

# TechStone Chronicles

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### **Latest News...**

#### **“The Ability to Upgrade webMethods Software”**

webMethods is a leading Middleware software company that provides service based technology to integrate systems, manages business processes and monitors business activity across the enterprise. TechStone is currently helping webMethods clients in Texas to upgrade to the latest versions of 6.5 and 7.x. These new versions are enabling clients like never before to take advantage of the latest in BPM (Business Process Management) solutions based in web services technologies.

webMethods v6.5 leveraged the innovation history of EAI and B2B integration and wrapped that into a robust business process management suite. Version 7 builds on the accomplishments of 6.5 and delivers real-time automation and business process visibility across systems, departments, customers and suppliers. webMethods Fabric 7 provides monitor and measurement capabilities that allows customers to identify areas of improvement in processes on a real-time basis. Process changes can be made on the fly without having to making underlying adjustments to the IT infrastructure. Functionality also includes; process modeling and orchestration, workflow and document management, real-time dashboards and robust system integration.

TechStone works with webMethods to deliver these upgrade solutions to the Texas client base. To learn more contact [sales@techstonellc.com](mailto:sales@techstonellc.com)

#### **“How to Develop a SOA Strategy and Solution”**

The first service-oriented architecture for many people in the past was with the use DCOM or Object Request Brokers (ORBs) based on the CORBA specification. The term "Web Services" can be confusing. It is, unfortunately, often used in many different ways. Compounding this confusion is the term "services" that has a different meaning than the term "Web Services." The term *Web Services* refers to the technologies that allow for making connections. *Services* are what you connect together using Web Services. A service is the endpoint of a connection. Also, a service has some type of underlying computer system that supports the connection offered. The combination of services - internal and external to an organization - makes up a *service-oriented architecture*.

All revolutionary technology has a growing curve for adoption and analysts are saying that companies are now coming down the home stretch in developing and implementing SOA solutions across their enterprises. TechStone helps companies build SOA Best Practices as well as applying SOA principles to specific projects. This includes conducting Proof of Concepts and designing architecture frameworks that allow for scalability and reusability which of course are the staples of SOA.

TechStone provides strategies and solutions that emphasize SOA-based integration. For more information you can contact [sales@techstonellc.com](mailto:sales@techstonellc.com)

## “Upgrading PeopleSoft Clients Across Texas”

PeopleSoft clients in Texas are increasingly going through the planning and migration to an upgrade whether it be v8.9 or 9.0. There are numerous clients who are upgrading their HR systems from 8.3 and their Financials from 8.0 or 8.4. TechStone is helping these clients with the strategic decision as to which version would be best for their particular environment and the tactical execution of an upgrade. Companies today generally consider the following items for an upgrade; functional, technical, operational and support. TechStone enables clients to understand these main topics fully before and during a PeopleSoft 8.9 upgrade. From a functional standpoint, the customer must understand the latest features of the 8.9 release, the differences between 8.9 and their current versions and how these can be applied to their current business processes.

PeopleSoft v9.0 delivers a great use of web services. Business flow orchestration provides the definition and coordination of cross-application business processes. This new release is the first to include the integration or Oracle Fusion Middleware. Productivity and performance enhancements are also prevalent in v9.0. This includes a 360 degree customer view and the ability to reduce operating costs and increase usability across the organization.

TechStone provides strategies and solutions to upgrade PeopleSoft systems. For more information you can contact [sales@techstonellc.com](mailto:sales@techstonellc.com)