IBM Rational Build Forge

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What keeps me Rational?

CRM5: Automated build management using IBM Rational Build Forge



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Build and Release Challenges
- Build Forge Customers what do they see
- What Build Forge Does
- Technology Overview
- Demonstration
- What next ?





Build and Release Challenges

Current Conditions

- **Manual**, error-prone build processes
- Proprietary internally-developed systems
- Inconsistent processes across products and platforms
- Dependence on build staff to execute, troubleshoot, and provide feedback
- Inconsistency between developer environments and production systems
- Time consuming to detect and resolve problems
- Lack of traceability and compliance readiness

Business Impact

- Unpredictable product release cycles
- Costly systems to support & maintain with knowledge held by a few
- Limited repeatability or portability for new projects and platforms
- Staff burden, delays, lost productivity,
- Unforeseen errors surface later in the release cycle
- More people required to do more work
- Extensive ad hoc effort spent in audit preparation

"Software build management increasingly impacts successful software deployments, business and IT productivity and is becoming a focus for IT organizations." - IDC





Build Forge - Business Benefits



"We discovered that new customers were able to achieve results similar to long-time customers. This validates BuildForge's claims that the product can be implemented and deployed in a relatively short period of time."

-- Hurwitz & Associates



Selected Customers





What We Do

BUILD/RELEASE FRAMEWORK





Rational Case Study

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"Build Forge helped us improve our turnaround times, quality and overall process by giving us a continuous integration system that allows us to notify developers of project status"

Environment

- 47 Active
 Projects /
 Products 3
 Locations
- 8 Platforms, 124 Build Machines
- Rational Products
- Windows, All Unix Flavors

- I Release Team is bottleneck. No developer capabilities
- Serial and manual work effort
- 24 Hour "Suite" Build, 14 Hour Product Build

Solution

- Implemented Developer selfservice in 3 mos.
- "Suite" and point product builds reduced to 3 hours
- Parallel processes implemented.
- Automated packaging





Siemens Medical Case Study SIEMENS

"We were interested to adopt Agile Development, but were limited by an inflexible, non-standard build process. Each team did their own thing, and there were multiple points of failure on each project."

Environment

- 1000+ users
- **Build machines** around the world (US, EMEA, India)
- **Continuous unit** testing (Cactus and Junit)
- ClearCase, **ClearQuest**, **Test Director**

- No standards
- No global access
- **Multiple points of** failure
- Low developer productivity
- No continuous integration

- Solution
- # of build cycles increased 3X
- **Build times** reduced by 65%
- Secure developer self-service established
- \$6M savings over 3 years



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Electronic Arts Case Study

"The environment necessary for a successful build is very complex, and is different for every product. This information must be carefully maintained and consistently used."

Environment

ELECTRONIC ARTS

500 Developers – 30 CM's

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- **20 Products**
- C++, .NET, Perl, Python
- Perforce, DevTrack
- Windows, Xbox, Playstation

- No centralized release mgmt.
- Underutilized server farm
- 60,000+ graphic files built daily that take 30 minutes to 60

hours

Solution

- Build times reduced by as much as 20X. from 60 to 3 hours.
- Machine usage improving – reduced HW buys.
- Management has new intelligence with dashboards.





Rational Build Forge – Driving Customer Value

"We were able to improve from 18 builds per week to over 360 builds per week! Across 50 other projects, that will save us millions annually!" -- Adobe

Customer results: higher productivity, improved quality, faster delivery, reduced cost

- Higher productivity/Reduced cost typical payback in less than 6 months, millions saved annually.
- Increased quality of products delivered through reliable, repeatable processes and rapid error detection – as much as 70% improvement.
- Faster software delivery through more frequent, iterative development cycles. As much as 3 to 20 times faster.
- Better compliance and governance with integrated audit trails, traceability, and IT controls for each release



Functional Architecture



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Data Elements...Building Blocks...





1. RELEASE=Release 1.1

4. ...

- 2. JAVA_HOME=C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.5.0_06
- 3. PATH=C:\:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.5.0_06\bin



Operational Architecture...Putting it all together...



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