Borland Delivers Integrated Requirements Management System, an Analyst Role for Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 Team System

Borland Software Corporation, the global leader for Software Delivery Optimisation, today announced it is delivering a fully integrated requirements management system for business and technical analysts utilising Microsofts new role-based application life-cycle management suite, Visual Studio 2005 Team System. Borlands delivery of a comprehensive analyst role for Microsofts development suite enables development teams to gather, track and manage requirements directly within their Visual Studio Team System environment. This makes it easier for analysts, especially those working as part of a distributed development team, to collaborate with other roles in the application lifecycle developers, architects, project managers and testers ensuring business demands are effectively aligned with the software that is ultimately delivered.

According to the Standish Groups annual CHAOS report, only one third of software projects are considered a success, with much of the failure attributed to issues around defining and managing requirements. Without an efficient and automated way to manage requirements, analysts have been left to document requirements and change requests through individual files and spreadsheets, manually communicating and tracking that information via e-mail or in-person meetings. For many organisations these manual processes result in miscommunication around business objectives, which can lead to costly rework and projects that are late, over budget or fail to be delivered altogether. An automated requirements management solution can not only improve these statistics, but can also help organisations better manage the constant barrage of changes that occur within the application lifecycle.

The ability to effectively manage requirements from a variety of stakeholders across an organisation is an important component to the successful delivery of software systems, which is why we are pleased to be working with Borland to integrate its CaliberRM solution into our powerful new Visual Studio Team System environment, said John Montgomery, director in the .NET Developer Product Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp. Within Visual Studio Team System, the software development team, including analysts, will now have a comprehensive way to manage and track requirements, enabling organisations to feel more confident that the projects that are delivered will map to business priorities.

Borland has worked closely with Microsoft to map analysts day-to-day activities directly into Visual Studio Team Systems workflow, said Boz Elloy, senior vice president of products at Borland Software. With our solution, Visual Studio Team System analysts will be empowered with a role-centric requirements management solution that enables tighter collaboration between business stakeholders and development teams around the world, which can play a role in reducing the enormous amount of miscommunication and redundancy that can happen in the software development process.

CaliberRM for Microsoft Visual Studio Team System is designed to work within the Visual Studio Team Foundation Server infrastructure, maximising the contribution of the analyst within the development process and enabling all stakeholders to collaborate more effectively so that applications are delivered on time, within budget, at quality and to specification. This is particularly important as enterprises increasingly seek to support distributed development teams as a result of mergers, acquisitions, outsourcing or off-shoring efforts.

Analysts using CaliberRM and Microsoft development tools will be able to leverage Borlands best practices in requirements management to:

* Specify use cases, analyse and model requirements
* Estimate necessary resources against defined scenarios
* Validate requirements against different stakeholder perspectives
* Manage and trace requirements across all roles and phases in the lifecycle
* Analyse the impact of changes on project schedule, cost and quality

By integrating with the other role-based products within Visual Studio Team System, Borlands CaliberRM enables software development teams to respond rapidly to ever-changing requirements throughout the project lifecycle without jeopardising project success.

Requirements definition and management is a key component of Borlands Software Delivery Optimisation vision, helping organisations transform software development from an unpredictable and chaotic art form into a more manageable and repeatable business process. The ability to effectively and efficiently define and manage requirements throughout the lifecycle can not only improve predictability and control over the software delivery process, but can also help users more reliably predict the required investment, effort, time-to-market and associated risks of software development projects before they begin and track against those parameters during execution.

Borlands requirements gathering and management solution for Microsoft Visual Studio Team System, CaliberRM, is scheduled to be introduced early next year soon after the general availability of Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server.

In addition, Borland will also be integrating its award-winning Borland Together modeling solution with Microsoft Visual Studio Team System, providing architects with an important bridge between Microsofts own modeling solutions, including the emerging Software Factories approach, and the benefits offered through the use of Unified Modeling Language (UML). More details on this extension of Visual Studio Team System will be available in the coming months. For more information these and other Application Lifecycle Management solutions from Borland, visit www.borland.com/us/products.

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