Lixto Releases New Version of Web Data Extraction Software Suite

Lixto Software, a web intelligence company, has released version 5 of its web data extraction software suite comprising the Lixto Visual Developer and the Lixto Transformation Server.

According to the company, the latest version of the Lixto Online Market Intelligence (OMI) solution utilizes the support of internet cloud computing to improve the scalability and processing power of the company's software-as-a-service and on-premise web intelligence solution that will allow Lixto's customers to extract even more data from the internet for analysis in real-time.

To achieve this virtual infinite scaling of its solution, Lixto has introduced a new software architecture into the latest version 5 solution for its server-side products that support a grid-based scaling (or cloud computing) approach. This allows for linear scaling in relation to the number of processing units available in a cluster of servers. The software supports the use of cloud computing resources such as Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2). The new server architecture also introduces intelligent load-distribution amongst the available processing units resulting in more efficient resource utilization and reduced management overhead, said Lixto Software.

The company claims that in addition to the improved architecture, new server components such as the Lixto Reporting Server further strengthen the manageability of the whole software environment. The Lixto Reporting Server acts as the central management resource that gathers service execution reports of a whole cluster of extraction servers.

Robert Baumgartner, vice president of research and development at Lixto, said: "The new
server architecture on version 5 is a major technical breakthrough that will enable our customers to gather more web data in a shorter amount of time, whilst reducing the overall resource consumption in a typical application. Our vertical solutions will benefit from the new technology in terms of scalability and performance in a transparent way and due to its reverse compatibility with previous versions of the product, upgrading to the latest version is straightforward."

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