

UBS AG

Global wealth management and banking firm uses Micro Focus® Database and Middleware Automation (DMA) to automate database security patching across its Oracle estate to meet stringent audit/security timelines and eliminate exposure.

Overview

UBS provides financial advice and solutions to private, institutional, and corporate clients worldwide, while generating attractive and sustainable returns for shareholders. Headquartered in Zurich, UBS is present in all major financial centers. The company employs some 60,000 people and maintains offices in more than 50 countries.

Challenge

As a global financial firm, UBS faces ever more stringent audit and security requirements. UBS wanted to automate database security patching across its entire Oracle estate, using fewer IT staff hours, and resulting in better quality. They also needed a strategy to stay current with the Oracle security-patch release cycle in order to better ensure compliance and avoid information leaks.

Solution

Micro Focus software and Education Services teams enabled rapid knowledge transfer, ensuring that UBS staff could fully leverage the Database and Middleware Automation (DMA) product and associated software stack (including Micro Focus Server Automation) to achieve UBS technical and business objectives. Micro Focus consultants partnered with UBS staff to certify the Oracle Exadata

appliance with DMA, complete requirements planning, design the solution architecture, implement the solution, and provide customized functionality and ongoing project support.

Results

Micro Focus software, Education Services, and Software Services enabled UBS to:

- Develop a long-term strategy and policy to meet corporate and regulatory audit/security requirements
- Implement enabling technology at a cost-effective price point
- Patch the business-critical Oracle estate in a timely fashion to meet security/audit timelines
- Reduce patching timelines from unknown to the specific windows required by policy; deploy patches within a week versus 4-6 weeks previously
- Eliminate security and audit exposure
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At a Glance

■ Industry

Financial Services

■ Location

Switzerland

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Data Center Automation
Database and Middleware Automation

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- Avoid disruptions and free DBA staff to focus on higher-level, more productive tasks
- Achieve an estimated annual savings of \$3M USD
- Proactively manage and protect data, minimize vulnerability

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