



New Version of GT Software's Ivory Service Architect Brings Together High-Performance Batch Applications and SOA

**Large Organizations Preserve the Power of Batch, Enabling High-
Performance Integration with Web Services**

ATLANTA, April 16, 2007 – GT Software, Inc. [www.gtsoftware.com], a leading provider of rapid SOA development solutions, today announced Ivory Service Architect version 3.3, which enables batch systems to leverage CICS, IMS, and Web services. Ivory Service Architect is an integrated toolset that uniquely enables corporations to rapidly assemble Web services from mainframe assets, as well as enabling mainframe applications to easily consume externally defined Web services.

Ivory Service Architect consists of Ivory Studio, a graphical modeling environment; Ivory Server, a high performance SOAP processor with runtime service orchestration; and the new Ivory Server for Batch. Ivory Service Architect 3.3 also adds comprehensive support of XML standards, the ability to import and leverage XSD schemas, and expanded support for IMS.

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, a leading health plan company serving the Mid-Atlantic region, is leveraging the new Ivory Server for Batch with the batch side of their claims processing system. Clay House, enterprise architect for CareFirst, says, "Our mainframe applications remain a key client and server within our SOA architecture. As we create services, we must be able to leverage those across both the on-line and batch environments or we start to compromise the SOA roadmap. Since it is not feasible to eliminate or fully restructure the batch programs, we must be able to consume services from those programs meeting very high service level agreements for performance and reliability. The new Ivory Server for Batch is helping us to meet this requirement."

With Ivory Service Architect, developers can quickly and easily assemble and publish Web services, developing right-sized composite services from existing mainframe assets with little or



no training or consulting. The solution then provides a high-performance runtime engine for executing the deployed services within CICS, zOS, or Windows-based environments. Services can be composed using of any combination of CICS, IMS, mainframe data, as well as external Web services.

“People don’t tend to consider batch applications when they are thinking about Web services and SOA,” according to Gartner analyst Dale Vecchio. “Batch processing remains mission-critical for insurance, healthcare and financial services organizations, so enabling batch applications to easily integrate with external Web services without sacrificing performance is a capability that is going to be required in order to conduct day-to-day business.”

“In order to meet customer’s rigorous performance requirements in integrating batch applications with Web services, GT Software focused on making the Ivory Server for Batch extremely efficient without giving up functionality,” said Rob Morris, GT Software vice president of marketing and strategy. “The full power of Ivory can now be leveraged by batch systems with very low overhead and incredible throughput. Without this capability, organizations risk compromising their ‘batch window’ which is the fixed amount of time each day that batch systems process critical transactions. We look forward to empowering organizations to experience the business value of SOA without disrupting their critical operations.”

Morris said the additional enhancements underscore Ivory Service Architect 3.3 unique advantage over other SOA design solutions:

- comprehensive support of XML enables the incorporation of WSDL definitions created in almost any tool, application, or environment further enhancing Ivory’s capability for supporting proven top-down SOA design methodologies;
- the ability to import and leverage XSD schemas enables developers to leverage centrally defined XML schemas to comply with corporate and industry standards such as ACORD, IFX, and HR-XML; and,
- expanded support for IMS increases the breadth of IMS applications by adding support for conversational IMS applications.

Ivory Version 3.3 is available immediately. Pricing starts at \$25,000.



About GT Software

GT Software (www.gtsoftware.com) is a leading provider of rapid SOA development solutions that leverage mainframe resources, making the mainframe an active participant in SOA initiatives. GT Software's products enable a company's mainframe developers to quickly and easily model, automate, and extend mainframe processes for deployment as key components of an enterprise SOA solution. With more than 2,000 installations worldwide, GT Software provides high-quality, innovative and cost-effective solutions for many Fortune 1000 companies. Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, GT Software is a privately held company represented in the US, Canada, Asia, Europe, Australia, Africa and South America.

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