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DataDirect Technologies to Host XML Workshops in Toronto and Washington, D.C.

Interactive Event will Address Complex Data Integration Scenarios; Experts to Write, Test and Deploy Real XML and XQuery-Based Solutions Live

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 8, 2009-- DataDirect Technologies, the unparalleled leader in data connectivity and mainframe integration and an operating company of Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), today announced the schedule and agenda for its popular XML Workshop series. The free, hands-on workshops in Toronto and Washington, D.C. will explore innovative data integration approaches that leverage the inherent power and flexibility of XML and XQuery.

For software developers and IT departments that struggle with processing customer data formats from relational databases, EDI feeds, XML documents and Web services, the XML Workshops will offer practical guidance on how to interact with a variety of data sources to process business-critical data. Specifically, the workshops will address:

  ⌐ Creating applications that deal with different versions and formats of EDI messages
  ⌐ Transforming EDI messages or XML documents into user-defined formats
  ⌐ Augmenting information in incoming EDI or XML messages with data available in relational databases or Web services
  ⌐ Exposing message cleansing operations as data services
  ⌐ Outputting data messages in industry standard EDI formats

Unlike other professional development workshops that deliver a lecture followed by audience question and answer time, DataDirect Technologies' XML Workshops are designed to be highly interactive and engaging. Experts from DataDirect's XML group will write, test and deploy these techniques live, in front of the audience, stopping to answer questions as they arise.

"The XML Workshops offer attendees practical advice on pressing and relevant issues of the day," said Ivan Predruzzi, XML products program manager at DataDirect Technologies and lead presenter at the XML Workshops. "All of the content is based on the real-world challenges that we hear from our customers every day. Past attendees have found these events tremendously valuable and we're pleased to once again bring the XML Workshops to the software development community."

Event Details

The first XML Workshop will take place, Thursday, June 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Lunch will be provided. The second XML Workshop will take place at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto on Thursday, June 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served. To register for either event, visit http://www.xquery.com/events/xml-workshop09.html.

In addition to the XML Workshop taking place June 18th in Washington, D.C., Ivan Predruzzi will present a preview of the XML Workshop agenda at the District of Columbia XML Users Group meeting the evening of June 17. For details visit http://www.eccnet.com/xmlug/June2009.

The DataDirect® Data Integration Suite provides substantial benefits for automated clearinghouses, third-party administrators, document management service providers and other types of administrative services outsourcing companies that cater to transaction-intensive industries. Software developers and IT architects working in the healthcare, financial services and insurance industries are certain to walk away with actionable advice that can be put into practice immediately.

About DataDirect Technologies

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