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IBM is putting together a strategy to provide its DataInterchange product with the capabilities it is believed that customers will need in the future for EDI Mapping, Translating, Batch File handling and integrating with Enterprise applications.

In order to better determine what the value of the strategy is to existing customers IBM intends to run some focus group sessions at the 2002 DataInterchange and WebSphere Data Interchange Users Group Conference.

If you are interested in taking part and influencing the future of the product, please take a few moments to answer the questions below so that your participation in the sessions can be considered. Once completed, please fax the questionnaire to: 813 356 4504, for the attention of Anthony Lewitt.

### About You

#### 1) Name

(Write in your response below)

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#### 2) Phone Number

(Write in your response below)

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#### 3) Address

(Write in your response below)

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#### 4) Email

(Write in your response below)

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#### 5) What is your job title in your company?

(Write in your response below)

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#### 6) What tasks do you carry out?

(Choose only one)

- Administration of EDI systems
- Development of Integrated EDI solutions
- Mapping of EDI standards
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7) Please indicate which development platform(s) you currently use

(Choose only one)

- zOS (390)
- Windows NT
- AIX
- Sun Solaris
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 8) Which production platform(s) do you currently use (e.g. Z-series)

(Write in your response below)

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**9) Do you have plans to introduce other Production Platform(s) (e.g. UNIX, Windows)?**

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

**Data Interchange**

**10) How long have you been using DataInterchange?**

(Choose only one)

- More than 5 years
- 3-5 years
- 1-3 years
- Less than 1 year
- Never used it

**11) How familiar are you with WebSphere Data Interchange(WDI, announced April 2002)**

(Choose only one)

- Very familiar
- Quite familiar
- So-so
- Not very familiar
- Unfamiliar
- Don't know

**12) Are you**

(Choose only one)

- Using WDI already
- Preparing to use WDI
- Considering use of WDI in my Enterprise
- Reading up about WDI
- Completely in the dark about WDI

**13) If you already use DI or WDI, which client interface do you use?**

(Choose only one)

- 3.1 GUI Client
- 4.1 GUI Client
- Mainframe interface
- Don't know
- Don't use
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Integration Products**

**14) Do you use any other integration products?**

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

**15) How familiar are you with WebSphere MQ (formerly MQSeries) messaging?**

(Choose only one)

- Very familiar
- Quite familiar
- So-so
- Not very familiar
- Unfamiliar
- Don't know

**16) Are you**

(Choose only one)

- Using WebSphere MQ already

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- Considering use of WebSphere MQ
- Reading up about WebSphere MQ
- Completely in the dark about WebSphere MQ

### EDI

#### 17) Do you use XML?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 18) Do you convert EDI standards to XML format?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 19) Do you use other EDI translator products?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 20) Do you have a B2B gateway in your enterprise for EDI (e.g. EDI over Internet)?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 21) Are you involved with processing these gateway protocols?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 22) Are you familiar with translation of these gateway protocols?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 23) How do you connect to your Business Partners?

(Choose only one)

- EDI over Internet
- EDI over VAN
- Direct FTP
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 24) Does your enterprise have an EAI strategy?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 25) Does your enterprise have a B2B strategy?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

#### 26) If you use WMQI Broker, how many of these tasks do you do (check all that apply)?

(Choose all that apply)

- Install
- Configure
- Administer

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- Mapping and Implementation
- Developer (using MRM)

### 27) Do you define message flow rules?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

### 28) If you use the MRM configurer, how easy do you find it to use?

(Choose only one)

- Very easy
- Quite easy
- So-so
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult
- Don't use
- Don't know

### 29) Do you have any experience using a competitor's product?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

### 30) Which competitor product have you experienced?

(Choose all that apply)

- Mercator
- Geis
- Harbinger
- Peregrine
- Sterling Commerce
- Gentran
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## Message Brokers

### 31) Do you know what a message broker is (e.g. WMQI, SeeBeyond, WebMethods)?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

### 32) Do you have a message broker in your Enterprise ?

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

### 33) How familiar are you with your enterprise message broker

(Choose only one)

- Very familiar
- Quite familiar
- So-so
- Not very familiar
- Unfamiliar
- Don't know

### 34) Do you....

(Choose all that apply)

- Manage the message broker?
- Install the message broker?
- Connect to the message broker?

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- Configure the message broker?
- Administer the message broker?
- Use WMQI (was MQSeries Integrator)?

**35) If you don't carry out *any* of the tasks in the previous question, do you know who in your Enterprise to approach if such tasks needed to be performed ?**

(Choose only one)

- Yes
- No

Upon review of the surveys, if IBM confirms your participation in this focus group, we will E-Mail you session information and a Participant Agreement Form that you must sign to participate in the session.

If you would like IBM to contact you by phone, what would be a good time to reach you?

DAY\_\_\_\_\_or DATE\_\_\_\_\_ and TIME\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for answering these questions, and we look forward to seeing you at the 2002 DataInterchange and WebSphere Data Interchange User Group Meeting in October ( [ibm.com/websphere/datainterchange](http://ibm.com/websphere/datainterchange) )