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PROLIFICS TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT FOR IBM'S WEBSHERE WEB APPLICATION SOFTWARE PLATFORM

NEW YORK – May 16, 2000 – Prolifics (a JYACC company) announced today a rapid application development environment for IBM's WebSphere Web Application Software Platform. The new software product, named Panther for IBM WebSphere builds on Prolifics' successful Panther product suite, which simplifies the creation of n-tier, component-based applications.

"IBM offered us the benefits of a relationship, bringing insight and market leadership that will allow us to help customers take advantage of the WebSphere infrastructure," said Prolifics' CEO Richard Westle. "In addition to offering rapid EJB-building, we can now offer a simplified migration path to move our customers away from older, proprietary client/server and 3-tier technologies, to WebSphere's open, standards-based architecture."

Prolifics is working on the development efforts with marketing support from IBM. Targeted to companies needing to build business components to operate in WebSphere's Enterprise JavaBeans-based infrastructure, Panther for IBM WebSphere provides rapid server-side EJB building in a visual development framework. Panther for IBM WebSphere is a full lifecycle development product, allowing users to model business components in Rational's UML-based Rose, to create industry-standard Enterprise JavaBean components and then deploy those components in IBM's WebSphere Web Application Software Platform.

"To be competitive in today's e-business arena, companies need an integrated e-business solution – including application server, database and commerce software – to meet the sophisticated demands of today's e-business customers," said Paraic Sweeney, vice president, Business Transformation, IBM Software Group. "We're pleased that Prolifics has extended the Panther environment to help their customers build sophisticated Web solutions that maximize their e-business investment."

Prolifics demonstrated Panther for IBM WebSphere at IBM's premier e-business event, WebSphere 2000, March 27-29, in Miami. There, attendees had the opportunity to view a demo illustrating the benefits of using Panther's straightforward approach to EJB component building.

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About Panther for IBM WebSphere

Technology Abstraction shields developers from the technical details of EJB component building. Rapid Server-side EJB Building -- an intuitive process for building the most complex part of sophisticated, n-tier applications. Rational Rose OO-integration -- industry-leading modeling tool integration automatically generates EJB components, their interfaces and method templates. 4th Generation Repository Technology -- supports inheritance across components, greatly reducing maintenance costs. Panther for IBM WebSphere will be available for purchase May 15, 2000. Prices have not yet been announced. For additional information on the product and the relationship with IBM, visit <http://www.prolifics.com/websphere>.

About IBM WebSphere

IBM WebSphere's customizable family of products provides the industry's most scalable e-business software foundation and application services, and delivers a flexible and open platform on which to build next-generation e-business applications. Based on WebSphere Application Server, the WebSphere family supports business applications from simple Web publishing through enterprise-scale transaction processing. Through modular, integrated application services, such as Lotus Domino for rich collaboration capabilities and WebSphere Commerce Suite for high-performance, scalable commerce sites, the WebSphere family transforms the way businesses manage customer, partner and employee relationships. Tightly integrated business and web content development tools and web site management capabilities deliver the most advanced and productive end-to-end application development, deployment and integration for sophisticated e-business solutions. Information about the complete WebSphere product line is on the Web at www.software.ibm.com/websphere

About Prolifics

Prolifics® provides a component-based development environment for many of the world's largest companies. Prolifics' products and services allow customers to jump-start their most complex software development projects, shortening time to market and increasing portability. Founded in 1978, Prolifics has over twenty years experience in making clients successful through its consulting services and JAM, Prolifics and Panther software products. With U.S.-based headquarters located in New York City and in cities across the U.S. and Europe, Prolifics provides the power of component-based development for companies around the globe. For more information on Prolifics, visit the company's web site at <http://www.prolifics.com>.

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