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BMC Software reworks AppSight for mixed environments

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April 23, 2008 — A stew does not cook itself—especially when the ingredients are in separate pots. A software defect analysis software maker has stirred its .NET and Java EE solutions together into an automated testing solution for heterogeneous applications.

BMC Software is expected to announce that BMC Application Problem Resolution 7.0 will be generally available on Monday. The release unifies the company's AppSight tools for J2EE and its Windows/.NET counterpart into a single product that has workflow automation.

Ran Gishri, director of global marketing at BMC, said that approximately 40% of BMC's customers use mixed J2EE and Windows applications within their enterprise, and that the trend is growing. Customers need to trace problem transactions across both platforms, he explained.

To that end, the company updated its Testing Workflow Automation Module to support J2EE servers as well as updating the user interface to make it easier to drill down into logs and investigate issues than in the AppSight days.

Other improvements are platform-specific. APR 7.0's role-based views for Java EE applications provide more finite control over its "black box" recording technology for testers and test managers, and event logs are saved with every report. Its data saving and recording mechanisms have been improved and now work with Apache Tomcat.

APR supports the latest production versions of Microsoft platforms and technologies, including the .NET Framework 3.5, Internet Explorer 7 and Windows Vista, Gishri said. The level of data AppSight records for root cause determination has been increased through the addition of more CLR-level (Common Language Runtime) functions, he added.

An add-on is available to integrate AppSight with Visual Studio 2005 Team System. Gishri said that AppSight has an "open connector" architecture that brings third-party defect tracking systems, including HP Quality Center and IBM Rational ClearQuest, into its testing workflow by pushing its logs into trouble tickets.