

DATAPOWER DEMONSTRATES INTEROPERABILITY OF WEB SERVICES DISTRIBUTED MANAGEMENT (WSDM) OASIS STANDARD & FURTHERS ITS "INTEGRATION FOR MANAGEMENT" STRATEGY

DataPower, IBM, HP, Hitachi and Tibco Collaborate on WSDM OASIS InterOp Showcasing Real-world Applicability, Sophisticated Standard Support & Product Maturityof Standards-Based Web Services Management

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--September 14th, 2005-- DataPower -- the original creators and leading provider of intelligent application-oriented network (AON) infrastructure -- is one of five organizations that for the first time demonstrates interoperability of the Web Services Distributed Management (WSDM) OASIS Standard. DataPower, IBM, HP, Hitachi and Tibco have collaborated to jointly showcase their WDSM support at the Enterprise Management World conference in Bethesda, Maryland today. Developed by the OASIS WSDM Technical Committee, the WSDM standard is an open interface to enable management applications to be built using Web services, for distributed resources to be controlled by numerous managers and for heterogeneous resources to be managed across and between enterprises for the first time. The specification allows products from DataPower and other large vendors to cooperate in order to deliver service virtualization, security, service-level management, fine-grained authorization and other SOA infrastructure functions.

"DataPower is the most widely deployed application-oriented networking supplier to both the Global 1000 and the government, and these leading organizations see WSDM as critically important not just for managing Web services, but for using Web services to manage all other systems within the enterprise, on demand," said Bill Tao, VP of Engineering at DataPower. "Just like SNMP did in its time, WSDM is an open interface which breaks the lock-in between the managed node and the management server for managing distributed Web service endpoints or proxies in heterogeneous SOA networks."

In 2004 a Forrester Research Forrester WaveTM recognized the power of DataPower's unique "Integration for Management" strategy, noting that DataPower's XS40 has strong integration for security and management, and the richest overall current feature set. DataPower has long supported WSDM as a member of the OASIS WSDM TC and as one of the first Web services security vendors to implement an early version of WSDM in 2003. Today's WSDM interop with IBM, HP, Hitachi and Tibco furthers DataPower's "Integration for Management" strategy by extending DataPower's rich integration with the overall enterprise infrastructure, including its deep support for on demand computing (See: DataPower Leverages Autonomic Computing Technology Extending Its XML Security Gateway Offering with Self-Managing Capabilities); its leading security certifications (See: U.S. GSA Tests and Approves DataPower's Leading XML Web Services Security Gateway for U.S. Agencies); DataPower's unmatched interoperability (See: DataPower XS40 Hardware Validated for Federated Identity and XML Web Services Security at SAML Interoperability Lab at RSA 2005); as well as DataPower's

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advanced standard support and mature product development (See: <u>DataPower's Industry Leading XML Security Gateway Pulls Further Ahead in Web Services Security & Advanced WS-* Support for the Global 1000 with 3.2 Release</u>).

Employing a weather station scenario, the WSDM OASIS InterOp demonstrates how management applications can go beyond centralized monitoring in an agent-based environment to achieve truly distributed, collaborative management in a world composed of both smart and simple resources including mobile devices, gateways, proxies, load balancers, outsourced data centers, and other globally distributed, dynamically configured systems. In the demonstration, the client depended on weather station services to send reports. By using WSDM, the manager is able to dynamically discover available weather stations, receive notification when a station was taken down for maintenance, and automatically redirect the client application to the next best weather station available, based entirely on a response time performance policy, without the client ever experiencing slowdowns or failures.

DataPower's broad product family provides essential policy control, security, service-level management, acceleration, integration and routing functions for SOAs. The XS40 XML Security Gateway is a robust, mature solution for securing XML Web Services. XS40 includes easy-to-use XML Firewall, WS-Security and access control functionality, and delivers government-grade security. The XA35 XML Accelerator, powered by XG3TM, world's fastest XML processing engine, provides XML offload for servers and networks. It can perform XML parsing, XML Schema validation, XPath routing, XSLT transformation, XML compression and other essential XML processing; wirespeed XML performance and 10X to 70X performance improvement validated in numerous independent tests. The XI50 Integration Appliance can transform binary, flat text and other non-XML messages. An innovative application-oriented networking solution for secure XML enablement, enterprise message buses, and mainframe connectivity, this new approach to integration has been shown to reduce operating costs by as much as 10x.

About DataPower

DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3TM) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit www.datapower.com