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JADE 6.1 Delivers Data Replication To Microsoft SQL Server

Jade Software Corporation collaborates with Microsoft to provide a Relational Population Service (RPS) to SQL Server in the latest release of the JADE development and runtime platform.

Released this month, JADE 6.1 incorporates a number of major features, including RPS. RPS provides mapping tools and automatic data replication to relational databases for reporting, Business Intelligence (BI) and data warehousing purposes. Microsoft SQL Server is the first relational database supported by RPS, including SQL Server 2005.

Jade's RPS was developed with design and implementation advice from Microsoft. It's advice that Microsoft was happy to provide, as Sean McBreen, Director, Developer & Platform Strategy Group, explains, "Microsoft welcomes the development of Jade's Relational Population Service (RPS) capability in JADE 6.1. With this, JADE technology will build on its track-record of success in delivering large, critical, online systems and RPS to increase easy data replication between JADE and SQL Server 2005, especially for Business Intelligence (BI) and data warehousing purposes. The extract, transform and load (ETL) capabilities in SQL Server 2005, as well as new reporting services, make SQL Server 2005 and JADE 6.1 RPS highly complementary software that customers would gain significant value from."

UK-based customers, Skipton Building Society and Homeloan Management Limited (HML), took advantage of the JADE 6.1 Beta Program to gear up for RPS. As well as familiarising themselves with the mapping tools and deployment, they've been testing replication performance, with excellent results.

David Slack, Technical Project Manager, Skipton Building Society, explains. "In addition to our own core JADE systems, Skipton Building Society manages a number of large, critical, online JADE systems for other organisations. Several of these systems feed data into a large SQL Server data warehouse that is used to provide BI information to customers. RPS will make it easy for us to automatically replicate data from the online JADE systems to SQL Server in near real-time. With the high performance of RPS we're expecting significant reductions in CPU utilisation and batch processing time."

Debbie Richardson, HML IT Director, agrees. "We've used SQL Server and Microsoft's BI tools for our data warehousing needs for over four years. RPS in JADE 6.1 delivers an automated and seamless mechanism to transfer data from our core online JADE systems to SQL Server. This will provide us with a cost-effective approach to significantly improve the availability, performance, scalability and security of the first stage of our ETL process."

According to Dean Cooper, JADE Program Manager, the choice of SQL Server in JADE 6.1 was driven by customer demand. Jade expects to support other relational databases in future releases of RPS.

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.

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ABOUT MICROSOFT

Founded in 1975, Microsoft (Nasdaq "MSFT") is the worldwide leader in software, services and solutions that help people and businesses realise their full potential.

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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.

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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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