Alloy by IBM and SAP enables seamless access to SAP applications and information through IBM Lotus Notes and Domino

At a glance

In the challenging business world today, companies more than ever need to respond to the quickly changing, competitive environment in order to survive. There is no doubt that the world is interconnected and businesses must collaborate to grow and succeed.

Introducing Alloy software by IBM® and SAP

- Alloy software by IBM and SAP provides organizations the ability to help provide their business users with seamless access to people, processes, and information to help improve productivity.
- With Alloy software by IBM and SAP, employees can easily access SAP business processes and information within their Lotus Notes® application.
- Business users are able to remain in their familiar Notes® environment so there is a low learning curve, which helps speed adoption.
- Organizations can make business users more productive, improve decision making, and increase compliance with corporate policies.

Overview

Business users need seamless access to people, processes, and information to improve their productivity. With Alloy by IBM and SAP, business users can easily access SAP business processes and information within their familiar IBM Lotus® environment. The integration provided by Alloy allows business users with access to enterprise information, yet keeps them compliant with their company's policies.

Since business users remain in their familiar Notes environment, there is a low learning curve, which can help speed adoption. As a result, business users can be more productive with improved decision making, and increased compliance with corporate policies.

Alloy ensures rapid deployment without extensive customization to support key business processes yet provides extensibility to support your unique environment.

Key prerequisites

Refer to the Hardware requirements and Software requirements sections for details.
Planned availability dates

March 17, 2009: Electronic software delivery
March 27, 2009: Media and documentation

Description

Reports management

- Personalize, schedule, and access reports from SAP Business Suite applications via Lotus Notes while maintaining data security.
- Share reports with coworkers without violating security, and view reports both online and offline.

Leave management

- Approve and submit leave requests from the familiar Lotus Notes environment.
- View contextual information to make approval decisions.
- Leave requests are processed according to approval guidelines in SAP ERP.

Travel management

- Approve and submit travel requests from the familiar Lotus Notes environment.
- View contextual information to ensure cost-effective travel that fully complies with corporate policies supported by SAP ERP.

Workflow decision management

- In addition to out-of-the-box Leave and Travel Management, Alloy software allows an organization to bring decision steps in any SAP business process. For example, an organization can bring decision steps in recruitment process, hiring process, and so on. Decision steps in any SAP business process can be brought into Lotus Notes with standard configuration.

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Product positioning

Alloy provides enterprise integration between SAP data, workflows, and processes with Lotus Notes and Domino®.
Statement of direction

Alloy is a response to joint IBM and SAP customer demand for tighter integration between the collaborative capabilities of Lotus Notes and the SAP Business Suite. Alloy represents the strategic direction for enterprise integration between IBM Lotus Notes and Domino, and SAP.

For more than 30 years, IBM and SAP have collaborated to bring joint cutting-edge solutions to improve business efficiency at more than 9,000 customer sites. This partnership affirms a strong commitment to our customers.

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements
For additional information, refer to

Software requirements
Alloy will support the following SAP and Lotus Notes and IBM Lotus Domino software:

• SAP Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) 6.0 Service Pack 14 running on SAP NetWeaver 7.0 Service Pack 17 with the Enterprise Service Architecture (ESA) add-on ECC-SE 602, or later
• SAP Business Warehouse 3.5 Service Pack 23, or SAP Business Information Warehouse 7.0 Service Pack 17 (optional)
• IBM Lotus Notes 8.0.2 on Microsoft® Windows® Vista Business and Enterprise Editions, and Microsoft Windows XP Professional Edition
• IBM Lotus Domino 8.0.2 (to host Lotus Domino Alloy Add-On) on Microsoft Windows 2003 Server 32 bit, Standard and Enterprise Editions

The SAP Alloy Add-on 1.0 will require all SAP NetWeaver 7.0 Java™ stack platform constellations, Service Pack 17, or later running on SAP WEBAS 7. For example:

• IBM AIX® with SAP MaxDB
• IBM Linux® on System z® with IBM DB2® Enterprise Server
• Microsoft Windows 64-bit with Microsoft SQL Server
• Microsoft Windows 64-bit with SAP MaxDB
• IBM AIX with Oracle 9.2

Languages supported in Alloy 1.0:

• English
• German
• French
• Japanese
• Italian

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(Corrected on March 19, 2009)

Updated Software requirements section.