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Latest News...

“Oracle Announces the WebCenter Suite”

Oracle recently unveiled its' WebCenter Suite 10g R3 solution at Open World in October. This revolutionary software will be the default user environment for the next generation of Oracle Applications. Essentially this new solution enables the user in his or her environment to access content, search for information, collaborate and communicate with other users like never before. The software embraces the concepts of SOA and the end users need to receive information based in context. Meaning, to provide applications that include the right context of data particular for each user that enriches their productivity and efficiencies. This is combined with service- based technology in a Web 2.0 environment.

The WebCenter Suite weaves Web 2.0 technology such as wiki, RSS and services into the fabric of the user's environment. It supports the deployment of standards-based portlets (JSR 168, WSRP) and traditional JPDK based portlets. It also can leverage existing portlets without changes. Content can be contributed through Rich Text portlets which allow the user to add HTML and images directly to the JSF page. Content can also be added with Web Clipping portlets that allow the users to clip parts of websites. And, WebCenter uses OmniPortlets where the user can select from any number of data sources such as Excel and XML files.

TechStone works with Oracle to deliver this solution to the public in providing a more productive and collaborative working environment. To learn more contact sales@techstonellc.com

“Siebel Business Analytics and Oracle”

Oracle's Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition includes Siebel's Business Analytics engine currently used by more than 6,000 Microsoft employees. This solution provides business intelligence across the enterprise emphasizing collaboration and knowledge sharing. Much like WebCenter, this will be the product moving forward that will replace Oracle Discoverer and be part of the next generation of Oracle Applications. As companies deal with the frustrations of consolidation, the Enterprise Edition enables consolidation at the financial data layer rather than in implementing an ERP system. Business Intelligence is not a segregated framework but rather its embedded into operations including transactions.

This solution replaces legacy BI tools that have been inefficient and costly. Oracle's pre-built applications provide pre-defined mapping for ETL, datamarts and dashboards. Business logic and rules automate the implementation process including guided analytics and pre-defined KPI's. Perhaps the biggest news is that the product integrates with SAP and SQL! Siebel's Business Analytics was built hot-pluggable and has been a common solution for SAP and Microsoft clients for years. This is all part of Oracle's 'Open' message and they're delivering.

TechStone provides a program to implement this solution and if you'd like to learn more you can contact sales@techstonellc.com

“Open World: Amazing”

This years Open World was the largest technology conference ever to be held. More than 42,000 Oracle brethren flocked to beautiful San Francisco this year. The weather, logistics, networking, sessions, demos, amenities and overall experience were out of this world. Oracle provided more than 1200 sessions that spanned multiple conference facilities and the closed down entire city streets just for this event. The week ended in a party at the famous Cow Palace that included a concert from Elton John. For those who missed this year, do not miss next year.