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GUIDE (Workload Automation)

Job Scheduling Checklist



Using these Criteria

The following is a detailed list of evaluation criteria that you can use to benchmark the features and functions of various job schedulers your organization may be considering. This checklist provides a way to thoroughly assess how well a given product meets your needs now and in the future.

Platform Integrations	JAMS	Competitor
Windows, Linux, and UNIX	✓	
Cloud (AWS, Azure)	✓	
Windows VM	✓	
z/OS, zLinux, IBM i, and OpenVMS	✓	

Out of Box Integrations	JAMS	Competitor
Amazon Web Services	✓	
Banner	✓	
Ecometry	✓	
Informatica	✓	
JD Edwards	✓	
Micro Focus	✓	
Microsoft Dynamics AX	✓	
Microsoft SQL Server	✓	
NeoBatch	✓	
Netezza	✓	
Oracle PL/SQL	✓	
Oracle E-Business Suite	✓	
PeopleSoft	✓	
SAP	✓	
SAS	✓	
Symitar	✓	

Architecture	JAMS	Competitor
Centralized GUI with access to all schedulers and agents	✓	
Agent communication secured via web sockets and x509 certificates	✓	
Inbound, Always-on Agent support	✓	
REST API	✓	
Active Directory support / ADAM support	✓	
High Availability – Active/Active and Active/Passive	✓	
Unlimited Clients – Rich Desktop Client, Responsive Web Client, SDK, PowerShell	✓	
Available as an AMI in AWS Marketplace and a VM in Azure Marketplace	✓	
.NET SDK for integration with custom applications	✓	
Objects exposed via PowerShell provider	✓	

Job Execution Methods	JAMS	Competitor
30+ built-in execution methods	✓	
SQL – SSRS, SQL Stored Procedures, SSIS, SQL Agent, and SQL Command	✓	
Native FTP, SFTP, FTPS, SCP, and S3 file transfer	✓	
Source code support for any scripting language	✓	
SSH support for agentless job execution	✓	
Support for non-standard exit codes	✓	
70+ PowerShell cmdlets	✓	
Windows Workflow and Workflow designer	✓	
Invoke .NET Assembly methods without scripting	✓	
Invoke COM methods without scripting	✓	

Scheduling Features	JAMS	Competitor
Date/time-based scheduling	✓	
Event-based scheduling / triggers	✓	
Ad hoc scheduling	✓	
Serial, parallel, and control-flow processing of jobs	✓	
Job chaining	✓	
Job dependencies (job, file, variable)	✓	
Job dependencies between multiple schedulers	✓	
Execute jobs on multiple schedules	✓	
Integrated restart/recovery	✓	

Monitoring and Reporting	JAMS	Competitor
Real-time dashboards + dashboard designer	✓	
Projected schedule view	✓	
Report designer	✓	
Automated report generation	✓	
Output formats include PDF, HTML, XLS, XLSX, CSV, and TXT	✓	
Graphical view of job stream design and execution progress	✓	

Alerting	JAMS	Competitor
Customizable HTML email alerts	✓	
SYSLOG messages	✓	
Extensive job failure notifications (running too long, too quickly, missed window, too short, etc.)	✓	
Able to scan log files for error or success patterns	✓	
Customizable, stackable documentation	✓	

Auditing	JAMS	Competitor
Unlimited history archiving	✓	
Built-in history querying tools	✓	
Job versioning and rollback	✓	
SOX and SSAE-16 required information recorded for each job execution	✓	
Integrated restart/recovery	✓	

Load Balancing	JAMS	Competitor
Throttle jobs based on resource availability	✓	
Queues for limiting executions	✓	
Batch queues provide load balancing across one or more servers	✓	
Auto Scaling of virtual machines with cloud deployment (e.g. Azure or AWS)	✓	
Support for maintenance windows	✓	
Built-in deployment of agents from the GUI	✓	

Security	JAMS	Competitor
Customizable security roles and rights	✓	
Integration with Active Directory	✓	
Supports Windows identifiers and ACLs for local accounts	✓	
Encrypted password storage and runtime encryption	✓	
Submit jobs to run under a different account than your own	✓	
Public/private key management	✓	

Job Organization	JAMS	Competitor
Access to 100+ job templates	✓	
Folder structure enables jobs to inherit properties and share parameters	✓	
Centralized control of variables and parameters	✓	
Support for relative references to job definitions	✓	



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