

JADE SOFTWARE CORPORATION MEDIA BRIEFING



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Latest Version Of The JADE Technology Released

Jade Software Corporation today announced the latest release of the JADE technology, which incorporates a number of significant and innovative new features. The product of over 25 years of experience, JADE technology is used in over 1900 organisations worldwide.

JADE 6.1 delivers a number of new features to customers, with key developments including: a Relational Population Service (RPS), a Linux Thin Client, Online Schema Upgrades, and Direct Web Services.

According to JADE Program Manager, Dean Cooper, "The release of JADE 6.1 incorporates some particularly innovative features to provide our growing customer and user base with increased options using a flexible, scalable and interoperable platform. The nature of the JADE technology enables the development and delivery of targeted solutions to complex business problems."

RPS provides mapping tools and automatic data replication to relational databases, the first of which is Microsoft SQL Server. RPS makes it easy for JADE systems to interoperate with SQL Server databases for reporting, Business Intelligence (BI) and data warehousing purposes. The choice of SQL Server was driven by customer demand and Microsoft provided SQL Server expertise. Major customers already working with RPS during the JADE 6.1 Beta Program include Skipton Building Society and Homeloan Management Limited.

Jade is supporting SQL Server in this first release of RPS and expect support for other relational databases to follow.

The Linux Thin Client capability enables customers to deploy rich application user interfaces on any compatible Java-capable Linux desktop. In addition to Windows, JADE 6.1 delivers a complete, end-to-end development and runtime platform for Linux. Linux growth is accelerating worldwide and Jade is one of the few software vendors to offer this option.

"It's about giving our customers platform choice and making it easy for them to take advantage of the significant opportunities that Linux presents", says Cooper.

Online Schema Upgrades is a feature targeted at Jade's larger customers with high availability requirements. JADE 6.1 improves system availability by performing large parts of application upgrades, especially those involving database reorganisations, online. This enables customers to continue running their applications throughout the online phases.

Direct Web Services continues Jade's investment in Web Services by enabling them to communicate directly over TCP/IP. This feature allows customers to improve communication performance, especially JADE-to-JADE interoperability and server-side communication, by using TCP/IP directly.

JADE 6.1 for Windows, Red Hat Linux and SUSE Linux on Intel-compatible hardware is available for free download at www.jadeworld.com/jade. Production systems for commercial use must be licensed separately. In preferred relationships, support for other IBM hardware platforms is available on request. Technical support is available through a range of support options, designed to give customers a choice in the level of technical service they require.

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ABOUT JADE SOFTWARE CORPORATION

Established in 1978, Jade Software Corporation is an information technology research and development organisation, with more than 25 years' experience supplying enterprise scale software solutions to large businesses and government organisations. The company produces; JADE - an integrated computing platform, products for the healthcare, higher education, HR and payroll, ports and shipping sectors, and also provides custom development services and systems management. A network of distributors and channel partners sells the company's products and services to companies throughout Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America.

A privately owned New Zealand company, Jade employs around 250 people throughout New Zealand, Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. The company's Managing Director is Dr Rod Carr, and Founder and President is Sir Gil Simpson.

For more information visit: www.jadeworld.com

ABOUT SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY

Founded in 1853, Skipton Building Society is the 7th largest building society in the UK with assets of £8.6-billion. Skipton is a mutual organisation that enjoys a reputation for being one of the nation's leading financial services providers. The Society runs its entire mission critical business on a JADE platform.

For more information visit: www.skipton.co.uk

ABOUT HOMELOAN MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Homeloan Management Limited is the UK's foremost provider of systems and process outsourcing solutions to the mortgage sector. Handling assets of £21.5 billion for over 30 blue chip clients, HML is currently based in Skipton, North Yorkshire and employs over 950 people in Skipton, Padiham Glasgow and Londonderry. It was formed in 1988 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Skipton Building Society.

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