

## Wiki technology has come to company intranets!

*The term Web 2.0 is exciting imaginations of people thinking about the internet everywhere. As of mid-November, United Planet is making an element of “Web 2.0” available to company intranets as well, with the Wiki element.*

The new release of the Intrexx Xtreme portal development platform will make it possible to operate a knowledge database in an unstructured form. This will allow employees, similarly to the popular Wikipedia website, to collect their own ideas and experiences, then comment and supplement each other's work. In addition to the wiki function, the new release offers advances in the areas of application and data integration: this allows system care to be more effectively designed, the integration of data from SAP systems to be made easier, and user administration to be refined.

A wiki is a collection of pages that can not only be read by users, rather, the pages can be changed online as well. In this, wikis resemble content management systems, whereby individual pages and articles of a wiki are connected to one another by cross-references (links). The name comes from “wikiwiki”, the Hawaiian word for “quick”. With the ability to change individual pages by anyone, an original and previously thought unattainable idea of the World Wide Web has been realized: Individual persons will be networked with one another and, in this way, can generate an enormous pool of knowledge together as a community. This can now be used by businesses with the help of the new release of Intrexx.

Within Intrexx 3.1, wikis will be implemented as follows: The Wiki is an option for text fields, which can be combined with all other controls in Intrexx. This allows applications with structured data fields, like selection lists, to be combined with unstructured data models like wikis. The information can also be placed in relation to any kind of application in a portal, or controlled by the Process Manager in Intrexx. In the same way, it is possible to generate automated requests to authors of wikis, in order to (for example) make sure the article's contents are up-to-date after a spe-

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cific amount of time has passed. The combination of unstructured collections of data and defined policies and requests makes sense for businesses, as generally a large amount of users do not continually check the contents, as with Wikipedia, as well as the necessity of correctness in business information being higher.

### About United Planet

With Intrexx Xtreme, the software developer United Planet is counted among the market leaders in the segment of private mid-size companies, public administrations, and organizations in Germany. With this sector-neutral standard software, intranets, enterprise portals, and web applications can be created and run with the most modern of functions extremely quickly. Creating a portal with Intrexx Xtreme can be made to exact specifications and can be constructed from already existing components. Several thousand businesses worldwide already run their business processes via an Intrexx portal and profit thereby from immense cost savings.

United Planet is one of the few software firms that specialize exclusively on the development of portal software. In addition to development at the head office at Freiburg, Germany, a wide-reaching network of partners and consultants stand ready to develop individual solutions to optimize business processes for customers.

As one of the founding members of the market segment of complete, “out-of-the-box” and inexpensive intranets, the now internationally active company is a technological leader with its Intrexx Xtreme software. This Java-based software is delivered completely on one DVD and runs on Windows, Linux, and Sun Solaris. Intrexx portals make it possible to integrate third-party data from ERP solutions from almost any developer (SAP, Microsoft, Sage, etc.); a Business Adapter assumes control of data modeling and user management for the corresponding software.

The integration of a Process Manager into the newest version of Intrexx Xtreme software shows the central role that the portal software plays in an organization: out of the intranet of the past, the central processing hub of a business has developed. Out of the plain-looking browser interface with static contents, a living interface for all kinds of business applications and processes has sprung up. Quality, knowledge, and process management, as well as data administration, is just some of the many solutions ready today.

Intrexx and United Planet have received more than 15 awards and innovation prizes internationally.

For more information, visit [www.intrexx.com](http://www.intrexx.com).

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