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IBM Announces IDS for Apple's Mac OS

IBM Informix Dynamic Server to Deliver Support for Mac OS X

SAN FRANCISCO, CA--(Marketwire - January 16, 2008) - IBM (NYSE: IBM) today announced plans to deliver Informix Dynamic Server (IDS) support for Mac OS X Leopard. Through this collaboration, the planned IDS 11 "Cheetah 2" release will be available for Mac OS X version 10.5 Leopard. The first beta version is available now for download.

IDS 11 will provide online transaction processing (OLTP) data serving capabilities for the Mac platform -- adding to existing support of Linux, Unix and Windows. IDS 11 will offer the high performance, low operating cost, scalability and data availability that have been the hallmark of IDS and the user experience Mac customers have come to expect. IDS provides continuous availability and disaster recovery, including support for multiple secondary servers -- delivering 99.999% availability.

"The new IDS release demonstrates our commitment to meeting client and solution partner needs in industries such as education, government and media," said Arvind Krishna, vice president, IBM Data Servers. "We are bringing leading database management capabilities of IBM IDS 11 to companies that are taking advantage of the Mac OS X environment."

"Blazing-fast Intel processors and the stability and security of Mac OS X are just some of the many compelling reasons businesses are switching to the Mac," said Ron Okamoto, Apple's vice president of Worldwide Developer Relations. "We're thrilled that IBM is joining the growing number of Mac enterprise application developers by bringing its powerful enterprise-class IDS database to the Mac."

"Our higher education customers have been well served by our partnership with IBM throughout the years and they appreciate the reliability and low cost delivered by IBM Informix Dynamic Server, in combination with the Jenzabar Total Campus Management solution," Ben Bassett, VP, Software and Services, Jenzabar, Inc. "Jenzabar continues to be encouraged by the strong commitment IBM has made to IDS, as demonstrated by this extension of IDS support to the Mac platforms. IDS on Mac OS X will provide a robust database and development environment for the higher education market."

Developers can download the open beta version of IBM Informix Dynamic Server (IDS) Developer Edition from the IBM website:

www.ibm.com/informix/new.

Informix DBA Training Class – No Need to Travel

Class Dates - February 19 – 22

Informix Dynamic Server Database Administration: Managing and Optimizing
Instructor Led On-Line (Class # NRHF)

This is an IBM instructor led online course. Please do not make travel arrangements for this course. Your system should have a microphone and speakers for interfacing with the instructor and other students. After you receive confirmation that you are enrolled, you will be sent further instructions to access audio, video and remote labs. All Instructor Led On Line US courses start at 9:00 am Central time.

The regular price for the class is \$2,500, but you can obtain a discounted Education Pack from Kazer for \$2,350. To obtain more information regarding the pricing.

Course Curriculum

http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/us/en?pageType=course_description&courseCode=3X220

IBM completes acquisition of Cognos

On January 31st, IBM announced that it had completed the acquisition of Cognos that it announced in November 2007. Cognos will be a division within the Information Management brand of Software Group. There have not been significant announcements made at this point, but we expect further news and offerings from Cognos in the coming months. I've included a high level marketing description which explains the value that IBM expects to bring to existing IBM customers with this acquisition. For more information regarding the announcement please click on the link below.

How will IBM's customers benefit?

IBM has been providing business intelligence capabilities to customers for decades. The addition of Cognos technology to IBM's portfolio will further enable customers to unlock the business value of their information and meet the growing demand for more sophisticated, real-time uses of information. IBM will now be able to offer a comprehensive information infrastructure with industry leading offerings for data management, enterprise content management, process management, information integration, master data management, data warehousing, business intelligence and performance management.

Combining IBM's industry leading middleware, hardware and services with Cognos leading business intelligence and performance management technology and extensive partner network will provide customers with added value through a complete, end-to-end solution for their business intelligence and performance management needs.

Clients will immediately benefit from the combined technologies of both companies, giving them an open standards-based information infrastructure with global reach and BI expertise from which to optimize their businesses and maximize enterprise performance.

IBM Welcomes Cognos

<http://www-306.ibm.com/software/data/info/cognos/>

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