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Ovid Technologies is an internationally recognised leader of electronic medical, scientific and academic research information solutions, providing a customisable suite of content, tools and services to 13 million users worldwide.

Founded in 1988, Ovid has over 30,000 licensed users from over 5,000 institutions around the world, including private and public universities, library consortia, pharmaceutical firms and government agencies.

Providing software which bundles its technology with full text journals and bibliographic databases, Ovid's products are developed to provide individualised experiences tailored to each customer's needs, from multiple platforms for its 90 databases, to pay-per-use or subscription access to a dial-up service that is also available on the web, licensed tapes with or without software, CD-ROMs and support for networks and client server structures.

Links Admin is one of Ovid Technologies' most widely used products, providing local administrators with the capability to configure the information search and retrieval experience of their user community. The latest release of Links Admin required a rigorous testing programme prior to its release and SDLC Solutions was brought in to support the test scripting and executing effort, supplementing Ovid's in-house testing team.

The Project

Working in-house at Ovid, SDLC Solutions created tests for new functionality; introducing and incorporating parameters into the TestDirector tool in which Ovid's test scripts were stored. This allowed for a single test script to be used in situations where only a specific value changes from test to test, taking away the need for separate tests for each value.

During the test scripting effort, SDLC Solutions ensured that the new procedures were carefully noted to ensure ease of use for future tests, regardless of staff changes within Ovid. In addition to running the tests on Links Admin, SDLC played a key role in improving the efficiency of Ovid's implementation of TestDirector, maximising the use of parameterisation and driver scripts.

Kevin Davis, Director of Application Quality Assurance, Ovid Technologies, comments, "SDLC Solutions was highly responsive in addressing our requirements, demonstrating a highly flexible approach to fulfilling our resource requirements with high calibre individuals. SDLC Solutions was a valuable partner in delivering a high quality Links Admin product to market on schedule. "The SDLC team was also effective in supporting us in our ongoing efforts to maximise Ovid's ROI in automated testing tools."

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Key Benefits

- **Timely provision of high calibre testing resources.**
- **Support to maximise ROI in automated testing tools.**
- **Deliverables packaged and documented for ease of reuse on future product iterations.**

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