

IBM WebSphere Portal for z/OS taps into System z, Web 2.0: Executive update

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New V6.1 features build upon strong base

2008 has been an exciting year for IBM WebSphere Portal. We have again received top honors from research firms [IDC](#) and [Gartner](#), which both recognized IBM as the clear market leader in Web Portals software.

WebSphere Portal remains IBM's strategic front end for SOA. It enables our clients to closely align their business objectives on standards-based platforms with role-based delivery of composite applications across and beyond their enterprise.

At the end of June we delivered a new version of [WebSphere Portal Version 6.1](#). This release significantly improves performance by tapping into the 64-bit capabilities of the IBM System z platform.

Version 6.1 also adds extensive Web 2.0 capabilities, so you can fuel social interaction through high-performing, intuitive applications with rich Web interfaces. Enhanced Web 2.0 capabilities enable more responsive, interactive, and intuitive composite business applications that leverage both Internet and corporate information sources.

In addition, new installation options, customization tools, site setup wizards, and out-of-the-box jumpstart templates all contribute to less effort, lower costs and faster time to value.

WebSphere Portal V6.1 supports IBM WebSphere Application Server Version 7.0, so you can quickly take advantage of the latest features of this industry-leading application server platform. Portal support for WebSphere Application Server V7 will be available this year for Linux on System z, and in the first quarter of 2009 for the z/OS operating system.

IBM is also focused on improving and simplifying our fix pack process for all supported platforms, including System z. Beginning with WebSphere Portal V6.1, APARs now support all Portal platforms, including z/OS. In addition, fix pack installation has been improved for z/OS and includes both cumulative-update and full-install options to help you deploy updates.

The WebSphere Portal development team is dedicated to continuing our tradition of providing innovative technology to meet your business needs. Looking forward to 2009, we are planning:

- Additional enhancements to further bring the value of Web 2.0 to the enterprise
- Operational and TCO improvements
- Further investments in our Web Content Manager technology.

These enhancements will continue to streamline your creation and personalized delivery of site content to end users.

Whether your business needs are for customer-, business partner- or employee-facing sites, the IBM WebSphere Portal team is committed to delivering industry-leading investment value to our customers on your platform of choice.

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/tivoli/features/ccr2/ccr2-2008-12/websphere-portal-zos-z-2008-doug-cox.html>