IBM WebSphere Portal

WebSphere $^{@}$ Portal Version 5.1.0.1 raises the bar on business value.

- WebSphere Portal Enable offers a single point of personalized interaction with applications, content, processes, and people for a unified user experience.
- WebSphere Portal Extend adds access to people, information and applications, as well as collaboration tools that improve communication among portal users. Also provides comprehensive search capabilities and site analysis features.

Value Proposition

IBM WebSphere Portal provides a personalized, dynamic and reliable point of interaction with processes, applications, content and people for LOB managers, C-level and IT managers who need to improve employee productivity and customer loyalty, while helping to reduce operating costs. Unlike other portal vendors, IBM's offering is a mission critical solution that allows customers to respond rapidly to changes in the marketplace and gain a competitive advantage.

WebSphere Portal for Multiplatforms V5.1.0.1 and WebSphere Portal Enable for z/OS V5.1 provide a complete portal solution that enables an organization to transform itself into an on demand business, improving its speed and flexibility in the marketplace.

Target Audience

Customer size: Enterprise customers

Typical sponsor: C-Level Executive, LOB Executive,

IT Manager

Customer Pains / Needs

C-Level Executives

- Measurably increase your ROI
- Generate reports to help you make smarter decisions
- Consolidate views of your financial/operational metrics
- Improve employee productivity and IT infrastructure using existing resources

LOB Executives

- Efficient access to key information
- Faster execution with fewer project delays
- Respond faster to customers and increase loyalty
- Enhance employee collaboration on projects
- Improve customer and employee retention

IT Manager

- Deploy composite applications that support rolesbased workflows spanning disparate applications
- Create multiple virtual portal sites with a single portal instance, saving infrastructure and administration costs

- Ensure that secure, focused information is delivered to the appropriate internal teams
- Effectively manage the growth of your site and content
- Monitor and maintain the structural integrity of your site
- Analyze trends among site visitors that might affect capacity planning
- Publish content to Web sites, create Web content faster, and manage Web content more effectively
- Provide users with access to e-mail/messaging
- Allow employees to instant message
- Provide shared workspaces to enable project collaboration

Questions to ask to identify a project

- Would you like to optimize productivity and improve business processes?
- Would you be interested in providing a company portal to improve employee productivity and partner and customer loyalty?
- Couldn't improved collaboration and communication with customers and partners result in stronger relationships and greater retention?
- Could improved access to information and improved communication among employees decrease your time to market for new products and offerings?

Benefits

- Transform into an on demand business to help improve speed and flexibility in the marketplace
- Quickly build scalable portals to help simplify and improve the user's experience with personalized content, business processes and applications
- Deploy composite applications that support orchestrated workflows spanning disparate applications
- Create multiple virtual portal sites with a single portal instance, saving infrastructure and administration costs
- Create and manage content for your portal site with integrated IBM Workplace Web Content Management
- Add collaborative components and Web analytics, coupled with additional tools to search, share, organize and create transactions, information, business processes and applications with other portal users
- Extend the value of WebSphere Portal to new platforms such as i5/OS, z/OS and WAS V6.0 (new in V5.1.0.1)

Platforms

WebSphere Portal offerings are supported on the following platforms: pSeriesTM with AIX or Linux, iSeriesTM with i5/OS or Linux, IBM-compatible PC with Windows 2000 Server/Windows 2000 Advanced Server/Windows 2003 Standard/Windows 2003 Enterprise, HP/UX (Itanium not supported), Sun Solaris and zSeries with z/OS or Linux.

Pricing

For current pricing information, go to the IBM Software on-line catalog at: http://ibm.com/software/info/ecatalog/

For Portal Enable for z/OS visit the ShopzSeries site at: http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/ShopzSeries/ShopzSeries.isp

Product	PPA Level A in US\$
WebSphere Portal Enable	\$89,186
WebSphere Portal Enable for z/OS	Value Unit Pricing, VUE007
WebSphere Portal Extend	\$143,689

Competitive Landscape

- IBM has the most complete Portal offering in the market
- WebSphere Portal provides the most flexibility/choice
- IBM Portal offerings are built on open standards Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) and Web services.
- WebSphere Portal is accepted by customers, Business Partners and Analysts as a preferred Portal
- 2003, 2004 & 2005 Gartner Magic Quadrants: IBM a leader with WebSphere Portal - Horizontal Portal
- eWeek: Excellence Award for Portals and Knowledge Management (April 2004)
- JAVAPro: Best Java Enterprise Portal Technology (November 2004)

Additional Information

- External Site for Customers: http://ibm.com/websphere/portal
- Sales & marketing information kits for BPs: http://partnerinfo.software.ibm.com/smi13.nsf/docs-us/ibmwebsphereportalformultiplatformsversion5.1overview
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- External 'Why Upgrade?' page: http://ibm.com/websphere/portal/whyupgrade