

PRESS RELEASE

Software AG Customers Embrace the Enhanced Technology of webMethods 8 to Improve Processes and Integrate Systems

- webMethods 8 now in General Availability (GA) release
- New platform capabilities make Software AG's webMethods 8 a critical component for its customers
- Extensive and successful First Customer Ship (FCS) deployment with over 200 customers creates foundation for GA release

Darmstadt, Germany - February 1, 2010 - Software AG, a global leader in business infrastructure software, today announced the general availability of webMethods 8, the latest release of Software AG's flagship webMethods platform. Customers embrace the capabilities to capitalize on both open architecture and existing infrastructure investments, reduce the time and cost to improve processes and integrate systems, and enable dramatic end-user productivity through tighter collaboration between IT and the business. More than 200 customers worldwide were part of the FCS program for webMethods 8.

webMethods 8 is a major milestone in the evolution of the webMethods platform, and offers new functionality across the entire suite, that includes Enterprise Integration, B2B, Business Process Management, BAM, and SOA Governance (CentraSite). And while Software AG continues the process of acquiring IDS Scheer, our customers can already use the webMethods 8 and ARIS products together based on process model interoperability between the product lines.

"We use webMethods to integrate our heterogeneous IT landscape, which includes both Java and .Net applications," said Emmet Oliver, IT Manager, CenterPoint Energy, which is headquartered in Houston, Texas, and is a domestic energy delivery company that serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. "The EntireX RPC functionality allows our web-based applications to communicate with backend NATURAL business logic around our core programs and databases. We are live on version 8 to stay current on our solutions and take advantage of enhanced functionality, including increased buffer sizes for our integration."

With webMethods 8, companies can improve their overall operation through effective reuse, management, and orchestration of both business and IT services thus delivering faster time to value.

"The feedback from FCS customers such as CenterPoint has been overwhelmingly positive and primed webMethods 8 for general availability," said Dr. Peter Kuerpick, Chief Product Officer and member of the Executive Board, Software AG. "We are confident that this will be the most complete, stable, and impactful release in the history of the webMethods product line."

The latest release of webMethods expands on its market-leading capabilities by adding:

- CentraSite ActiveSOA, the world's first integrated Business Service Repository, aligns business process management (BPM) and service-oriented architecture (SOA) with a single system of record for assets - facilitating reuse and change management by both the business and IT teams
- Enhanced Business Process Management, with a new paradigm in end-user productivity through dynamic workspaces, task-driven decisions, and ad-hoc workflow
- A unified, Eclipse-based design environment for service development, process design, and lifecycle management
- Embedded Business Intelligence to deliver process analytics to knowledge workers, allowing them to easily compare real-time performance against historical trends for informed decision-making

- Business user self-service with user-derived applications, workspace templates, and enhanced capabilities for business user empowerment
- New Service Virtualization and Policy Enforcement, creating more adaptive systems where functional and infrastructure changes can be made without disrupting processes and applications
- Improved Broker scalability with policy-based clustering where changes in policy are honored by the webMethods ESB without interruptions

“We can now deliver even faster time-to-value and increased return on existing infrastructure investments,” Dr. Kuerpick added. “We are pleased our customers continue to leverage the webMethods foundation to support their integration, process improvement, and SOA objectives.”

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Software AG has 40 years of global IT experience and about 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 €721 million in 2008.

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