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Software AG Expands Real-Time Data Interoperability for Mainframe and Open Systems

- Long-term commitment to standards-based interoperability is designed to safeguard data integrity, lower operating costs, improve developer productivity and empower business users
- Natural SQL Gateway streamlines access from Natural mainframe applications to data stored within Oracle, DB2, Sybase and Microsoft SQL databases operating on open systems
- Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems automatically delivers real-time Adabas data to any open systems database

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Software AG, a global leader in business infrastructure software, today extended the company's commitment to fostering real-time, standards-based data interoperability between mainframe and open systems with the release of two new products. Users of the company's Natural programming language can now take advantage of Natural SQL Gateway to more easily access data stored on leading open systems SQL databases, including Oracle, DB2, Sybase and Microsoft SQL server. Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems provides real-time replication of Adabas data across databases running on popular open systems, including UNIX, Linux and Windows.

These releases are part of Software AG's \$50M commitment annually over the next three years to research & development for Adabas and Natural. As one of the world's most deployed mainframe databases, Adabas serves as the foundation for core transactional systems for one in five of the Global 500. Natural, Software AG's widely adopted business application development and deployment environment, is recognized for the speed and efficiency it offers for creating highly-scalable enterprise systems running on either mainframe or open systems platforms.

"Our customers tell us that data is what drives their businesses. As a result, they are under increasing pressure to leverage it across as many platforms as possible. At the same time, they also need to protect its integrity as maintaining 'one version of the truth' is often critical to business operations and continuity," said Dr. Peter Kürpick, Software AG's Chief Product Officer and member of the company's Executive Board. "Our latest releases respond to these needs by providing users with a 'faster, cheaper, better' way of exchanging real-time Adabas and Natural data between mainframes and other enterprise systems. This means that enterprises can use, process and manipulate information in new and more powerful ways with full confidence in the underlying integrity of the data. From an operational perspective, we've significantly improved developer productivity, which lowers development costs while ensuring that new solutions are delivered to the business faster."

Natural SQL Gateway

Designed for simplicity, reliability and speed, Natural 2006 is a powerful development platform for creating enterprise transactional systems that support Web services, open source environments and Ajax-based Rich Internet Applications. Building on this value proposition,

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Natural SQL Gateway is a turnkey solution that allows Natural applications running on the mainframe to easily access data from third-party relational database management systems (RDBMS), such as DB2, Oracle, Sybase and Microsoft SQL server, operating on open systems.

Natural SQL Gateway can be employed to provide users with a more comprehensive, unified view of data spanning multiple applications and databases. By consolidating access to this information within a single application, users can take full advantage of their existing Natural-based applications to analyze and leverage this data. It can also be used to shift non-mission-critical data from mainframe systems to lower cost hardware platforms.

From a developer perspective, Natural SQL Gateway eliminates the need for additional middleware, provides rapid access to targeted data using simple Natural commands, and allows users to fully leverage existing SQL syntax. This simpler approach minimizes the need for additional training while boosting developer productivity dramatically.

Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems

With processing speeds of over 300,000 transactions per second, Adabas 2006 is recognized for its superior reliability and ultra-high performance. Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems uses SQL to automatically replicate Adabas data across third-party databases and messaging systems operating on open systems.

This ensures that core business data is instantly accessible by a number of other critical operating systems, including business intelligence (BI) tools and enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, so that all users are operating off of the most complete, up-to-date data possible. For example, transactional systems and data warehouses often have competing requirements, which means that data is frequently stored in separate data stores. Rather than continuing to rely on obsolete data and batch transfers, Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems can be used to automatically and confidently update this data, as needed.

From a technical perspective, Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems offers the ability to publish discrete data elements and selected content directly from the Adabas nucleus. This avoids the time consuming and costly need to replicate and process the entire Protection Log (PLOG) record. In comparison with traditional PLOG-based approaches, Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems is a real-time solution, more scalable, and with less data to manage, is less costly to operate as well.

“Our product development strategy is focused on a simple objective, which is helping our customers realize greater value from their existing investments,” said Joe Gentry, Senior Vice President and CTO for the ETS business division of Software AG. “With our latest releases, we’re working to eliminate barriers to how they utilize and leverage their data as part of our long-term commitment to standards-based interoperability. This is particularly relevant for many of our clients, where the amount of data and speed in which it needs to be processed is growing exponentially.”

Gentry also notes, “this is just one of many releases that we have planned over the next two years for both Adabas and Natural. Each of these releases is designed to deliver new, customer-driven capabilities while further simplifying the ongoing management of these mission-critical systems. By doing so, customers will continue to fully benefit from the unmatched speed, performance and reliability that they offer.”

Natural SQL Gateway is available now. Expected availability of Event Replicator for Adabas on Open Systems is Q3 of 2008. Pricing and additional information is available from an authorized Software AG representative.

The announcement was made at the Software AG International User Groups Conference 2008, which is taking place this week in Seville, Spain. This independent event annually brings together Adabas, Natural, webMethods and CentraSite users from around the world to share best practices and review the latest developments relating to these mission-critical systems.

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Our leading product portfolio includes solutions for high performance data management, developing and modernizing applications, enabling service-oriented architecture, and improving business processes. By combining our technology with industry expertise and best practices experience, our customers improve and differentiate their businesses - faster.

Software AG has almost 40 years of global IT experience and over 3,600 employees serving customers in 70 countries. The company is headquartered in Germany and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (TecDAX, ISIN DE 0003304002 / SOW). Software AG posted total revenues of €621 million in 2007.

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