

New Open Systems Plug-in Raises the Bar for IBM i-based Change Management Solutions

Midrange Dynamics' MDOpen plug-in sets a new standard for ease of use and functionality in mixed IBM i and Open Systems environments.

Zug – June 15, 2010 IBM i shops in North America now have a new option to bring Open Systems development teams under a single change management system that handles deployment in mixed server environments with ease.

Midrange Dynamics is pleased to announce the North America availability of **MDCMS**, a mature change management solution that was developed from the start with Open Systems concepts in mind. MDCMS comprises project management, analysis, source and object management, distribution and installation management, and auditing capability. MDCMS and the company's new **MDOpen** plug-in provide every function necessary to manage application changes for IBM i and multiplatform environments, including UNIX, LINUX, and .net development.

A Totally Open Solution

MDCMS and **MDOpen** can be used with any **Eclipse-based platform**, and they are compatible with Rational Developer for Power Systems (formerly RDI). In fact, Midrange Dynamics customers are already successfully using MDCMS in conjunction with Rational ClearCase, according to Michael Morgan, Managing Director, Midrange Dynamics.

Developers in team environments who are using Open Source tools such as Subversion and CVS, as well as .net developers, will appreciate MDOpen's intuitive interface and great functionality at the developer workspace level.

"It is entirely up to the customer what they use for their team development environment," says Mr. Morgan. Midrange Dynamics can deploy from local workspaces to the IFS and satellite servers (Windows, UNIX, etc.) where objects reside outside the IBM i. MDCMS creates a deployment package of native IBM i and non-native objects and simultaneously deploys them to all production systems. MDCMS installation services allow users to install source and objects based on their time zone. *"For example, a financial services client is currently using MDCMS to deploy to 24 geographically dispersed production systems and Telnet servers,"* notes Mr. Morgan.

Best of all, with MDCMS and the MDOpen plug-in, every MDCMS feature that you have for native deployment, you have for satellite servers: all deployment functionality, full rollback from the satellite servers, workflow management (such as testing sign off), audit capability, and reports suitable for regulatory compliance. If anything goes wrong at any time, the application returns to its original state, with no time limit on rollbacks.

Now Expanding in North America

The Midrange Dynamics and Synergivty relationship brings together an outstanding mix of high-quality software and change management expertise.

"Based on our extensive experience, MDCMS is the most straightforward CM system to implement and use," says Marty Kilgallen, a Synergivty partner. *"Our prospects also appreciate Midrange Dynamics' easy-to-understand pricing model, product stability, commitment to quality, and their history of charging very reasonable maintenance fees,"* he says. Product quality and solid implementation and training minimize support issues, making it a win-win situation for all.



Midrange Dynamics' solutions are very appealing to current change management users who want to reduce risk associated with a particular vendor by migrating to an alternate solution or equip themselves to handle additional workload by bringing other platforms under change management. Those familiar with other change management systems will be very comfortable with the familiar workflow and project management features, plus audit reporting, in MDCMS.

"We would like to participate in the evaluation process for CM users who have compelling reasons to implement or migrate from other solutions this year," says Mary Langen, also a Synergivity partner. *"Implementing MDCMS does not add any complexity to your existing change management process; it should be as easy, or easier to use, than what you are doing now,"* adds Ms. Langen. *"Please contact us to arrange a demo to learn how much money you can save and the productivity you can gain with MDCMS."*

About Midrange Dynamics and Synergivity

Midrange Dynamics' tightly integrated and reasonably priced product line focuses on change management, application analysis, development, and software distribution. The company has provided application development software and consulting services for IBM i (iSeries, AS/400) systems from its headquarters in Switzerland since 1998. In addition to on-site product support and training, it offers consulting services in the area of Change Management. Recognized for ease of use and reliability, Midrange Dynamics' application lifecycle management solution dramatically reduces the time and risk involved in understanding, changing, and migrating application objects. It fully supports regulatory compliance efforts. www.midrangedynamics.com

Based in Peterborough, NH, **Synergivity Software** is your **North America** source for Midrange Dynamics products and support. The Synergivity core team members each have from 6 to 25 years of CM experience in the IBM i arena and more than 7 years of Fortune 500 enterprise and business experience. The company's extended technical resources are all experts in change management on the IBM i and beyond.

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