiently expedite the IT workload automation process.

In addition to Virtual Machine Manager, ActiveBatch V8 offers new job steps that support [Microsoft Service Manager](#), another component of System Center. ActiveBatch has supported [Systems Center Operations Manager](#), a cross-platform management server for operating systems and hypervisors, for some time.

The ActiveBatch SC-VMM job steps are now available within ActiveBatch Version 8 and are licensed separately. ActiveBatch V8 is now available for licensing, as well as by automatic upgrade for companies participating in ASCI's ActiveBatch Version Upgrade program. For a full description of new ActiveBatch V8 features, go to http://www.advsyscon.com/products/activebatch/job_scheduling.asp or log on to www.advsyscon.com.

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