



Thomson Financial to Share Tips on Successful SOA Deployments at March 6 SOA Forum Roundtable

Interactive online session will focus on forming the SOA Center of Excellence, enforcing policies through automated governance

CAMBRIDGE, MA - February 27, 2008 - The SOA Forum, the world's largest SOA organization for IT executives, announced today that Thomson Financial Chief Architect Ian Koenig will speak at the organization's next webinar, scheduled for March 6, 2008 at 2pm Eastern. The latest in a series of ongoing educational webinars organized by the SOA Forum, this event is intended to foster good knowledge sharing among the Forum's 1,600 members, to help increase the odds for successful SOA deployments.

During the live, one-hour session, Koenig will share how Thomson's IT group undertook a bold effort to re-architect the company's flagship product, Thomson ONE Web, using the principals of Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) – believing that SOA would help improve agility of both the IT group and the company overall.

He will describe:

How and why Thomson formed its SOA Center of Excellence, and the role that group played in the deployment;

What lessons he and his team learned along the way; and

How elements such as automated governance helped accelerate Thomson's SOA deployment, and helped Thomson achieve rapid ROI on the project.

"SOA can reap tremendous benefits for an organization, but like most complex IT projects, success does not come easy," said Koenig. "At Thomson, we put tremendous effort into ensuring that we achieved what we wanted to with SOA. I look forward to sharing what we learned with my peers in the SOA Forum, and to learning from their experiences, during this interactive event."

This event is open to SOA Forum members only.

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