

CATEGORY MANAGEMENT

Space Automation Professional

Challenge: Maximizing space management efficiencies with scale and speed

As a category management professional, it's a daily race against time to get your work done quickly and accurately. Every day, you must juggle the countless activities intended to keep your planograms up-to-date while maximizing space profitability. Unless you're armed with a technology solution designed to automate repetitive tasks, many of the critical space management activities important to your bottom line simply won't get done. And with the expanded need for more advanced scripting language capability to provide more efficient and scalable automation, users require faster ways to deliver on the increasingly challenging and demanding process of managing their categories and delivering on their category reviews. JDA can help you conquer the challenge of driving optimized business processes by delivering top-notch space management automation and enhanced scripting ability.

Solution: JDA Space Automation Professional

JDA® Space Automation Professional provides the efficiencies that category managers need to deliver against their challenging timelines. JDA Space Automation Professional was designed to be flexible and scalable for all users and provides retailers and manufacturers with the ability to leverage their internal technical resources and move beyond basic automation options to enhance and customize tools within the JDA® Category Management solution. JDA Space Automation Professional goes beyond the basics of creating scripts and provides advanced customization capabilities and automation by leveraging industry-standard tools and scripting

◆ Key Benefits:

- Features powerful scripting environment integrated into Visual Studio
- Built on industry-standard tools and scripting languages that deliver a sizeable library of methods and functions
- Flexible and scalable code base delivers faster performance to all automated tasks and expands the capabilities to automate and customize JDA Category Management applications
- Provides intuitive command helpers and script builders throughout the script building process
- Eliminates script writing duplication by allowing the modularization of scripts

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languages, automating day-to-day activities performed within JDA® Space Planning, JDA® Floor Planning and JDA® Category Knowledge Base.

Built as a list of commands inside the industry-leading Microsoft Visual Studio development tool, Visual Studio is a prerequisite for using Space Automation Professional. The scripting environment, and the command libraries on which they are based, extend the current users' automation capabilities and propel them forward to meet the needs of their category management business.

With Space Automation Professional, executing top-level category plans becomes easier than ever. Your productivity soars as you have more time to focus on your space planning strategies rather than tactical requirements.

Automate repetitive tasks to increase productivity

To achieve significant productivity gains, astute companies such as yours seek to make continual improvements a top priority. Helping you realize the full potential of your space management productivity is Space Automation Professional. By automating almost any task that is performed from within Space Planning and Floor Planning, JDA Space Automation Professional frees up your time and other resources in so many ways:

- Automates the entire space planning process using a Space Automation Professional command line. For example, use the command line to:
 - Automate the import of data into planograms and floor plans
 - Execute the creation of shelf tags within a shelf tag application, or create PDFs within Adobe Acrobat
- Performs large-scale batch processing to complete tasks while not at your computer
- Creates planograms from “scratch” based on predefined merchandising rules
- Processes hundreds of planograms in order to gather data and generate reports
- Automates the download of information to external sources — especially handy for sharing critical information with associates who don't have access to the JDA Category Management applications

Key Benefits continued

- Adds menu commands to JDA Space and Floor Planning in order to easily execute scripts from within these applications
- Easily expandable to newly added Space Planning and Floor Planning commands
- Automates the loading of floor plans into JDA Category Knowledge Base
- Automates the creation of planogram images for JDA Floor Planning
- Imports financial data into planograms and floor plans
- Automates the download of information to external, non-JDA Category Management sources
- Subdivides a planogram into sections with Floor Planning in order to wrap shelf assortments from one side of an aisle to another
- Supports quick and easy data cleansing
- Includes key Space Automation Professional functions:
 - “For End” loops
 - Defining variables
 - Open/write/close file
 - Run external applications

Automation that puts you in the driver's seat

With intense pressure to work smarter and harder, you must find ways to streamline your business processes. Since corporate-wide resources are at a premium, it is unlikely that your IT department has the bandwidth to support all of your automation needs. JDA Space Automation Professional eliminates your organization's reliance on your IT team to create critical, custom automation. With its intuitive, easy-to-use scripting language, you are in the driver's seat to create, view and edit scripts, without having to wait for IT to address your automation requirements.

Ensure data consistency by eliminating human error

The pressure is on to expedite your space management processes. But don't let inaccurate data be a byproduct of speed. JDA Space Automation Professional supports your need for a faster pace and data accuracy by reducing costly errors that waste everyone's time. By eliminating tedious, and often error-filled, manual intervention, Space Automation Professional ensures that the data going into your space management software reflects the truth. You'll benefit from more accurate planogram and floor plan data and improved decision making that lead to a positive impact on your company's bottom line.

Deploy Space Automation Professional Software via JDA Cloud Services

Protect your JDA software investment and increase business agility by having JDA experts manage, monitor and maintain your JDA solutions. JDA Cloud Services reduces your implementation time and risk while enabling you to quickly and easily deploy new functionality to keep pace with your changing business needs. With your software running in the JDA Cloud and upgrades included in your service, you will benefit from solutions that are optimized for your specific business requirements to help ensure that you achieve and sustain a long-term return on your investment.

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