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New Book Details Service Component Architecture
Next-generation Application Development Technology Explained by
Two Original Members of Standard-setting Committee

Waltham, MA, July 21, 2009 – Co-authors Jim Marino, Ph.D. of Metaform Systems and Active Endpoints’ Michael Rowley, Ph.D., describe everything technical professionals and decision-makers need to know about the Service Component Architecture, a next-generation technology for building business applications, in their new book Understanding SCA (Service Component Architecture), just published by Addison-Wesley Professional.

Today, developers who want to create composite applications – applications built from reusable parts – have to overcome serious technological challenges. Whether developers use Java™ or Microsoft® .NET™, they are faced with a bewildering array of application development piece parts they must learn and combine in order to create new applications. This complexity and a desire to promote reuse of existing services led a group of leading application development companies to develop the original SCA specifications. Since 2007, the SCA standards process has been managed by OASIS, a not-for-profit standards-setting body. Both Rowley and Marino have been part of the SCA specification since its first days, making them ideal subject-matter experts for this book.

“In Understanding SCA, we set out to do more than just describe the technology in purely technical terms,” said Rowley, CTO, Active Endpoints. “Instead, we have tried hard to make SCA concepts accessible to working developers, many of whom are not computer scientists. We hope to do for SCA what Kernigan and Ritchie did for C in the late 1970s: produce a comprehensible and definitive description of what SCA can achieve in the development of modern business applications.”

SCA has broad industry support, with a roster of 24 sponsors and contributors to the specification. Within OASIS there are seven technical committees working on various aspects of the technology, making SCA one of the most broadly supported and vigorous standards efforts in the software industry. Active Endpoints is an active sponsor of the OASIS standards efforts.

“SCA offers engineers the most viable way to reduce complexity and develop service-based applications more effectively,” said Marino, principal, Metaform Systems and the architect of Fabric3. “Our new book is ideal for technologists to not only learn the concepts behind SCA, but also to gain a deeper understanding of how SCA relates to other enterprise technologies and how to best use it in practice.”

For a free sample chapter, please visit the publisher page for Understanding SCA (Service Component Architecture): http://informit.com/title/9780321515087. Readers can receive a
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