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WebSphere Portal Tour – Demo

1a(0:00) IBM WebSphere Portal increases productivity by offering a single point of personalized access to applications, content, processes, and people. In this demonstration, you will see a sample of the industry leading capabilities that make WebSphere Portal a flexible, open, and extensible framework for building an on demand infrastructure.

1b(0:24) The Common Personal Information Management portlets provide a common mail and calendar interface to users on Domino, Exchange, IMAP, or POP3 mail systems.

1c(0:36) The portlets provide a wide range of configuration options, including support for unique features of the selected mail system. Shown here, for example, is Domino's out-of-office notification.

1d(0:49) The Common PIM portlets allow businesses on varied mail systems to integrate mail with the portal, taking advantage of the portal's Rich Text Editor, inline Spell Checker, Document Conversion Services, and Document Libraries.

2a(1:10) WebSphere Portal's document libraries provide a central document repository for team collaboration. With the Common Mail portlet, users can save or load attachments from Document Libraries into their e-mail. They can also save messages to the Document Library.

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A simple, yet critical application for many companies is the employee lookup function. WebSphere Portal's People Finder provides this function and more.

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The People Finder includes portal's people awareness support. People awareness provides access to contacts from within applications, displaying a visual indicator when colleagues are online and available for interaction. Throughout the portal, wherever you see a person's name, you can view the person's online status, send e-mail, initiate a chat, or access other applications linked by people.

2d(2:10) In addition to basic contact information, People Finder provides organization views, allowing workers to quickly find other people on a team and identify management reporting chains.

2e (2:24) WebSphere Portal includes a process choreographer for building work flow based processes as services that can be integrated into a person's portal experience. When new tasks are assigned, an alert is displayed, linking the user to their My Tasks portlet, where they can view, claim, and launch tasks on dynamically created portal pages.

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Document management tools enhance productivity, reduce client storage needs, and streamline document management by providing a central repository, with methods for tracking changes. Authorized users may view, add, edit and delete documents within a user defined folder hierarchy.

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3a(3:10) WebSphere Portal Search allows users to search the current library - or other portal content and external web sites.

3b(3:21) Portal users may organize content within a document library by defining special folders called views. Views display files from the document library based on filter options and search criteria entered by the user.

3c(3:38) Pre-defined views are automatically provided for 'All Documents', 'Locked Documents' and 'Pending Drafts'.

3d(3:47) Users can send direct links to documents, libraries and views to other users in e-mails. This feature is useful for notifying team members that a document is ready for review, or that changes occurred in a folder or view.

4a(4:05) Documents produced by standard office applications, like word processors or spreadsheets, can be viewed in a browser using WebSphere Portal's Document Conversion Services. Document Conversion Services are integrated with Document Manager and the IBM Common Mail portlet. Documents stored in the document library, or received as attachments to e-mail can be viewed in the browser even if the application that created the document is not installed.

4b(4:38) WebSphere Portal's Click to Action is a powerful, time saving and error reducing function that can be used to make business applications work together on the page. In this example from the shipping department, we see how Click to Action can transfer information from the order system to several other applications.

5a(5:00) In addition to the click to action function we again see WebSphere Portal's people awareness component showing that Sales Manager Sean Keeper is online and available to collaborate.

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5b(5:14) WebSphere Portal includes a rich set of portlets for administering the portal, and for integrating your business. Additional portlets and portal solutions from IBM and IBM partners can be downloaded from the "WebSphere Portal and Lotus Workplace Catalog" on the IBM web site.

5c(5:32) There are administration portlets to install new portlets, to publish and consume remote portlets as web services, and to access content on other web sites using web clipping technology.

5d (5:48) Virtual Portal support allows businesses to deploy multiple portals from a single instance of software and server hardware, reducing the cost of deploying and managing multiple portals.

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Creating a new virtual portal for the Finance organization requires only a few simple steps. In addition to name and description, the portal administrator specifies a URL which will take users

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directly to the Finance virtual portal, keeping access to it separate from the base portal site and other virtual portals.

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Next, an administrator group for the new virtual portal is specified. In this case, the base portal administrator selects the admin group for the virtual portal from a list of existing groups. Members of this group will have administrator authority over the Finance virtual portal.

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Finally, a theme is selected for the virtual portal. This theme will dictate the look and feel of the pages and portlets on the virtual portal site.

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6a(6:54) WebSphere Portal allows users to personalize their experience based on user attributes, device and role. To serve international business, WebSphere Portal supports different languages for different locations, and has been translated into 27 languages.

6b(7:13) Based on proven IBM technologies, and built on open standards, WebSphere Portal provides a flexible, open and extensible framework to build a comprehensive integrated portal, including security, collaboration tools, personalization, application and business process integration and document management.