

Service Oriented Architectures

The new internet-focussed software architectures now on the drawing boards of the World-Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and the major vendors are being planned around a triumvirate of standards-oriented XML-based technologies: SOAP, the Simple Object Access Protocol; WebServices; and UDDI, the Universal Description Discovery and Integration system. These new technologies are fated to become ever more important as they slowly assume the role of underpinning major initiatives such as Microsoft's .NET and grow to provide the foundation for much of what HP, IBM and the various members of the open source community are intending to provide for the next iteration of the Internet.

This session will provide an overview of the new business-to-business technologies that are being promulgated for what some cynics have called "basically a more object-oriented, somewhat buzzword-compliant upgrade to CGI" and others have more charitably called the "grown up internet."