
United Planet explains why SOA is good for business - White Paper highlights benefits of taking a modular ap- proach to IT

London, 26 January 2010. United Planet (www.unitedplanet.com), one of the leading developers of enterprise portal software in Europe, suggests that businesses looking to reduce IT administration costs and optimise everyday work processes should consider taking a service-oriented architecture (SOA) approach to their IT infrastructure.

In a free white paper United Planet explains how companies can increase the flexibility of their business processes by breaking up the IT environment into loosely connected software components, which communicate via web services: existing modules can easily be adapted to new market conditions or replaced by new software components; whole processes and workflows can be reused by other applications. This way SOA can help to optimise business processes, increase software compatibility, reduce integration and maintenance costs, and improve the stability of the IT system as a whole.

With its sector-independent portal software, Intrexx, United Planet has embraced this approach and taken it a step further. Intrexx not only enables companies to create web applications, intranets and whole enterprise portals without any programming effort, it also facilitates the integration, composition and orchestration of web services. Its proven capabilities in this area were highlighted in 2008 when Intrexx was recognised by 'Initiative Mittelstand', the German initiative for SMBs, with the innovation prize in the 'SOA' category.

Axel Wessendorf, managing director at United Planet, said: "What distinguishes Intrexx from other solutions is the ability to integrate standalone solutions seamlessly with each other. This ensures that existing investments can be protected. Data from systems such as SAP or Lotus Notes can be easily incorporated into the Intrexx Portal for example. With Intrexx acting as a SOA middleware, we are confident that many organisations will be able to build modular systems whose elements are extremely flexible, increasing their ability to adapt to changing business needs."

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The United Planet white paper on SOA can be downloaded for free at www.unitedplanet.com/en/soa-whitepaper.

About United Planet

United Planet is one of the leading developers of Enterprise Portal software in Europe. Its Java based, standard software Intrexx enables companies to create Enterprise Portals, Intranets and Web Applications cost effectively, without the need for programming by using 'drag and drop' technology and pre-created solutions for quality management, document management and process management to optimise internal workflow. Intrexx runs on Windows as well as on Linux and Sun Solaris, and incorporates several Business Adapters to ensure that third-party data from Lotus Notes and other ERP solutions can be easily integrated in the Intrexx Portal. A special Business Adapter for MS Office also makes it possible to integrate and edit Microsoft Office Documents without the need for Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS). United Planet is headquartered in Freiburg, Germany and also has offices in Windsor. The company is supported by over 100 Business Partners worldwide.

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