



Australian universities choose Compuware OptimalJ for software development programs

Compuware Asia-Pacific announced today that three of Australia's leading IT Universities have selected Compuware's software development environment, OptimalJ, to be included in their IT curriculum at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. Senior lecturers in IT at the University of Sydney, Charles Darwin University and the University of Western Sydney have opted to include OptimalJ in the curriculum following trials of the application and in some cases, following requests from students in their courses. Compuware's OptimalJ accelerates J2EE development by generating working applications directly from visual models. Through the power of patterns and model-driven application design, OptimalJ decreases the need for extensive coding and design skills, and delivers high productivity and consistency. Charles Darwin University will use OptimalJ for two subjects Enterprise Application Development and Program Data and Networks. Omer Mahmood, Senior Lecturer at the university said; OptimalJ, offers a great foundation for students to learn the most up-to-date techniques in Java development for the enterprise. Ron Schmid, Associate Lecturer from the University of Western Sydney will include OptimalJ in the undergraduate course following a successful trial of the application by one of his Masters students. The student recognised that the power of model-driven, pattern-based development, was a great foundation for the coursework. Dr Jonathan Gray, Senior Lecturer and Coordinator of the Graduate School of IT, University of Sydney has a Masters student who recently completed a thesis on how tools like OptimalJ are incorporated into University courses. Dr Gray is interested in using OptimalJ at Sydney University and will use the thesis to drive the inclusion of OptimalJ in their program. Each lecturer who has OptimalJ in a subject curriculum will receive ongoing support from Compuware. Access to the global resources of Compuware will directly assist research projects being undertaken by lecturers and post-graduate students. Students who graduate with a working knowledge of OptimalJ will help organisations to build enterprise applications with leading Java technologies. Being chosen by Australia's leading IT university training programs is extremely rewarding for Compuware. The OptimalJ Education Access Program (OEAP) is being very well received, and we are finding that a proportion of IT students are already familiar with our OptimalJ application development environment, and are eager for their university to incorporate this application into the course curriculum, said Jeff Findlay, Field Technical Support Manager Australia and New Zealand, Compuware Asia-Pacific. The students see our product as cutting edge technology that will give them the best practical knowledge ready for the workforce, he added. About Compuware Compuware Asia-Pacific, a leading provider of software and technology services, delivers industrial-strength solutions for the enterprise-computing environment that dramatically improve productivity, quality and performance across the application life cycle. For more information about Compuware, please visit: <http://www.compuware.com.au> About Compuware OptimalJ Compuware OptimalJ is an enterprise application development environment designed for Global 2000 organisations that are adopting J2EE standards and Model Driven Architecture (MDA), as standardised by the Object Management Group (OMG), in order to accelerate the development, integration and maintenance of applications for competitive advantage. OptimalJ uses patterns to automatically translate business models into working applications by implementing OMG's MDA in its entirety. OptimalJ enables organisations to rapidly respond to change, increase development efficiency, and dramatically decrease maintenance costs.

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