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Progress Software Launches Sonic 8.0 Enterprise Service Bus (ESB)

New version of industry-leading ESB supports event-driven integration for delivery of operational responsiveness

BEDFORD, Mass., Apr 12, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- [Progress Software Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading independent enterprise software provider that enables companies to be operationally responsive, today announced the availability of the newest release of the Progress(R) Sonic(R) Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) 8.0, which combines the benefits of open standards with the feature-rich tooling native to the [Progress Sonic](#) products. The new release leverages open development standards, further improves its patented continuous availability architecture, and better supports lightweight deployments in addition to multi-site, high-transaction environments.

A major highlight of the Sonic ESB 8.0 product release is its support for a RESTful (Representation State Transfer) architectural approach to integration. RESTful Web Services simplify integration with portals, mash-ups, mobile devices, and any web-based application and have become an important architectural direction for many companies supporting lightweight deployments.

Tom Maguire, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, EMC, said: "The Progress Sonic ESB product is an integral part of our messaging infrastructure, and we welcome the improvements the Progress team has made with the Sonic 8.0 release. Support for open standards and the addition of RESTful Web Services brings with it a new level of code portability and time-to-business for our development teams. The Sonic 8.0 release is ideal for the types of large-scale deployments we are rolling out and will be a core part of our infrastructure moving forward."

In addition to RESTful Web Services, Sonic 8.0 has an increased focus on open, standards-based programming models including enhanced performance and simplified development for traditional Web Services and the promotion of Plain Old Java Objects (POJOs) as the default programming model. Sonic ESB 8.0 also leverages open technologies to support lightweight integration patterns with broker-less deployments. This open development model not only enables customers to avoid vendor lock-in, but gives them access to a wide development pool, minimizing the requirement for training, and improving developer productivity.

The patented Continuous Availability Architecture within the Sonic ESB platform is enhanced in the Sonic 8.0 release and delivers *zero-downtime* upgrades and patches to highly-distributed, environments from a centralized location. This last-mile enhancement delivers the industry's highest level of fault tolerance and continuous availability, eliminating the need for planned downtime in even the most complex distributed environments - crucial in 24/7 scenarios. The ability to install and manage distributed, live environments from a centralized location reduces costs, shortens the time in test/QA phase, and reduces the chances of location-based discrepancies. This is the industry's only true, 100 percent uptime messaging infrastructure.

Hub Vandervoort, chief technology officer (enterprise infrastructure), Progress Software, said: "The Sonic 8.0 products give users a 'best of both worlds' scenario, offering the benefits of open source development along with the rich tooling that has enabled Sonic to become a market leader. The availability of the Sonic 8.0 release advances the state-of-the-art in SOA and enterprise integration by combining the power and flexibility of an open model with the unmatched multi-site operations management and deployment capabilities. This is all backed, as always, by Progress' industry-leading Continuous Availability Architecture, making it the most effective and reliable messaging infrastructure available."

Many of the world's most demanding enterprises and government organizations rely on the Sonic ESB product as the backbone of their enterprise integration or SOA implementation, including: American Red Cross; AutoTrader; Bank of America; BAA Heathrow; City of Washington, D.C.; The Gillette Company; ProFlowers; Rotech Healthcare; Telecom Italia; and Tarrant County, TX. Recently, British Airways (BA) announced its use of the Progress portfolio, including the Sonic ESB product, as a key part of its travel program to upgrade its IT systems. This will extend to the end of 2014 and will revolutionize travel by integrating over 600 different electronic systems and processes involved in getting BA passengers in the air.

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