



INTALIO LEADS XML INITIATIVE FOR BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT

The Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI.org) will standardize management of mission-critical business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners.

BURLINGAME, CA - August 07, 2000 - Intalio, the Business Process Management Company, with Aventail, Black Pearl, Blaze Software, Bowstreet, Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, Computer Sciences Corporation, Cyclone Commerce, DataChannel, Entricom, Ontology.Org, S1 Corporation, Versata, VerticalNet, Verve, and XMLFund announced today that they will form a group to define standards for the management of mission-critical business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners. The XML-based standards generated from the initiative will support and complement existing business-to-business collaboration protocols such as RosettaNet, BizTalk, and ebXML, as well as technology integration standards including J2EE and SOAP.

"We are thrilled by the overwhelming response the industry has given to the Business Process Management Initiative", said Ismael Ghalimi, CEO for Intalio. "BPMI.org will help the Global 2000 further embrace the opportunities offered by e-Business. By delivering a standard language for the modeling of business processes that will be deployed on forthcoming Business Process Management Systems, BPMI.org will bring the industry a step closer to the process-managed enterprise."

The first deliverable of the Business Process Management Initiative will be the specification of the Business Process Modeling Language (BPML). BPML is an XML Schema that provides a standard way to model mission-critical business processes. XML (eXtensible Markup Language) is the new Internet standard for marking up data to facilitate exchanges of information between businesses, independently of applications and platforms.

By covering many dimensions of business process modeling that are specific to processes deployed internally to the enterprise, including business rules, security roles, distributed transactions, compensating transactions, and exception handling, BPML will bridge the gap between legacy IT infrastructures and emerging business-to-business collaboration protocols such as RosettaNet, BizTalk, and ebXML.

The Business Process Modeling Language will enable the enterprise to model, deploy, and manage business processes such as order management, customer care, demand planning, product development, and strategic sourcing. This will allow the IT infrastructure to provide greater adaptability to the business of the enterprise and easier manageability of constantly evolving business processes, eventually leading to higher levels of profitability.

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