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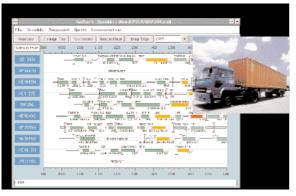
FREIGHT CONTAINER SCHEDULING

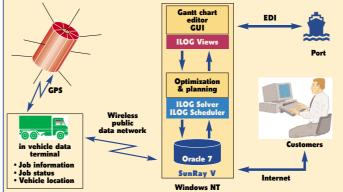
IN Terms of shipping tonnage, the Port of Singapore is the busiest in the world. Behind this success is coordination between the port operators and the trucking companies that move the containers brought in on freighters. To ensure this coordination and maintain customer satisfaction, the trucking companies use a Clarity Systems optimization application, SunRay V, based on ILOG components, to generate schedules that smoothly match vehicles to port operations. The application handles a tremendous volume of constraints involving destinations, capacities and regulations. A single entry, for example, can covers container description, cargo classification, container itinerary, deadlines, release dates, and sundry other items vital to getting the freight to the right destination on time. Handling that volume and rapidly generating schedules are the primary advantages to the application.

"Clarity Systems' SunRay V application lets container companies optimize their fleets and resources. With ILOG components, SunRay V offers a reliable and quality transport service."

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SunRay V application architecture

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Clarity Systems Pte Ltd., a specialist in decision-support systems, offers cuttingedge planning, scheduling and resource allocation systems. Its customers include Singapore Airlines, Singapore Press Holdings, Singapore Ministry of Defense and CWT Distribution Ltd.

ABOUT ILOG

ILOG is a leading provider of advanced C++ and Java® software components for graphics and resource optimization. ILOG products deliver high-performance data visualization for 2D and 3D user interfaces; integer, linear and constraint solvers for resource optimization. scheduling, logistics and planning applications; dynamic rule systems for intelligent agents and real-time data flow control, and components for integrating modules with real-time and relational data sources. Founded in 1987, ILOG now employs more than 470 people in seven countries. Visit www.ilog.com for additional information.

RELIABLE MANAGEMENT OF FREIGHT CONTAINERS

At the Port of Singapore, schedules for moving containers and assigning resources used to be created by hand. Schedulers balanced customer orders, port requirements and operational constraints in a complex, time-consuming process affecting all the freight handlers. Often the schedulers fell behind, forcing the trucking companies to make their own decisions. This could result in delays, higher operating costs and lower customer satisfaction.

Clarity Systems' vehicle scheduling application uses ILOG Solver, ILOG Scheduler and ILOG Views to help the companies manage their operations. ILOG Solver and ILOG Scheduler treat shipment data as constraints in rapidly building optimized schedules. while ILOG Views allows the schedulers to quickly refine the schedules through a graphical user interface (GUI).

Since its introduction, SunRay V has decreased container turnaround time, improved resource utilization and boosted the overall productivity of the port. At the company CWT Distribution Ltd., for example, productivity has improved approximately 25%, yielding a substantial improvement in customer service.

PROJECT

SunRay V was developed by Clarity Systems in collaboration with the Information Technology Institute of the National Computer Board of Singapore. From specification to delivery, the system was developed in only 18 months.

BENEFITS

The ILOG components enable SunRay V users to increase the handling capacity of their trucks. For example, the accurate capacity planning of SunRay V has reduced subcontracting costs by as much as 10%, since more work can be done with internal resources. The application reduces lead times for onward shipping and improves the accuracy of delivery dates. Also, SunRay V provides on-line operational and management data, giving users real-time access to information crucial to making business decisions.

