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New ActiveBatch® V7 Debuts, Extending Scriptless Scheduling Benefits Via Dynamic, Distributed Web Services Model

Workload Automation Application's Service Oriented Architecture Makes It Easier to Link Platforms, Applications, and Databases; Enhanced Jobs Library, New Event Capabilities Also Included

MORRISTOWN, NJ – (February 24, 2009) – Advanced Systems Concepts, Inc. (ASCI), a leading provider of system software solutions that enhance WindowsTM, UNIX, Linux and OpenVMS systems, today announced the availability of ActiveBatch[®] V7, the newest version of its industry-leading enterprise job scheduling and workload automation solution. Leading the list of new capabilities in Version 7 is a dynamic Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) and related Web Services tools that not only eliminate the need for scripts to integrate enterprise applications, platforms and databases, but also support the integration of internally and externally developed Web Services as part of workflows.

Among V7's other new features are an updated jobs library with support for more applications, SQL reporting and a wide range of database functions; a new change management application that simplifies the process of moving systems from a QA environment to a Production environment; a Power Management job step that can reduce energy consumption; and an expanded number of event-driven job triggers.

"We've structured ActiveBatch V7 to meet today's IT landscape, wherein both highly intricate computing needs and the realities of reduced manpower are manifesting themselves," said Jim Manias, Vice President of Marketing and Sales for Advanced Systems Concepts. "Version 7 helps users and developers deal with these realities with some of the most useful development tools yet."

"Most enterprises today have a complex and heterogeneous computing and application environment. Enterprises should strive to use a single job scheduling tool that is able to integrate and schedule across this environment to lower their TCO and to improve quality of service," said Milind Govekar, Research VP, Gartner Inc. "If this integration with applications and other infrastructure is standards-based using technologies such as SOA or Web services, then it will minimize ease and time of deployment. It will also improve the ability of a job scheduler to manage a continually changing environment."

Internal/External Web Services Support

ActiveBatch V7's new dynamic SOA allows organizations to more easily and dynamically

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incorporate inbound and outbound Web services such as external and reusable WSDLs. Now, ActiveBatch users can trigger and modify applications and business processes not only within the enterprise, but also outside with apps supporting WSDL. Its Web services facilities also provide support for event-based Web services using an Event Provider/Subscriber facility.

Jobs Library, Power Management

A newly-expanded Jobs Library supports job steps for all applications using Web Services. Updated libraries include those for SQL Server, Oracle and other database formats; Secure FTP and file operations; as well as Crystal Reports, Symantec BackupExec, MSMQ, and many others. ActiveBatch V7's jobs library capability is augmented with a powerful new interactive designer that supports "drag and drop" integration of applications and ActiveBatch services.

Of major importance for energy-conscious facilities is a Power Management job step that can hibernate and wake servers in order to reduce data center power consumption.

New Event Triggers

ActiveBatch V7 adds new event triggers that further extend the system's established event architecture to manage jobs beyond date and time, in order to reduce and eliminate idle time for improved Service Levels and enhanced server utilization. In addition to a broad range of file content/management and service monitoring triggers, Version 7 now includes triggers based on email (such as receipt of inclusive and exclusive key words) and message queues, as well as internal/external Web services.

Change Management

To make it easier to update and manage ActiveBatch objects, Version 7 supports the creation, comparison, modification and updating of objects from one environment to another. For example, objects can be moved from a Development or QA environment to a Production environment in a simple and audited fashion. As a replacement for the prior import/export function, the new change management capability is more reliable, and highlights differences that can be easily resolved using the new interface when managing changes across multiple computing environments.

Strategic Business Tool

Capable of supporting heterogeneous Windows, UNIX, Linux and/or OpenVMS environments, ActiveBatch is a powerful IT asset that adds strategic business value by automating operations in real-

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time for improved IT operations throughout an organization. Now deployed at over 1,300 companies in 34 countries around the world, ActiveBatch recently delivered a risk-adjusted ROI of 139% and a breakeven point of 4.6 months at a mid-sized financial services company, according to a study commissioned by Advanced Systems Concepts and conducted by Forrester Consulting using its Total Economic Impact methodology.

"I love the drag-and-drop features of ActiveBatch Version 7 for template creation, and for being able to pull in variables from other jobs and plans," said Tony Purkins, V7 beta tester and Senior Business Intelligence Analyst for ASM International®, The Materials Information Society. "This part of ActiveBatch has made life a lot simpler. Even my database administrator, who hasn't had much experience or hands-on time with the application, is looking forward to rolling out Version 7."

ActiveBatch Version 7 is now available for licensing, as well as by automatic upgrade for companies participating in ASCI's ActiveBatch Version Upgrade program. For more information, including a copy of the Forrester Total Economic ImpactTM study and other white papers, log on to www.advsyscon.com.

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