

CASE STUDY

HUK-COBURG



Automating SAS® metadata management using Metacoda Plug-ins makes it easier, efficient, and reliable.

HUK-COBURG started in 1933 as a specialized insurer for motor vehicles of civil servants. Over the decades it has expanded to offer a wide range of insurance to the general public and is now the major insurer for private households in Germany and one of the ten largest German insurance groups.

Importantly, the customers own the company, so the business objectives are geared to the interests of the insured persons.

The business operations are complex with over 12 million customers; over 2,600 shop stewards; almost 700 customer centres; over 100 pension specialists for life, health and accident insurance; 38 branch offices; and a 24-hour emergency call centre.

Understandably, manually managing users and security for such a large organization was a massive, time-consuming job!

SAS administrator, Daniel Kaiser, used Metacoda software to automate the process and make it possible to review all SAS metadata security and manage it faster and more reliably.

He recommends that SAS administrators who are manually adding users should definitely give Metacoda Plug-ins a try.

Overall, the automation of metadata permissions and the improved security has saved significant time and enabled much more comprehensive and accurate reporting.

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Metacoda software has made our SAS metadata security so much easier, efficient, and reliable. Tasks no longer need to be performed by hand, incorrect security settings are immediately apparent, and we can automatically document all changes to SAS metadata security. This has been a great investment for the organization and especially for the SAS team.

DANIEL KAISER
SAS administrator



Business Issues

HUK-COBURG wanted to be able to:

- See the status of users and remove them from metadata if they are no longer working with SAS;
- See who made changes to the metadata security and be able to log those changes;
- Record and track any changes to metadata security.

Solution

HUK-COBURG found Metacoda Plug-ins extremely easy to install and use in the SAS Management Console. The top three solutions for HUK-COBURG include:

- Metacoda Batch Interface which automates the process of synchronizing users and logging security-relevant changes;
- Metacoda Identity Sync process which ensures that authorized users are always up to date;
- ability to trace permissions using the Metacoda Permissions Tracer plug-in.

Benefits

- Not having to add users manually to SAS metadata means employees can use this time for more important administration tasks. Overall, the process is much faster and audit-proof.
- Quicker authorization process means they can provision users within a day. Without Metacoda software this process took several days or even weeks!
- Being able to synchronize Active Directory (AD) with SAS metadata each night means the organization always has a correct representation of which users are authorized to use SAS.

