

# William Shatner Fan Club Uses Bitnami To Enhance Fan Club Experience

“Bitnami did a great job.” – William Shatner

When launching Bitnami applications, companies save an average of 160 hours that would have otherwise been spent in packaging the application themselves.

## Challenge

Until recently, the fan club utilized a 3rd party to manage its website and message board. Unfortunately, when the fan club terminated its contract, access to its AWS Database was restricted. This made the process of setting up its own website and message board challenging. After regaining access to its data, the fan club was still without a server for its new website and message board.

## Solution

William Shatner himself reached out to Bitnami to ask for assistance getting its website and message board set-up. The Bitnami team worked with his fan club to launch a WordPress Certified by Bitnami and Automattic image and a Discourse Certified by Bitnami image from the AWS Marketplace onto the fan club's own AWS servers. From there, the fan club was able to attach its AWS database to these new servers without having to set-up or package the applications itself.

## Result

By using Bitnami applications from the AWS Marketplace, the fan club was able to quickly improve its website and message boards without losing any of its previous data.

The fan club is now powered by Bitnami images, and “has been a breeze to maintain,” says Paul Camuso, maintainer of the William Shatner Fan Club. For ongoing maintenance, the fan club is able to update its images easily by launching the latest versions through the AWS Marketplace whenever an update is needed.

Bitnami provided the fan club team with a way to launch its new site on the cloud provider of their choice without losing precious development time configuring and packaging the application on their own. In addition to getting the William Shatner fan club started quickly, Bitnami also provided peace of mind around security. Bitnami is committed to providing the most up-to-date and secure application in the cloud marketplaces.

Use [Bitnami applications on the AWS Marketplace](#) to get started on your project today!

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William Shatner and his team started [the William Shatner Fan Club](#) in the 70s. It has gone through several iterations on its path to more than 20,000 members. Fan club members are able to chat with William Shatner on the private message board and gain exclusive access to events and projects with William Shatner. When the fan club moved from printed newsletters to online message boards 20 years ago, it's journey to the cloud began.