

WRQ VERASTREAM COMPLETES MICROSOFT BIZTALK SERVER ADAPTER VALIDATION AND .NET CONNECTED LOGO PROGRAMS

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Underscores WRQ's Commitment to Strengthen Microsoft's Integration Capabilities and Web Services Framework

London, March 26, 2003 — WRQ, Inc. today announced that it has completed the Microsoft BizTalk Server Adapter Validation and .NET Connected Logo Programs. Backed by 22 years of expertise, WRQ® provides customers worldwide with a single host integration platform that reuses underlying host functionality in new applications, creating a foundation for future initiatives.

Using WRQ Verastream®, customers can extract host logic and data as reusable services that can be manipulated within the BizTalk environment. Without Verastream, developers often must recode the host interface before integrating this invaluable business logic into new Microsoft-based applications. Now Verastream is extending the BizTalk environment to integrate functionality from a broad range of host types, including IBM OS/390, IBM AS/400, UNIX, HP e3000 and OpenVMS.

"Many organisations are looking for ways to extend the functionality of mission-critical host systems to meet the needs of new business initiatives," said Eric Swift, group product manager for the .NET Enterprise Servers at Microsoft Corp. "WRQ Verastream integrates seamlessly with Microsoft BizTalk Server, and the combination offers our mutual customers a single solution for more easily integrating host systems, allowing organizations to create a more connected business. By creating reusable Verastream services that can be consumed by both BizTalk Server and the .NET Framework, WRQ helps developers leverage host functionality in new and innovative ways."

With WRQ's service-oriented approach to host integration, Verastream customers can create services that completely abstract host functionality from the technical and operational details of the originating systems. Encapsulated host functionality then can be fully integrated within the BizTalk framework. By using Verastream, developers can leverage existing skill sets to utilize host functionality in new applications without becoming host experts.

"From an integrator's perspective, the ability to rely on a single product to integrate nearly any host system is invaluable," said Pat Langowski, director of Microsoft solutions at Tectura. "Once host functionality is encapsulated by Verastream, the resulting service can be adapted and reused for almost any development project, including BizTalk Server and .NET-based Web services. Working with a library of Verastream services that can be exposed via application integration components or Web services standards, developers can leverage any enterprise asset in a Windows-based environment."

By completing the BizTalk Server adapter validation and .NET Connected Logo Programs, WRQ has proven its commitment to Microsoft tools and server platforms. The now seamless integration between BizTalk Server and Verastream, as demonstrated by the recent completion of testing, provides customers with a complete solution for integrating host functionality from existing mission-critical applications into a Microsoft environment.

“WRQ has consistently provided tight integration with Microsoft platforms, and today's announcement is further evidence of our commitment,” said Chris Rogers, integration business unit manager at WRQ. “Completion of this testing is the next phase in ensuring that our customers have the host integration capabilities they need for the development environment of their choice. Seamless integration with BizTalk Server guarantees that our Microsoft customers can use Verastream to rapidly integrate host functionality for new applications or new users.”

WRQ Products

Supported by quality consulting services and technical support, WRQ Reflection® and WRQ Verastream® transform IT obstacles into opportunities. Reflection solutions are designed to simplify and reduce the costs of accessing applications and data on host systems. These solutions offer important added value by allowing businesses to take advantage of new technologies for increased security, broader access and improved administration. Building on WRQ's expertise in host-intensive environments, Verastream solutions are designed to help customers integrate vital data, applications, and business logic across the enterprise. With Verastream, businesses can adapt and reuse existing data and business logic trapped in host legacy systems without altering original code.

About WRQ

For 22 years, WRQ has developed high-quality software, backed by #1 rated customer support. WRQ software extends host applications, rapidly integrating them for new applications or new users. Four out of five Fortune 500 companies rely on WRQ daily. With over six million users in 51 countries, WRQ is one of the largest privately held software companies in the U.S. To learn more about the company's Reflection and Verastream products, visit <http://www.wrq.com/products>

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