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Software AG Wins Two 2007 Product of the Year Awards from SearchSOA.com

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- webMethods BPMS 7.1 recognized as Product of the Year for Services Design and Modeling
- webMethods ESB 7.1 named Product of the Year for Service Assembly and Integration

DARMSTADT, Germany, [April 14, 2008] Software AG, a global leader in business infrastructure software, today announced that it was recently awarded two 2007 Product of the Year Awards by SearchSOA.com. The company's webMethods BPMS, v.7.1 was recognized as the Product of the Year in the Service Design and Modeling category while the webMethods ESB, v.7.1 was named a Product of the Year for Service Assembly and Integration. Awards were presented in eight categories overall with Software AG named the only multiple award winner in this year's competition. SearchSOA.com is TechTarget's leading online media resource for the burgeoning service-oriented architecture (SOA) market.

"The SearchSOA.com Product of the Year awards are particularly prestigious due to the depth and rigor that they cover the SOA market. We are clearly honored to be recognized by their editors for our product leadership," said Dr. Peter Kürpick, Chief Product Officer for the webMethods business line and member of the Software AG Executive Board. "While each product delivers best-in-class performance in its own right, what's also important to recognize is the significant value that the webMethods ESB and webMethods BPMS deliver when deployed together. Ultimately, they allow enterprises to standardize on one platform for addressing all of their integration-centric and human-centric process management requirements."

webMethods BPMS, v.7.1 is a full-feature process design, execution, monitoring and management solution. Using an intuitive, easy-to-use design interface, business analysts and developers can collaboratively model, implement, automate, monitor and improve end-to-end business processes. Key features of webMethods BPMS include patented business activity monitoring (BAM), embedded simulation, advanced human workflow, a comprehensive metadata repository, integrated business rules management and composite application development.

According to the editors of SearchSOA.com, "BPM is a central concern inside of SOA and the webMethods BPMS 7.1 release demonstrates exactly how far these products have come in terms of creating deployable business processes rather than diagrams of lines and boxes that serve no purpose other than to gather dust on some forgotten shelf. High marks for innovation, functionality and SOA enablement [within] this product, released in October 2007, propelled webMethods to the top of the service design and modeling category... 'The amount of functionality that can be leveraged in this product is truly impressive,' wrote one judge. 'They've pulled together a powerful set of tools that you once upon a time had to buy piecemeal. The result is a product that truly blends BPM and SOA rather than places them next to each other for marketing purposes.'"

The webMethods ESB, v.7.1 is a comprehensive, standards-based enterprise service bus (ESB) enabling integration and interoperability of applications, services, processes and partners via a single platform. It builds upon enterprise-class technology to deliver proven performance, scalability, security and support for key industry standards.

As the editors of SearchSOA.com wrote, “webMethods abstracts protocols from service invocation to allow the loose coupling essential to service orientation. A GUI allows for the automatic creation of service consumer and provider contracts. The company’s legacy means that multiples transport and security protocols are supported as well as it having more than 100 adapters to packaged and mainframe applications. Yet, inside the runtime container, those adapters function like any other standard Web service. The product leverages multi-threading for scalability and contains load balancing mechanisms as part of its clustering architecture. The clustering feature also uses a shared repository to hold webMethods state information for use in load balancing and automatic fail-over.”

The awards were presented by the editors of TechTarget’s Application Development Media Group. Judging each submission were the SearchSOA.com editorial staff, in conjunction with a team of users, industry experts, analysts, and consultants. Evaluation criteria had a real-world focus and included innovation, performance, ease of integration into existing environments, ease of use and manageability, functionality, value and how well they enable service orientation. Based on these evaluations, nine “Products of the Year” were selected from among the enterprise SOA-related products introduced, upgraded, and shipped between December 1, 2006, and November 30, 2007.

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Software AG’s 4,000 global customers achieve measurable business results by modernizing and automating their IT systems and rapidly building new systems to meet growing business demands. The company’s industry-leading product portfolio includes best-in-class solutions for managing data, enabling service oriented architecture, and improving business processes. By combining proven technology with industry expertise and best practices, our customers improve and differentiate their businesses - faster.

Software AG has more than 38 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 (IFRS, unaudited).

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