

ComputerWeekly.com

Nearly Half of UK Companies Go for SOA

Author: Warwick Ashford

Posted: 10:00, 19 March 2008

Topics: Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

Nearly half of UK companies are focusing on implementing a **Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) for their IT operations, a survey has revealed.**

The SOA readiness survey of 180 UK organisations by Birmingham-based systems integrator Griffiths Waite showed that of the 47% of respondents pursuing SOA, 20% had already implemented at least one SOA project.

And of that 20%, almost half (49%) said their main reason for adopting SOA was to achieve IT flexibility and 14% said it would enable them to get the most out of their IT investments by providing industry standards for accessing functionality and resources.

Hugh Griffiths, Director of Griffiths Waite, said, "*This shows that UK companies are starting to put money behind SOA, which represents a definite shift away from technical discussions towards mainstream implementation.*"

Griffiths said another reason for the shift was an increase in the number and maturity of standards, such as the **Business Process Execution Language (BPEL)** for specifying business process behaviour for web services.

SOA adoption was also being driven by its inclusion in the products of most major software suppliers, methodologies such as the Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF), and process optimisation programmes such as Six Sigma he said.

Griffiths Waite has made its **SOA Readiness Survey** available online in partnership with IT Analyst Butler Group and Oracle.

Griffiths said that the site was aimed at helping UK companies achieve SOA by providing insights from Butler Group and enabling them to view the Oracle SOA Maturity Model.

Publication: *Computer Weekly Online*

Date: *19 March 2008*

Online: www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2008/03/19/229923/nearly-half-of-uk-companies-go-for-soa.htm