

HighJump Software Helps Clients Maintain Low Total Cost of Ownership and Simplify Upgrades With Launch of HighJump Supply Chain Advantage Suite 10.0

Newest Release Delivers Continued Innovation in Adaptability and Increased Support for Global Supply Chain Operations

HighJump Software, a 3M company, a global provider of adaptable supply chain execution solutions, today announced the release of HighJump Supply Chain Advantage suite 10.0. The release combines extended functionality in the HighJump product suite and a high level of adaptability to help clients better manage material flows throughout their operations and expedite upgrades. Expanded internationalization supports increasing supply chain globalization.

“Our clients require extensive functionality and a means to easily manage business processes which change due to regulations, continuous improvement initiatives, or new approaches to manufacturing and distribution models,” said Chad Collins, vice president of global strategy, HighJump Software. “HighJump Software’s key value proposition is our adaptable architecture and fast upgrades, which considerably drives down our clients’ total cost of ownership.”

“We’re pleased with the enhancements in the release as well as our ability to quickly and easily upgrade our HighJump solution and maintain low total cost of system ownership,” said Becky Randelin, systems analyst, maurices, inc. “Because each new release is included in our maintenance agreement, we receive tremendous value from our continued relationship with HighJump Software.”

“Most HighJump Software clients are able to perform their own upgrades without requiring a paid consulting engagement,” said Steve Banker, service director, Supply Chain Management, ARC Advisory Group. “For those clients that do elect to have a HighJump consultant involved, the services fees are typically around \$10,000, a figure significantly below upgrade fees for other leading best-of-breed vendors.”

HighJump Supply Chain Advantage 10.0 includes numerous advances across the supply chain suite:

Warehouse Management

The flagship HighJump Warehouse Advantage system now includes a warehouse wizard to support a user-friendly, streamlined approach to warehouse set-up. The system is fully internationalized and includes translations in nine languages, including Japanese. To support optimized outbound fulfillment processes, load and wave planning tools were enhanced and utilize a new Web-based user interface. The 10.0 release also includes a flexible approach for defining and tracking unique inventory attributes without limiting the number of attributes that can be tracked for a given item.

Adaptability Tools

HighJump Software’s service-oriented architecture now provides more features that allow clients to optimize and modify supply chain business processes without changing underlying product source code and impacting their ability to perform fast upgrades. HighJump Software’s supply chain process modeling tool, Advantage Architect, features broader revision tracking and the addition of an enterprise application repository. This helps

HighJump solutions fit within clients' enterprise IT environments. HighJump Software's Web-based, common user interface framework, WebWise, also provides a more user-friendly experience and allows product screens to be run on handheld computers and cell phones.

Billing Management for Logistics Services Providers (LSP)

A new, comprehensive solution for managing and optimizing the billing process, HighJump Billing Management enables providers of logistics services and third-party logistics to support the complex contractual requirements that often exist with their clients. With this product release, billing can be based on material handling transactions, storage capacity utilization, and client-specific billing requirements. The solution gives companies visibility into actual costs with comparisons to what was invoiced to replace the oversimplified practice of spreading client costs evenly across all accounts.

HighJump Billing Management creates a single billing platform for all systems. This is possible by accepting data imports from other applications, such as those for transportation management, time and attendance, and parcel manifesting.

Labor Management

HighJump Software's labor management solution, HighJump Labor Advantage, provides a comprehensive performance management tool to plan and manage the distribution center workforce. In addition to being fully internationalized to support various languages and regions without engineering changes, the latest release includes the ability to forecast and plan for labor within all major fulfillment functions of a facility, such as picking, packing, loading and shipping. These features allow distribution center management to ensure the proper capacity in the workforce and assign employees to the appropriate functional areas.

Warehouse Management for Small and Mid-sized Businesses

HighJump Software recently launched HighJump Warehouse Advantage-45, a warehouse management system targeted at small and mid-sized businesses. The product is designed to be implemented in 45 business days with a well-defined scope of business processes. The solution speeds the setup of data in the warehouse, including an implementation playbook that guides the client through the implementation process and detailed user guides that help clients learn to use the system.

The solution is built upon the same world-class technology as the tier one HighJump Warehouse Advantage solution. This allows companies to support growth by adding more complex warehouse management capabilities as business demands warrant.

Manufacturing Execution

HighJump Manufacturing Advantage, HighJump Software's manufacturing execution system, has been fully internationalized and features translation in Japanese. Additionally, the release includes user interface improvements to the shop floor data entry touch screen to increase the efficiency and accuracy of an operator's data entry. The new version also reduces a company's reliance on paper-based lean inventory methodologies by providing enhanced support for lean manufacturing environments, including electronic kanban integrated with warehouse management.

About HighJump Software, a 3M Company

Forward-thinking companies entrust HighJump Software to power their supply chains. HighJump Software simplifies the art and business of creating, selling and moving products across global networks. Building upon

3M's history of innovation, HighJump Software helps more than 1,300 clients worldwide drive growth and manage change. www.highjump.com

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