

New Technology from Perforce Improves Integration with External Defect Tracking Systems

Plug-In for Mercury Quality Center 9.0 Included in Initial Release

ALAMEDA, Calif., January 10, 2007 -- Perforce Software today announced the introduction of the Perforce Defect Tracking Gateway (P4DTG) that integrates its Fast Software Configuration Management (SCM) System with external defect tracking solutions. The gateway comes complete and is easy to install and configure. The initial release will include a plug-in that supports an integration with Mercury Quality Center™ 9.0.

"Coordinating defect tracking with configuration management and testing systems is a key cost-saving and efficiency benefit to developers and corporations," said Melinda Ballou, program director for application life-cycle management at IDC, a research advisory firm headquartered in Framingham, Mass. "Costs increase astronomically the later in the life cycle that code problems are found and fixed (from 10x to 100x the cost of earlier detection and resolution). Establishing effective code management up-front is key, and a good match for distributed development and agile approaches."

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The two primary components comprising P4DTG are a graphical configuration editor and a replication engine.

- Graphical configuration editor: A visual configuration editor makes it easy to map fields between the defect tracking system and Perforce.
- Replication engine: The replication engine coordinates the propagation of data between Perforce and the defect tracking system. The system supports the one-way or bi-directional synchronization of data. Changelists, which are used by Perforce to describe the work done and files changed while addressing a job, can also be replicated.

"Many customers have wanted an integration with Quality Center and we're pleased to be able to provide it," said Nigel Chanter, chief operating officer of Perforce Software. "P4DTG will significantly accelerate the availability of support for new plug-ins to a variety of defect tracking systems both commercial and homegrown."

Availability & Pricing

P4DTG is included in Perforce Server version 2006.2 for Windows XP. There are no special licenses to purchase, install, or configure. Interested developers are invited to download and evaluate Perforce free from the Perforce Web site without obligation for a 45-day trial. This offer includes free technical support

during the evaluation period. A free, fully functional, two-user version is also available from the Web site. End-user licenses, including one year of support and maintenance, start at \$800 per seat; volume discounts are available. For additional price and license information, visit www.perforce.com.

About the Perforce SCM System

Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management System, is an award-winning tool that versions and manages source code and digital assets for enterprises large and small. Perforce is easy to install, learn and administer; seamlessly handles distributed development, and supports developers across a large number of operating systems. Perforce ensures development integrity by grouping multi-file updates into atomic changes, enables concurrent development, and intelligently manages multiple software releases using its Inter-File Branching system.

About Perforce Software

Founded in 1995, Perforce Software Inc. develops, markets, and supports Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management System. Perforce Software is headquartered in Alameda, Calif., and sells worldwide. The company has international operations in Europe, Japan, and India. In addition to application software companies, Perforce customers represent a broad range of industries including game development, electronics, pharmaceutical and financial services.

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