

Kazer Newsletter

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Cheetah 2 aka IDS 11.5 is in Open Beta

Visit the following site to take an early look at the next major release of IDS, due out mid 2008.

<http://www-306.ibm.com/software/data/informix/ids/open-beta.html>

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Analyst Report | IDC: IBM's Secret Weapon - Informix Dynamic Server

Informix Dynamic Server (IDS) represents a technology that's too significant to compromise or to try to blend into a more general product line. That's why IBM decided to boost investment in IDS development and promote it as a premier relational database management system (RDBMS) for high-volume transaction applications. IDS neither competes with nor represents an alternative to DB2. Rather, IDS represents an embeddable transaction-oriented RDBMS featuring valuable capabilities that distinguish it from DB2 in a significant way.

Release 11 also includes features that help support IBM's initiative regarding Web 2.0 in general and its Information On Demand (IOD) effort in particular. In short, IBM has found IDS 11 to be:

Ideally suited for demanding online transaction processing (OLTP) workloads
Highly suitable for embedding in transaction-oriented ISV applications
Capable of delivering both excellent performance and reliability and a high degree of deployment flexibility

This white paper briefly recaps the evolution of IDS as a leading RDBMS technology, how it became part of IBM's RDBMS product portfolio, and how its capabilities are leading to a renaissance of the product in the tough and competitive RDBMS market. It examines the special database technology requirements of high-volume transaction applications and shows how IDS addresses those requirements. The document discusses the capabilities that set IDS apart from the field in general and distinguish it from other IBM RDBMS offerings (including DB2). It also shows how IBM has recommitted itself to IDS in terms of technology investment as well as sales and marketing effort, and how customers are deriving benefits from the product.

I can provide a full pdf version of the white paper upon request.

IBM rebrands DB2 magazine to IBM Database Magazine

IBM recently changed the name of DB2 Magazine to IBM Database Magazine to reflect the changes in content over the last few years to include Informix, U2 and other information management topics. It is offered in print, digital and a newsletter format. In addition to articles there are forums, podcasts, wikis, a career center and more. Take a look and subscribe today.

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