

OPENTRADE RELEASE ORBITA VERSION 6.2 TO ENHANCE PERFORMANCE AND FUNCTIONALITY

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- * Increased range of guaranteed message delivery options
- * Integration with legacy systems via CORBA notification service and MQ Gateway
- * 'Persistent Queries' for ODBC databases
- * Real-time messaging gateway to OpenTrade trading solutions

OpenTrade Technologies announce new release of Orbita software that significantly enhances both performance and functionality of Europe's leading real-time EAI messaging system.

According to OpenTrade's chief executive, Joel Jervis, 'Performance of Orbita has been significantly enhanced with Version 6.2. We have measured in excess of 15,000 messages per second per node passing through our test rigs and indications are that this performance is only limited by the network bandwidth available'.

'From a functionality standpoint one of the most important of Orbita's new features is the range of guaranteed, or assured, message delivery options. We recognised that our clients want to be able to select the most appropriate combination of speed and reliability for the messages or systems in question. Therefore, with Orbita users can select from 5 pre-defined levels of assured delivery that include: Send; Send and Tell; Store and Forward; Assured Delivery (which is written to disc) and Durable Assured Delivery (where the message is stored on disc at an intermediate server).' All of these options are, of course, in addition to the software fault tolerance that Orbita already supplies.'

Much of the development effort for OrbitaV6.2 was in the area of adding industry standards compliant application programming interfaces and gateways to Orbita's existing portfolio of standards-based interfaces. This release supports the Object Management Group's CORBA Notification Service API, the industry standard database interface standard ODBC and extends its support for the X/Open DTP XA standard for secure transaction handling.

Jervis continued 'It was important that Orbita supported these interfaces because it enables just about any application developed for the generic business community in the last 15 years to be able to publish information about any aspect or change in state of the business, in real time, to just about any other application, system or user in the business. This approach, I call it 'publish and be damned', ensures that business decisions can be based on data that accurately reflects the status of the business at any given point in time.'

'For our existing clients the most important component of Orbita 6.2 is the release of backwards compatibility for our OpenTrade MDDS solution applications. Now with the minimum of effort and with maximum flexibility, existing OpenTrade Platform customers can migrate to Orbita. They will be able to

take advantage of all of Orbita's advanced functionality alongside all of the capabilities that they use today in an OpenTrade MDDS solution.'

Editors Notes:

OpenTrade Technologies is the independent software house that invented real time business messaging in the 1980s. With offices in London, Frankfurt and Milan, OpenTrade has been supplying solutions based on this technology across Europe for 17 years.

OpenTrade provides the key component of a number of mission critical solutions for the financial services industry - its technology is used daily by institutions such as the Swiss National Bank, Banca Intesa and the Helsinki Stock Exchanges to make split-second judgements.

Now, real time business messaging is in demand outside finance and banking in a wide range of industries. OpenTrade's high-performance business messaging system, Orbita, is being deployed as an essential component in applications from vehicle scheduling to public share dealing over the Web.

Technically, Orbita enables the reliable, efficient distribution of real time information from a data source or publisher to any number of subscribers. Built to transport and deliver tens of thousands of messages per second per node, Orbita provides a unique high performance publish/subscribe messaging architecture that supports high-speed message transport, and enables massive system and application scalability. The publish/subscribe mechanism allows information about business events to be published efficiently and very rapidly across private and public networks for B2B and B2C communications over any IP network.

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