

Independent Research Firm Names Software AG a Leader for Comprehensive Integration Solutions

Software AG receives the highest score for B2B support

Software AG has announced that it has been named a Leader in the November 2010 report by Forrester Research, Inc., The Forrester Wave[®]: Comprehensive Integration Solutions, Q4 2010, and is ranked the highest in the Current Offering category among 14 other Comprehensive Integration Solution (CIS) vendors against 137 criteria. In addition, Software AG receives a 5 out of 5 score for business-to-business (B2B) support and product strategy. Software AG's webMethods v8 and ARIS product suite v7.1 were evaluated. Software AG has been a CIS market leader in the past four Forrester Wave evaluations in this category (2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010). According to Forrester, "Software AG provides comprehensive application and process integration features... [and] offers a strong application development framework." Additionally, Software AG is among the top vendors with the best overall combination of architecture, integration server, application development, business process management (BPM), and business-to-business (B2B) support features.

According to Forrester, CIS "should be at the top of the shortlist of tools enterprises should consider to support the most complicated integration challenges they face." Based upon their research, "CIS tool usage reflects enterprises' preference to consolidate their integration infrastructure on a comprehensive set of features that comes pre-integrated from a single vendor. This simplifies integration challenges and reduces the enterprise's ongoing maintenance challenges."

"We are pleased to again be acknowledged as a leader for Comprehensive Integration Solutions," said Steve Keys, Senior Vice-President, Global Consulting Services, Asia Pacific & Japan and Managing Director, Australia/New Zealand at Software AG.

"We believe that Software AG's Leader position reflects the commitment of thousands of customers who use the webMethods Suite to integrate and automate their business processes. The capabilities of the webMethods Suite make it easy and reliable to connect business partners and make applications work together."

For more than 10 years, the webMethods Suite has focused on providing a single platform for simplifying integration challenges. The foundation of the suite is an Enterprise Service Bus for rapid application integration and SOA service creation. An integrated B2B Gateway is provided for connecting to business partners. Built on top of these capabilities is a Business Process Management System (BPMS) which models and automates business processes and workflow. Finally, the suite includes CentraSite, the market's leading registry/repository, for managing the lifecycle of services and components created using the suite.

"We are further enhancing the capabilities of our CIS platform with the addition of ARIS Business Process Analysis platform," stated Keys. "With a combination of ARIS and webMethods, we are in a unique position to help IT and business leaders work together on improving processes."

Complimentary copies of the report are available at <http://www.softwareag.com/recognition>.

Software AG's local BPM customers include Woolworths, Fonterra, Perpetual and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

About Software AG

Software AG is the global leader in Business Process Excellence. Our 40 years of innovation include the invention of the first high-performance transactional database, Adabas; the first business process analysis platform, ARIS; and the first B2B server and SOA-based integration platform, webMethods.

We are unique in offering the world's only end-to-end – and easiest to use – business process management (BPM) solutions, with the lowest Total-Cost-of-Ownership. Our industry-leading brands, ARIS, webMethods, Adabas, Natural and IDS Scheer Consulting, represent a unique portfolio for: process strategy, design, integration and control; SOA-based integration and data management; process-driven SAP implementation; and strategic process consulting and services.

Software AG had revenues of 847 million euro (IFRS, unaudited) in 2009 and has more than 6,000 employees serving 10,000 enterprise and public institution customers across 70 countries. Our comprehensive software and services solutions allow companies to continuously achieve their business results faster. The company is headquartered in Germany and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (TecDAX, ISIN DE 0003304002 / SOW).

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