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Flashline

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Product Summary

Flashline CMEE provides users with a central place to define, document, manage and measure the reuse of software assets. CMEE integrates with a wide range of existing development tools, allowing users to find and use needed assets from anywhere in the enterprise without leaving their current development environment. Flashline customers use CMEE to manage process, knowledge and code-related assets such as Web Services, frameworks, patterns, use cases, architectural standards, business process rules, XML schemas, best practices, and code components for J2EE, .NET, and other development platforms.

CMEE offers the following features:

- an extensible metadata repository manager that handles most asset types, categorizations, and relationships.
- search and navigation capabilities.
- tools to support a workflow for customizing asset information and processing and approving asset submissions.
- pre-defined templates for popular asset profiles, such as J2EE components and quality assurance standards.
- compatibility with existing software development environments through integration with IDEs.
- the ability to capture and share experiences through a community infrastructure, including notification of new assets, asset ratings, reviews, and asset-specific forums.
- a customizable home page to feature and promote best practices through accomplishments of a reuse initiative.

ZapThink Take

To successfully promote software reuse, it is important to promote the consumability of the code. Flashline CMEE is an asset management tool that enables a high level of consumability of software assets by handling the human side of reusability: making sure people can find,

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understand, and access the assets available to them. CMEE's specific strength is how well it fits into the enterprise environment, with its out-of-the-box Web interface as well as its Web Services interfaces for IDEs, portals, and the like to access. As companies build SOAs, they will be able to incorporate CMEE functionality as one of the available Services, as well.

Related Research

- *Service-Oriented Architecture Tools & Best Practices Report (ZTR-WS107)*

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ZapThink's role is to help companies understand these IT products and services in the context of SOAs and the vision of Service Orientation. ZapThink provides market intelligence to IT vendors who offer XML and Web Services-based products to help them understand their competitive landscape and how to communicate their value proposition to their customers within the context of Service Orientation, and lay out their product roadmaps for the coming wave of Service Orientation. ZapThink also provides implementation intelligence to IT users who are seeking guidance and clarity into how to assemble the available products and services into a coherent roadmap to Service Orientation. Finally, ZapThink provides demand intelligence to IT vendors and service providers who must understand the needs of IT users as they follow the roadmap to Service Orientation.

ZapThink's senior analysts are widely regarded as the "go to analysts" for XML, Web Services, and SOAs by vendors, end-users, and the press. They are in great demand as speakers, and have presented at conferences and industry events around the world. They are among the most quoted industry analysts in the IT industry.

ZapThink was founded in October 2000 and is headquartered in Waltham, Massachusetts. Its customers include Global 1000 firms, public sector organizations around the world, and many emerging businesses. ZapThink Analysts have years of experience in IT as well as research and analysis. Its analysts have previously been with such firms as IDC and ChannelWave, and have sat on the working group committees for standards bodies such as RosettaNet, UDDI, CPExchange, ebXML, EIDX, and CompTIA.

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