

Collaborative work environments

Executive brief

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IBM Lotus Notes and Lotus Domino roadmap.

Continued innovation without migration



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The IBM Lotus® software story is about innovation—in collaboration, in technology and, most important, in business. Since its first release, IBM Lotus Notes® and Lotus Domino® software has repeatedly delivered forward-looking capabilities. And it has offered new approaches to enhancing productivity, while extending the value of current investments. That story continues.

IBM is demonstrating a commitment to providing an open, collaborative work environment built on Lotus Notes and Domino software. This brief explains how the evolution of Lotus Notes and Domino software provides a powerful foundation for the type of *high performance workplace* or *smart enterprise suite* advocated by industry analysts. And it highlights how you can use next-generation Lotus Notes and Domino software to cultivate innovation in your business *without* migrating to another platform.

Seamless upgrades (some things never change)

Through a steady evolution, Lotus Notes and Domino software continues to provide cumulative business value without disruptive migration. IBM backs this claim with a sixteen-year proven history of investment protection, high return on investment and seamless upgrades. With the next major release, you won't have to adopt a new platform. You can simply continue to enhance and extend the Lotus Notes and Domino capabilities you have today.

**The bottom line:
migration-free innovation**

With Lotus Notes and Domino 8 software, you'll be able to take advantage of:

- Upgrades that enable seamless backward and forward compatibility—as delivered in every version of Lotus Notes software since the first release in 1989.
- The next-generation innovations in Lotus Notes and Domino software using the same platform you have today.



Past, present and future: IBM Lotus Notes and Lotus Domino software continues to provide leading innovations with a seamless upgrade path.

Lotus software continues as a leader in innovation, providing new capabilities that will allow your employees to collaborate in the context of their day-to-day business.

Taking team collaboration to a new level

IBM has long been recognized as a leader in collaboration, productivity, portal and knowledge solutions. Lotus software is designed to help people be more productive in the context of the business they do every day. When our competition was focused on personal productivity, Lotus software made team collaboration a reality. Today, the competition continues to watch as IBM focuses on delivering new, groundbreaking capabilities:

- *Second-generation real-time business collaboration helps users make informed decisions more quickly and work together in virtual teams, regardless of physical location.*
- *Composite applications combine interactive, reusable components from a variety of applications to deliver plug-and-play capabilities through an integrated user interface.*
- *Business portals enable a single access point for information, people and business processes.*
- *Social networking promotes group interaction among people with common interests and goals, both inside and outside the company.*
- *Activity-centric computing and collaboration in context can help improve how employees organize and access information, so they can be more efficient.*

More than e-mail: collaboration tools and the foundation for a security-rich infrastructure

Unlike some of our competitors' products, with Lotus Notes and Domino software, messaging is not one of many distinct applications and add-ons; it provides the foundation for a full set of integrated services. Lotus Notes and Domino software goes beyond e-mail, calendar and scheduling, and personal information management tools to deliver a full set of collaboration capabilities. You can access discussion databases, team rooms, document sharing with basic workflow and business-grade instant messaging, all at no additional charge.

To learn more about the Lotus Notes access for SAP solutions feature, visit:

ibm.com/lotus/notesforsap

To learn more about the bonus features included in Lotus Notes and Domino 7.0.2 software, go to:

ibm.com/lotus/nd702

Want to know more reasons to upgrade to Lotus Notes and Domino 7 software? Visit:

ibm.com/lotus/ndwhyupgrade

Lotus Notes and Domino software delivers the foundation for a flexible, reliable infrastructure:

- *Provides a proven platform for rapidly deploying collaborative business applications.*
- *Offers a choice of server and client hardware, operating system and client access, which can help you leverage existing investments and provide the opportunity for server consolidation. New operating system choices for Lotus Notes software include Linux® and Apple Macintosh software.*
- *Includes industry-leading security features, such as multilevel access control and execution controls that can help minimize the impact of viruses carried in e-mail.*
- *Can help maximize the availability of your business-critical information and minimize downtime.*

Lotus Notes software provides additional out-of-the-box value for companies that use SAP enterprise software solutions. And Web log (blog) templates, Really Simple Syndication (RSS) capabilities and other bonus features became available with Lotus Notes 7.0.2 software.

Greater innovation and interoperability

Enhanced support for open standards and Web services in Lotus Notes and Domino 7 software allows for further innovation and interoperability. So you can extend existing Lotus Domino application investments and reuse them over a much broader domain. One that can include Java™ Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE) frameworks and Microsoft® .NET environments.



Planned enhancements for Lotus Notes and Domino 8 software

- *Open framework based on Eclipse and Web 2.0*
- *New, fresh user interface*
- *Composite application support*
- *Server-based client and application provisioning*
- *Activity-based collaboration*
- *ODF editors*

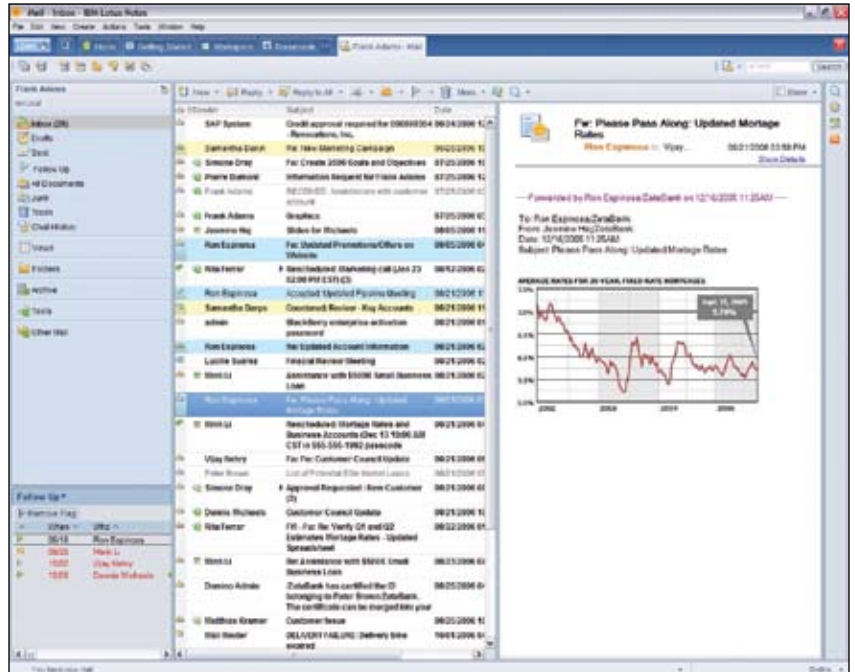
Announcing even more powerful Lotus Notes and Lotus Domino software

IBM is investing in making the next major releases of Lotus Notes and Domino software more feature- and security-rich than ever. Planned for 2007, Lotus Notes and Domino 8 software will address the evolving needs of businesses with new features and functions—and backward compatibility. Lotus Notes 8 software, previously known by the code name “Hannover,” is being designed to offer the following key capabilities:

- **Open source framework.** *To provide more options for developers by embracing Eclipse and Web 2.0 capabilities and extending the use of Java technology.*
- **Innovative user interface and enhancements to Lotus Notes core functionality.** *To help you better manage your e-mail, calendar and contacts.*
- **Reusable, prebuilt application components, available on- and offline.** *To give you the opportunity to extend your Lotus Notes and Domino investments by integrating your applications with other open-standards-based systems. With the client framework provided in Lotus Notes and Domino 8 software, you will be able to develop and deploy composite applications—in some cases without writing code.*
- **Activity-centric computing.** *To enable users to bring together all the information that supports a particular business activity, and to navigate, manage and share that information as a single entity.*
- **Productivity editors.** *To create and manage word-processing documents, spreadsheets and presentations. This suite of tools—included at no additional charge—will be compatible with Microsoft Office software and will support the OASIS OpenDocument Format (ODF), an international standard for saving and sharing editable documents.*

To learn more about what is planned for Lotus Notes and Domino 8 software, refer to:

ibm.com/lotus/nd8



View messages vertically or horizontally, with Lotus Notes 8 software's innovative, new user interface.*

Lotus Domino 8 server software will feature greater platform flexibility and choice. Some important enhancements planned for its core messaging and collaboration capabilities include:

- Server-based provisioning and policy management of Lotus Notes software and Eclipse applications.
- Mail recall.
- Server support for extending the model of a business portal to the Lotus Notes client.
- Continued advancements in administration tools.
- General availability of the option to use IBM DB2® software as a data store.



Get ready to enrich and extend your world-class collaboration infrastructure

Embrace the future of innovation by staying current with your IBM Lotus Notes and Lotus Domino software. By continuing to upgrade to new releases of Lotus Notes and Domino software, you can strategically position your business with a host of flexible options for integration to foster both business and technology innovation.

For more information

To learn more about Lotus Notes and Domino software, please visit:

ibm.com/lotus/notesanddomino

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