

# Xtivia WebSphere Portal Proof-of-Concept Service Offering



Xtivia's IBM WebSphere Portal Proof-of-Concept (POC) solution provides you with a prototype to enable you to validate the appropriateness of the WebSphere Portal Platform or your intended Architecture and Usage plans. A Portal Proof-of-Concept project is typically initiated after the completion of a Portal Assessment or as an extension to the Assessment.

This solution is aimed at customers who require greater assurance that their Portal project will have a successful outcome, resulting in the minimization of risk, higher productivity, lower costs and greater customer satisfaction. Xtivia will highlight areas where success can be accelerated and guide you through potential pitfalls, so that, at the end of the project, you will have a Prototype Portal that validates your WebSphere Portal assumptions and expectations.

This service offering is currently based on IBM WebSphere Portal Server v5.1.0.x.

## Is this solution right for you?

This offering is appropriate for you if you:

- Want to reduce risk and prove that the technology, integration, and functionality of the solution will perform to your specifications.
- Want to validate some of the assumptions of the solution while not committing to a complete implementation.
- Need to ensure funding or management buy-in by providing a POC to sell the concepts, functionality, vision and/or cost reductions associated with a completed project.

The key difference between this solution and the Portal Pilot offering is that the Pilot provides you with a production deployment for a limited user base while a POC is used to produce a throwaway prototype.

## Benefits

The Portal POC solution brings several benefits including:

- Validation of the appropriateness of the WebSphere Portal platform and key business concepts driving your portal initiative
- Mitigation of risk for your Portal implementation by using a development partner who has the business knowledge, technical expertise, and demonstrated ability to lead successful implementations
- User requirements that are fine-tuned prior to deployment
- A solution to showcase to key sponsors
- Ability of the administrators to build the skills to support the Portal infrastructure prior to a full scale deployment
- Facilitation of skills transfer to your team from knowledgeable WebSphere Portal experts

## Offering Details

Xtivia's WebSphere Portal Proof-of-Concept solution leverages our Portal expertise and best practices to minimize your Portal implementation risk. This solution involves multiple phases with each phase being time-boxed and/or milestone-

### About Xtivia

Xtivia is a global business and technology consulting firm that provides enterprise eBusiness solutions to leading corporations. Xtivia enables clients to utilize and leverage the most appropriate web-based technologies quickly and cost-effectively by utilizing Xtivia's experience, talent, and proven methodologies.

Since 1992, Xtivia has established a proven, global reputation as a company that delivers leading edge professional solutions to our clients' specific requirements regardless of the complexity of the projects. Xtivia's success has stemmed from a proven ability to deliver quality professional services, allowing the client to leverage the Web successfully, competitively, and profitably.

Xtivia works with many U.S. blue-chip companies, international organizations and medium-sized growth-oriented companies. We have delivered numerous solutions for some of the most respected and admired corporations and organizations throughout the world.

based and supported by specific technical and project management activities. The phases include:

- **POC Kick-off.** Review the technical and business objectives of the Portal POC, the deliverables, and the POC user audience with the Project Sponsor and relevant stakeholders.
- **Portal Architecture and High Level Design.** Work with your Technology team to review and validate the proposed Portal POC architecture, the test deployment environment, and any external systems that the POC must interface with. We will perform a high level design for the functionality to be deployed/built during this POC project.
- **Portal POC Implementation.** Build the Portal POC in an incremental manner using an agile iterative development approach that involves your technology team and other key stakeholders. This approach ensures effective skills transfer to your team and also allows us to fine-tune the POC to meet your end-user expectations. A Portal POC implementation typically involves the:
  - Customization of the look and feel of WebSphere Portal to match your corporate brand
  - Deployment and configuration of portlets from the IBM Workplace Solutions Catalog
  - Configuration of the out-of-the-box portlets for your environment.

Additionally a more elaborate Portal POC implementation usually involves deployment and/or customization of some of the following capabilities of WebSphere Portal:

- Configuration of the Portal with your preferred security mechanisms including your corporate LDAP or Active Directory, and/or Single Sign-on solutions.
- Integration of your preferred Web Content Management solution with WebSphere Portal. If using the built-in content management capability of WebSphere Portal, then creation of content templates and workflows to meet your web publishing requirements.
- Configuration of the Document Management capability of WebSphere Portal.
- Configuration of collaboration portlets for either Microsoft Exchange or Lotus Domino.
- Creation and deployment of a business process to utilize the Process Portal capability of WebSphere Portal.
- Integration of relevant existing web applications into the Portal.
- Integration with your ERP/CRM systems using WebSphere Portal Application Integrator (WPAI).
- Creation of custom portlets using the IBM Portlet API or the JSR-168 portlet standard.
- Deployment of external WSRP portlets.
- Configuration of Personalization to target relevant content at specific user groups.
- Creation of Virtual Portals to support Employee, Partner, Customer and/or Division portals.

- Integration of an external search mechanism or configuration of the built-in search capability.

- **Portal POC Validation.** Demonstrate and validate the Portal POC with the relevant stakeholders and perform any necessary final fine-tuning. Deliver power user/administrator training regarding the POC functionality.
- **POC Wrap-up.** Review the deliverables of the POC and discuss next steps. Based on your need for Portal Pilot or Portal Implementation Services, we will deliver a work plan to implement the desired objectives.

During the course of this engagement, we will make recommendations on how to most effectively leverage WebSphere Portal capabilities and to avoid potential pitfalls, and offer general mentoring and expert knowledge transfer.

This highly interactive project involves significant client participation; to ensure resounding success we ask that you make key staff members available as needed.

### **Deliverables**

At the end of the Portal POC, Xtivia will provide you with:

- A functional, non-production Portal that validates your key concepts and assumptions
- Documentation that covers the creation of the POC site, project observations, and findings

Xtivia can also assist you in your IBM WebSphere Portal software purchase. If you do purchase through us, we will deliver the relevant software media and licenses.

### **Pricing**

The Portal POC solution is a fixed-price and fixed-time engagement that typically runs for 4 to 6 calendar weeks. The solution price is based on the project scope as established prior to kick-off.

### **More Portal Offerings**

Xtivia has additional Portal Service offerings that can help launch or expand your Portal Initiative. These services include:

- Portal Assessment
- Portal Pilot
- Portal Jumpstart
- Portal Implementation Services

For more information about these services and our other custom Portal solutions, and to determine the appropriate solution for your needs, please contact an Xtivia office near you.

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