



CASE STUDY

XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE — The Tool for OpenVMS, UNIX and Windows NT/2000 Job Scheduling

The Customer

The Swedish Customs Service Tullverket are located in Luleå, Sweden. The Service are responsible for levying customs duties and VAT on commodities imported from countries outside the European Union. They are also responsible for preventing goods such as, alcohol and tobacco, drugs and weapons from being smuggled into the country.

Tullverket have a 'Vision for the Future' which lays a heavy responsibility upon the organisation, and compels them to maintain a high level of efficiency in all aspects of their work. The computing systems are essential in achieving their goals and because of this Tullverket have chosen the software tools that help them to ensure their systems are working smoothly 24 hours a day.

The Issue

For more than seven years Tullverket have been using XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE to schedule and monitor 1200 daily tasks on their OpenVMS clusters and on local UNIX servers at sites around the country. Lars Svensson, Application Manager at Tullverket, and his team called on XuiS for advice on scheduling because of some improvements they have undertaken. These improvements include a recent consolidation of servers at Tullverket's facility in Luleå and the decision to transfer applications from their current OpenVMS centric enterprise to a Tru64 UNIX cluster with some local Windows NT/2000 servers.

When Malcolm Dunn, XuiS' Technical Manager, heard about the transition from OpenVMS, to UNIX and NT systems he decided to make a visit to Luleå. "XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE can schedule tasks and monitor their performance on OpenVMS, Tru64 UNIX and Windows NT/2000" Malcolm told us, "So there won't be any problems with Tullverket moving away from OpenVMS".

The Resolution

After listening to Lars and his colleagues' plans, Malcolm recommended that the XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE Server could be moved from OpenVMS onto Tru64 UNIX. He then suggested that the team use XS-Agent to run the small number of jobs they need on the NT/2000 systems. If Lars has more jobs that need running on NT/2000 in the future, with closer control and monitoring required, the team could upgrade to the NT/2000 server version of XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE, in 2002. The



NT/2000 version of XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE also boasts an attractive GUI, which can be run from a Windows desktop making the scheduling and monitoring of jobs an easier task.

“After seeing XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE’s new Windows GUI we are confident that it will help us to use XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE more efficiently” Lars told us. The team at Tullverket are also planning a closer look at XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE’s latest reporting facilities to help them target common failure points and make improvements in their scheduling.

XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE has been an essential tool for the team at Tullverket, enabling them to save time and money. Lars and his team are confident that this product will continue to facilitate them in maintaining the high levels of efficiency they need, regardless of the operating system they run.

To find out more about XS-EnterpriseSCHEDULE, the Compaq endorsed replacement for POLYCENTER Scheduler, or any of XuiS’ other products please call +44 (0)1372 728881, email info@XuiS.com or visit...

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