

Lotusphere Showcases Messaging, Collaboration Software

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ORLANDO, FLA. — At the Lotusphere 2002 conference here this week, participating vendors showed off the latest developments in project management, data integration, messaging traffic management for Notes/Domino.

Collaboration software vendor Automation Centre took the wraps off TrackerSuite for Projects 5.1, a project management suite for the Lotus Notes/Domino platform. In addition, they unveiled TrackerSuite for IT, designed to leverage the Notes platform to automate help desk duties, project management, and purchasing.

TrackerSuite for Projects 5.1 features improved resource management capabilities, enhanced workflow tools, and XML support. The new version of TrackerSuite for IT can help boost productivity by extending the Notes/Domino platform for functions such as project management, help desk operations, Web site maintenance, and system upgrades, according to Steve Birchfield, CEO of Automation Centre.

“Enterprises have a gigantic investment made in messaging infrastructure. If all they do is messaging, they are not fully leveraging the investment,” Birchfield said. “If they can layer on top of that infrastructure a help desk or a project management [function] the incremental cost is small but the value-add makes sense.”

Meanwhile, data integration tool vendor Granite Software released ReportLogic 1.0, a Notes and Domino based reporting tool designed to present data in reports via Web browsers or Notes clients. ReportLogic allows users to merge data from multiple databases, re-categorize data, and execute run-time filtering of data, according to officials at Granite, in Milford, Mass.

Also at the show, DYS Analytics unveiled Email Control Version 4.0 for Lotus Notes and Domino. Email Control is designed to lower infrastructure costs by letting organizations better manage messaging and replication traffic. The new release includes enhanced automation of data collection and report distribution, increased scalability, and a new service level agreement wizard that helps measure objectives and compliance, according to the company in Wellesley, Mass.

Aiming to boost the availability of Lotus Notes and Domino, NEC Computers at the show announced a fault-tolerant server for Lotus environments. The NEC Express5800 server is designed to prevent interruption of service and data loss or corruption in the event of a

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hardware problem or maintenance-related downtime in e-mail, collaboration, or application development environments, said NEC officials in Sacramento, Calif.

Also on hand, Pittsburgh, Penn.-based Sherpa Software introduced Database Attender Version 1.2, a Lotus Notes database management and deployment tool designed to provide a central knowledge base for all Notes databases in an enterprise. New features include enhanced access control list management functions, data synchronization, and the ability to send database links. ♦

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