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SmartJCL – How to replace PRO/JCL

Preamble

This presentation gives a comprehensive overview of how SmartJCL replaced PRO/JCL

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General

- The migration was done for a big bank running 15.000 jobs per day
- The bank used PRO/JCL before they migrated to SmartJCl
- PRO/JCL was too expensive compared to ist contribution for the bank

Initial Situation

- Most of checks are running in batch-mode
- The check-job is part of ChangeMan
- If a developer wants to transfer a batchjob to the next test-stage, the JCL is checked.
 - The first check is pure syntax check (No REXX)
 - The second check verifies the standards of the bank (Validation REXX).
 - If it ends with RC=8, the transfer is suppressed.

Initial Situation

The third step is to change the JCL automatically (Modification REXX)

This function is needed for the transfer of JCL from integration-test to production and from production back to test.

Policy

- After we got the REXX-Code, we changed the first REXX (Validation) from PRO/JCL's to SmartJCL syntax.
 - 120 hours
 - 6.000 lines of code
- This was the POC (Prof of Concept) that SmartJCL is able to replace PRO/JCL.
- After that we started to migrate the second REXX (Modification).
 - 200 hours
 - 7.000 lines of code.

Result

- SmartJCL performance was as good as PRO/JCL, even if PRO/JCL runs as a started task (SmartJCL runs in batch).
- We showed the customer what we think about fast support.
 - Some special SRI-functions where implemented by our developers while our consultants where onsite. (SRI = SmartJCL REXX Interface)

Result

- The time to implement SmartJCL and the REXX code was extremely short (3-4 weeks)
- With SmartJCL's REXX-Interface we have now all functions to check and to change JCL in various ways
- The migration was a great experience for HORIZONT and an extremely useful stress test for the brand new interface.

Some Facts

- Less coding (Up to 90%)!
- Less errors
- Well structured
- Automatic JCL formating to meet company standards.

Thanks for your attention! Do you have any questions?

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