

# IBM WebSphere Partner Agreement Manager Version 2 Release 1



IBM WebSphere® Partner Agreement Manager Version 2.1 is a comprehensive, packaged application for business-to-business (B2B) integration. It enables an organization to automate its interactions with business partners to increase revenue, reduce cycle time and cut costs. It is the business-to-business gateway for IBM WebSphere Business

Integrator V2.1, IBM's complete business integration and process management middleware offering.

Partner Agreement Manager enables users to continue interacting with existing business systems while data is exchanged transparently over the Internet, or other open networks, with business partners around the

world. It allows the management of every aspect of standards-based, business-to-business processes from their creation and integration with existing systems to the handling of communications, administration, partner relationships, security, audit, analysis and reporting. With advanced tools, including a change control system, business analysts can quickly observe on-going and completed processes, and easily update process definitions and partner configurations.

## **Industry-standard protocols**

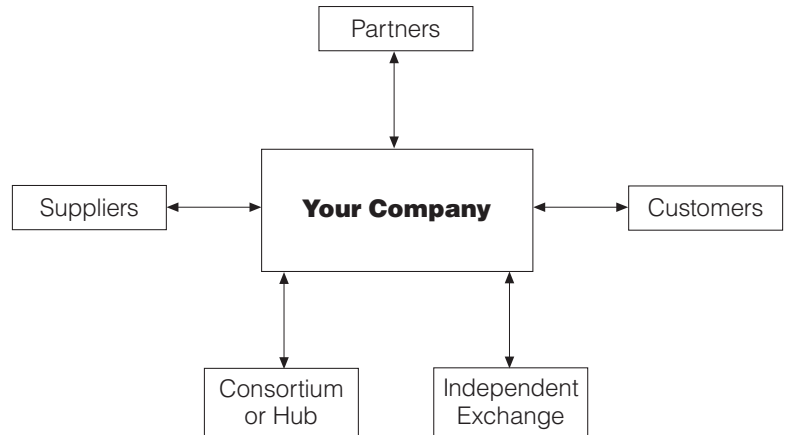
Using open, standard methods, Partner Agreement Manager enables e-market exchanges and individual organizations to communicate with buyers and suppliers through industry-standard protocols such as XML and RosettaNet, and to integrate these protocols with their internal operations. For trading partners without B2B processing, Partner Agreement Manager provides a browser-based interface. As a result, working together with the Internet, Partner Agreement Manager can be used to improve customer service, process bids and orders automatically, keep customers fully informed, and automatically request goods and services from all types of business partner.

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## Highlights

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- *Designed for B2B integration – unlike many products originally designed for EAI and then adapted for the B2B market – so enabling companies to:*
  - *improve customer service*
  - *process bids and orders automatically*
  - *keep customers up to date regarding new offerings*
  - *request goods and services automatically*
  - *extend existing applications to interact with business partners*
- *Offers a comprehensive B2B platform for a variety of partner integration scenarios and data exchange methods in a single scalable solution*
- *Delivers process-oriented solutions that define how multiple companies collaborate using a shared process*
- *Provides comprehensive built-in features for communications, security, configuration and process traceability – and ensures easy integration with a range of partners using a variety of data exchange methods*
- *Possesses strong integration capabilities with existing IT infrastructure, leveraging the WebSphere and MQSeries family of products*
- *Offers a business-critical framework for guaranteed message delivery, maximum reliability and scalability*
- *Provides the B2B gateway for WebSphere Business Integrator V2.1.*



With its unique separation of public and private processes, Partner Agreement Manager allows organizations to manage the business process boundary between internal and external participants so that electronic messages can be received from customers, appropriate internal business processes can be initiated and customers updated electronically. For building business solutions, it complements other products in the WebSphere Business Integrator family, including WebSphere Application Server, MQSeries®, MQSeries Integrator and MQSeries Workflow.

### **Scalable, flexible and reliable**

Partner Agreement Manager provides a comprehensive solution that is scalable, flexible and reliable and can be deployed rapidly. Unlike most business-to-business solutions, Partner Agreement Manager is built with hub-and-spoke architecture in mind to handle future expansion, and provides checkpoint and restart capabilities to deal with system failures.

Additional application Integration Adapters, Process Paks and Partner Channels are available through IBM's reseller agreement with Peregrine Systems Inc (Extricity Inc). (Please refer to IBM product numbers 5620-FCA, Extricity B2B Integration Adapters; 5620-FCB, Extricity B2B Partner Channels; 5620-FCC, Extricity B2B Process Paks).

### **Program name**

The formal name of this product is IBM WebSphere Partner Agreement Manager Version 2 Release 1: program number 5724-A85. It is provided on CD-ROM.

### **Hardware requirements**

- *IBM or compatible PC with Pentium™ III processor at 600 MHz, or faster*
- *512 MB memory*
- *A storage device with a minimum of 2 GB free space.*

### **Software requirements**

- *Microsoft® Windows NT® 4.0, or later, with Service pack 6a, or later*
- *WebSphere Application Server V3.5.3*
- *IBM DB2® V7.1.2*
- *TCP/IP or other network connectivity*
- *Internet Explorer 4 or 5 with MXVM update*
- *JVM 1.2.2*
- *IBM HTTP webserver.*

### **For further information**

Contact your IBM marketing representative or see the Partner Agreement Internet home page: **ibm.com/software/webservers/pam**

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