IBM Rational Publishing Engine V1.2.1 delivers productivity improvements with report scheduling, reduced need for scripting, and even better performance

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At a glance

Rational® Publishing Engine automates document generation from IBM® Rational solutions and third-party applications, enabling you to easily create documents for:

- Ad hoc use
- Formal and informal reviews
- Contractual obligations
- Standards compliance

With this latest release, Rational Publishing Engine

- Introduces Central Management
- Extends support for modular design and single source maintenance of design artifacts
- Simplifies the report generation process with improved usability, scalability, and performance for remote generation

Overview

Creating documents and keeping them up to date can be time consuming and error prone. Documents can even become obsolete by the time you have finished writing them. Despite this, documents are the preferred and most effective way to communicate information across disciplines, both internally and across contractual boundaries.

Rational Publishing Engine automates document generation from disparate applications to help improve efficiency and process maturity, and reduce the effort to meet internal, customer, or regulatory requirements for deliverable documentation. It automates document creation for many purposes, including ad hoc use, formal reviews, contractual obligations, and standards compliance.

Version 1.2.1 includes the following features and benefits:

- Report scheduling
- Improved usability for existing report generator capabilities emphasizing:
  - Simplification
• Consistency
• Intuitiveness across the reporting environment
• Improvements for modeling data providers
• Increased flexibility in output formats including:
  – Additional information available for report designer
  – Performance improvement

With Rational Publishing Engine you can enhance your team's productivity and achieve a much higher return on investment. You spend less time on the tedious and manual tasks of creating documents and keeping them up to date. Instead, you can focus on your primary business objectives.

**Key prerequisites**

For details, refer to the Hardware requirements and Software requirements sections.

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**Planned availability date**

October 30, 2013

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**Description**

Rational Publishing Engine is a document generation application that automatically extracts data from your disparate repositories and creates elegant multiformat documents.

**Document creation made simple**

Rational Publishing Engine is designed for ease of use. You do not have to change the way you work to enjoy the benefits of IBM Rational Publishing Engine. You have the option of generating documents directly from:

- Your preferred Rational application, including:
  – Rational Focal Point™ for Portfolio Management
  – Rational DOORS® or Rational Requirements Composer for Requirements Management
  – Rational Rhapsody®, Rational Rhapsody Design Manager, or Rational Software Architect Design Manager for Architecture Management
  – Rational Team Concert™ for Change and Configuration Management
  – Rational Quality Manager for Quality Management
- An application not from Rational that uses V1.2.1 APIs to configure and launch document specifications
- Rational Publishing Engine Launcher

Generating documents directly from the Rational Publishing Engine V1.2.1 Launcher is enhanced starting with a selection from Central Management's repository of shared designs. Prompts are then generated for runtime variables that can consist of drop-down lists of predefined static values or dynamic values based on the data source and text input values.

Features introduced with this release enable team members to schedule reports for reliable on-time production in order to meet standard development deadlines. There is now also less of a need to use scripts for much of the reporting process as this has now been built into Publishing Engine as part of the product.
Productivity and flexibility in designing high-quality, compliant documents

Extract data from a single source or from multiple sources while IBM Rational Publishing Engine ensures that you get compliant, high-quality documents in Microsoft™ Word, PDF, HTML, or XSL-FO with complete flexibility in document style. Rational Publishing Engine enables you to effectively present your extracted data with document features such as richly formatted text, images, OLEs, tables, figures and captions, hyperlinks, and tables of contents.

Rational Publishing Engine V1.2.1 includes several new editing and debugging aids that will increase productivity of report designers:

- Multi-template editing with full support of copying and pasting queries and data-related elements enhances reuse custom aspects of your designs.
- Advanced search capabilities to locate elements within a template or entries within a schema reduce navigation cycles.
- Format management between hosting templates and embedded template or snippet and property modification for multiple objects enhances format consistency with less effort.
- Error message filtering and data source preview isolate problems or unexpected results.

Scripting can now be included directly within the template and embedded from an external file sourced from a Central Management shared repository. With the sharing of complex data structures between script expressions and the ability to manipulate data in JavaScript, designs are simplified with increased control in the format of generated data.

Rational Publishing Engine continues to includes sample design artifacts with guidelines that help you get up and running quickly. Design the content and format of your documents with an easy-to-use, intuitive interface designed with user-friendly features such as drag and drop and preview.

High-performance document generation

Rational Publishing Engine is designed for speed, agility, and scalability. Capabilities such as parallel processing have enhanced document generation performance beyond that offered by Telelogic DocExpress and Rational SoDA®, ensuring that quality documents are delivered on time.

With Rational Publishing Engine V1.2.1, remote generation scalability and performance are enhanced by the following:

- Each remote generation running as a separate server process, increasing available memory
- Support for horizontal and vertical clustering
- Exploitation of 64-bit hardware

The ability to view and monitor an organization's document generation jobs is enabled through the Monitor and Control component. Automatically enabled for remote document generations, this component can also be used for local generation.

Translation information for IBM software can be found at

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/prodguid/v1r0/clarity/index.jsp

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

Disk space: Minimum 1 GB disk space

Memory: Minimum 2 GB virtual memory; minimum 1 GB physical memory

Processor: Pentium® Class: 2 GHz, or higher

Software requirements

Application servers

- Apache Tomcat V6.0.18 and future fix packs
- WebSphere® Application Server - Base V8.0 and future fix packs
- WebSphere Application Server - Express® V7.0.0.11 and future fix packs
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- Apache Tomcat V7.0 and future fix packs

Eclipse runtime: IBM Eclipse SDK - Juno 4.2.2 and future fix packs

Installation: Capilano Components (IBM Installation Manager and IBM Packaging Utility) V1.6.3.1 and future fix packs

Java™ SDK: IBM Java SDK/JRE V6.0.14 and future fix packs

Licensing: Rational License Key Server V8.1.2 and future fix packs

Web browsers:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0 and future fix packs
- Internet Explorer 9.0 and future fix packs
• Internet Explorer 10 and future fix packs
• Mozilla Firefox ESR 17.0 and future fix packs

Operating systems:

Linux™
• Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 5 Update 6 Advanced Platform x86-64
• RHEL 5 Update 5 Desktop editions x86-32
• RHEL Client 6 Update 1 x86-64
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Microsoft Windows™

• Windows XP SP3 Professional x86-32
• Windows XP SP2 Professional with FDCC x86-32
• Windows Vista SP1 Ultimate x86-64
• Windows Vista SP1 Ultimate x86-32
• Windows Vista SP1 Enterprise x86-64
• Windows Vista SP1 Enterprise x86-32
• Windows Vista SP1 Enterprise with FDCC x86-32
• Windows Vista SP1 Business x86-64
• Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise Edition x86-64
• Windows Vista SP1 Business x86-32
• Windows Server 2008 SP2 Enterprise Edition x86-64
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- IBM Rational Publishing Engine Quick Start Guide
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- IBM Rational Solutions for Enterprise Lifecycle Management for Unix and Linux Operating Systems
- IBM Rational Solutions for Enterprise Lifecycle Management for Windows, Linux and Unix Operating Systems
- IBM Tivoli® Directory Server Binary V6.2
- IBM Tivoli Directory Server V6.2, DB2® V9.1

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Authorized User

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Rational Publishing Engine V1.2.1 Multiplatform
Multilingual Media Pack

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IBM Rational Publishing Engine per Authorized User for System Z Rational Publishing Engine V1.2.1 Multiplatform Multilingual Media Pack BT0KEML
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