

SPARX SYSTEMS FUELS COLLABORATION

Today's software has the power to make or break businesses. To stay competitive, software design and development stakeholders need to collaborate effectively. More than 580,000 users, including more than 80 percent of Fortune 100 firms, choose Sparx Systems Enterprise Architect to support and manage highly complex projects across distributed teams.

"Development has become more collaborative and iterative, requiring faster turnaround and agility. Meanwhile, software development, architectures and systems have become more complex and sophisticated," said Geoffrey Sparks, Founder and CEO of Sparx Systems. "Enterprise Architect helps minimize these conflicting imperatives by providing a solid platform that underpins the delivery and support of new applications, services and technology."

Enterprise Architect is an advanced, enterprise-wide, visual modeling platform that manages every aspect of software planning, design, construction and delivery. It enables effective collaboration and ensures complete traceability. Businesses across industries depend on Enterprise Architect's model-driven design capabilities and powerful visualization tools to improve understanding across roles and responsibilities.

Sparx Systems is among the 2017 SD Times 100 for its continued innovation in ALM & Development Tools.

INTRODUCING PRO CLOUD SERVER

The Pro Cloud Server radically transforms the business value of modeling and design by extending model access to the entire organization. Users can review and discuss models and solutions, assign and manage resources, file bugs, create requirements and much more from a familiar, mobile friendly web-based interface. A simple URL enables global collaboration on models without the need for database drivers or other client-side access components.

"Our new Pro Cloud Server, WebEA and OSLC-based RESTful API are integrated so Enterprise Architect repositories can be hosted in the cloud or on a corporate intranet to provide optimized web-based access from browsers, mobile devices, Enterprise Architect and other network-based devices," said Sparks. "Pro Cloud Server is fast, secure and easily managed with minimal deployment overhead."

WebEA provides immediate web-based access to models so users don't have to publish or export content. They can simply connect a model to the Pro Cloud Server and share access to the content and visual models created in Enterprise Architect. With WebEA, users can easily review, discuss, manage and collaborate on models.

The OSLC RESTful API enables a heightened level of integration between Enterprise Architect and other technologies, including plug-ins or enterprise level standalone systems.

In addition to WebEA and the OSLC RESTful API, Pro Cloud Server includes a watch list feature so users can rapidly identify recent activity in a model.

Whenever a Watch List Summary is generated, all object types of interest are checked for recent activity and a count of

matched objects is displayed. All matched object counts can be clicked on to display the list of objects that match a particular activity type. That way, all stakeholders can monitor changes and stay well-informed of issues that may impact project milestones.

Pro Cloud Server also provides a Review element which is a simple, yet powerful mechanism for capturing discussions about a particular event in real time.

NORTH AMERICA GETS LOCAL SUPPORT

Sparx Services North America is a new facility providing a unique combination of integrated strategic process improvement consulting, customized classroom training, professional development products and project coaching so customers can achieve a sustainable development process.

"Our presence in North America has grown so much over the years, it's in everyone's best interest to expand our services and support offerings," said Sparks. "The new facility is located near Min-



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neapolis-St. Paul so our American, Canadian and Mexican customers have a convenient place where they can learn how to achieve the maximum value from their Enterprise Architect deployments and investments."

DRIVE VALUE FROM DISRUPTION

Sparx Systems and the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) recently released a Tools & Techniques reference model for IIBA's A Guide to the Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK Guide v3). The solution supports leading standards and frameworks of both enterprise architecture and business analysis practices so users can improve their capabilities, productivity and business performance. It is supported via the Pro Cloud Server and Model Driven Generation (MDG) Technology within Enterprise Architect.

Enterprise Architect's Tools & Techniques for BABOK Guide v3 is the product of a 2015 Memorandum of Understanding between the IIBA and Sparx Systems, both of whom aim to create greater connections and engagements across the business analysis community.

"We've combined IIBA's internationally-recognized standard for business analysis with Sparx Systems' industry-leading modeling environment for enterprise-wide digital transformation," said Sparks. "It's the first-time business analysis techniques have been actualized in this way."

The new toolset shows professionals how to implement business analysis standards for greater reliability, repeatability and improved productivity. Common benefits include effective knowledge sharing and better business outcomes.

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