



WebLayers Introduces Groundbreaking SOA Policy Management Solution for IBM SOA Foundation Latest Version of WebLayers' Industry Leading Solution to Automate SOA Governance

CAMBRIDGE, MA and ORLANDO, FL - May 22, 2007 – WebLayers, the market leader for automated SOA governance, today announced at the IBM Impact Conference the release of WebLayers Center 4.0 for the IBM SOA Foundation. Building upon WebLayers' market-leading solution for SOA Policy Management, this new release significantly reduces the cost and risk associated with manual governance.

WebLayers Center 4.0 automates SOA governance with the industry's only independent, cross- platform policy management solution. Based on the largest collection of pre-built policies, WebLayers' architecturally superior solution speeds governance implementation and enforcement from design-time to run-time.

"In order for SOA initiatives to succeed, you must have a strong SOA governance strategy. Every SOA deployment requires a system that provides policy management," said L. Frank Kenney, research director at Gartner, Inc. "The majority of enterprise customers are taking a best-of-breed approach to SOA governance and the policy management solution must be interoperable with all of the multi-vendor infrastructure that supports the SOA lifecycle."

"Regardless of where an enterprise falls in their SOA maturity and adoption level, a strong policy management strategy is an essential element for success," said Gregg Bjork, CEO of WebLayers. "Through our close partnerships with all major SOA platform vendors, we enable customers to leverage all of their existing investments in infrastructure products such as registries/repositories, development and deployment systems, and runtime management platforms."

The release of WebLayers Center 4.0 expands the governance capabilities for WebSphere Service Registry and Repository and introduces additional policy enforcement Governors for the IBM SOA Foundation including WebSphere Integration Developer, WebSphere Process Server, and IBM's newly announced Rational Asset Manager which helps customers gain greater business intelligence on development-time software assets improving overall software delivery ROI.

"IBM has forged a strong partnership with WebLayers to enable policy management that spans across the IBM family of products," said Scott Hebner, Vice President of Rational Marketing & Strategy with IBM, "With today's announcement WebLayers continues to expand its comprehensive support across the IBM SOA Foundation. Our partnership will help customers not only better govern the business process of software delivery but will also speed time-to- value in their projects while lowering costs."

WebLayers Center 4.0 is the only solution in the market that addresses policy management needs across the entire organization.

For Business Executives:

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- Understand how your SOA initiatives are meeting key business goals including: improving time to market; reducing cost of ownership; reducing corporate risk; and improving user performance
- Ensure that all applications and underlying services conform to policy before they are put into production



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For IT Executives:

- Overcome the organizational and cultural barriers to implementing SOA governance by providing a collaborative solution
- Understand how your SOA initiatives are meeting key IT goals including: reuse and interoperability; improved security; performance
- Assess the quality of work from internal or outsourced teams
- Ensure that SOA is done right from day one
- Maximize your existing infrastructure investments including registry/repository, runtime management and development platforms.

For Enterprise Architecture:

- Rapid implementation utilizing the largest collection of pre-built governance policies based on industry best practices and standards
- Discover, define and manage all enterprise policies
- Define policies once and automatically enforce at any point in the software development or service lifecycle
- Governance Dashboards provide complete transparency and visibility across the entire enterprise and is an essential element in building a governance Center of Excellence
- Federation enables policies to be defined for multiple domains (corporate, divisional, departmental) providing both centralized control and distributed autonomy

For IT Project Teams:

- Hard data on the quality of a particular project, asset or individual
- Improved team productivity and reduced rework cycles
- Scoped exception handling to keep projects on time and on budget
- Work can be checked incrementally throughout the project lifecycle delivering guidance when and where you need it most

About WebLayers

WebLayers is the market leader for automated SOA governance. WebLayers Center™, the company's flagship product, is a policy management solution that automates what has traditionally been a manual, labor intensive process of enforcing governance policies. In use today at many of the world's largest companies and government agencies, WebLayers Center is the only solution to ensure compliance throughout the lifecycle which provides the necessary visibility and guidance to govern effectively.

WebLayers is also the founder and coordinator of The SOA Forum, an industry roundtable of executives who are mandated with the challenging mission of driving a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) within their organizations. The SOA Forum is celebrating over three years of successful and interactive collaboration between its members. Today the Forum includes over 1,300 members representing more than 400 organizations.

A private company founded in 2002, WebLayers is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For more information please visit www.weblayers.com.