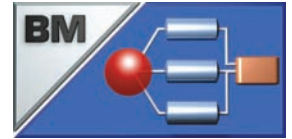


System-wide job control with BatchMan at Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG



When the existing job scheduling is no longer sufficient due to an increasing complexity of the SAP system landscape including associated dependencies and structures, a system-wide solution is required that supports the automation of business processes efficiently and is completely integrated in SAP. The implementation of BatchMan supported this project of Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG successfully – without further investments in additional hardware or software.



Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG (WestImmo) with headquarters in Mainz is a 100% subsidiary of WestLB AG and the center of competence for all domestic and foreign real estate property financings and activities. In addition to the local business offices they are also represented internationally, in London, Madrid, Paris, Prague, Warsaw, New York and Tokyo. It is one of the leading real estate financiers in Germany and maintains a strong presence in the western, central and eastern European markets as well as in North America and Asia.

The product portfolio of Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank includes financing at property, project or portfolio level as well as a full spectrum of additional products such as real estate joint ventures, syndications and interest and exchange derivatives. Customers include institutional investors, global developers, property companies, real estate corporates and medium-sized enterprises.

The initial situation

For business supporting data processing, Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG is mainly using a three-step SAP system. The operating business of loans, current account and refinancing is supported with modules like SAPCML, SAP BCA and SAP CFM. In addition, these SAP applications are also used by the departments accounting, bank management, profitability analysis, risk management, limit management and asset/liability management.

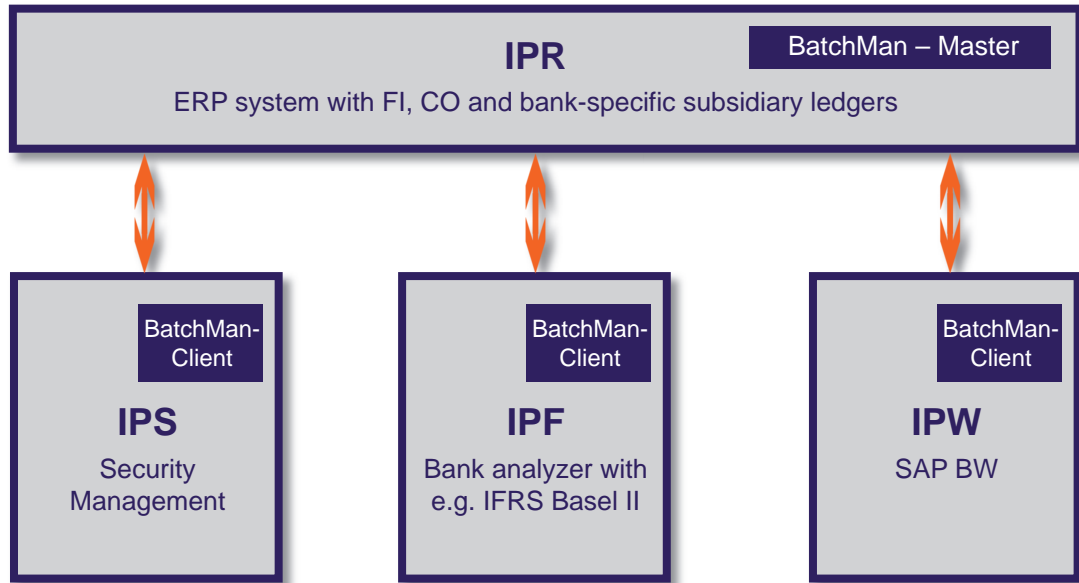
Their existing SAP job control was no longer sufficient in consideration of the necessary dependencies, structures and job networks.

Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG, therefore, was looking for a cross-system job scheduling solution that is fully integrated in SAP. They required to avoid further investments in hardware or other system management solutions and wanted to additionally implement an extended time control.

The decision for BatchMan

With the use of BatchMan, all requirements of Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG for optimization of their existing job control have been fulfilled. 100% integration in SAP avoided costs for additional hard- and software. BatchMan's intuitive SAP user interface and its familiar look and feel facilitated the education and operation of the tool for SAP administrators and only minimum training was required. In addition, Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG is now able to automate the payment and dunning runs with BatchMan.

The installation



The BatchMan master client is installed on an ERP system and centrally administered and monitored from there. All other systems simply include a client configuration.

The convincing advantage of the system constellation: even complex batch jobs and job networks with dependencies across different systems are configurable with BatchMan.

The conclusion

With BatchMan, Westdeutsche ImmobilienBank AG has decided on a product for job control, that perfectly includes both, the demand for profitability and efficiency as well as the need for easy handling and user convenience.

***“After the first successful project phase, job scheduling within Westdeutsche Immobilien Bank AG now takes place across multiple SAP systems in the enterprise – a convincing argument for our decision to use BatchMan.*”**

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Project data

Status: Live since Q1 / 2004
Project duration: Initial deployment on a central system within 3 months, step-by-step expansion in the following years
Platform: Project launch with SAP 4.6C, today SAP ECC 6.0, BatchMan Release 4.1