



Application Infrastructure

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The Current Analysis **Application Infrastructure** module covers technologies that provide the infrastructure necessary to build and run enterprise applications and services. Often called "middleware," these technologies include not only application runtime environments, but also integration technologies that allow applications to communicate and exchange information with back-end systems. They also include technologies that touch business users directly. The module encompasses the software, services and professional services necessary to integrate disparate systems, create cross-business and cross-technology communications, deliver rich, collaborative applications, and build software that is transparent, optimized and reusable.

The module covers three distinct yet often overlapping segments:

Middleware Software and Services: This marketplace is comprised of software offerings that connect disparate applications and systems both within and across corporate boundaries. Originating within the three-tier computing, B2B integration and enterprise application integration (EAI) markets, the concept of middleware has grown to circumscribe a cohesive, server-based but network-oriented fabric that supports application development and system integration use cases through standards-based interfaces, messaging formats and protocols that adhere to service-oriented architecture (SOA) practices.

Governance and Management: This market is concerned with controlling the behavior of IT environments, primarily those built utilizing SOA practices and technologies. Solutions strive to maintain current capabilities while creating opportunities for innovation. With these two mandates as a guidepost, governance and management solutions span a number of key preventative and proactive functions including policy enforcement, application provisioning, service validation, visualization and monitoring, auditing, regulatory compliance, change management, access control and overall metadata/artifact management.

Collaboration and Productivity: The collaboration and productivity market encompasses software and services geared toward people rather than process, shared knowledge rather than structured data. In this way, offerings discussed here focus on empowering business users and IT professionals across a wide spectrum of job descriptions. Popular application classes in this market segment include desktop- and cloud-based collaboration suites, social networking services, Web 2.0 toolsets, Web conferencing solutions, as well as point solutions such as portals, wikis, blogs and forums.

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AVAILABLE SOLUTION ASSESSMENTS

Service-Oriented Architecture

Solutions included:

- IBM WebSphere
- Microsoft BizTalk Server
- Oracle Fusion Middleware
- Red Hat JBoss
- SAP NetWeaver
- Sun Java Composite Application Platform Suite
- TIBCO ActiveMatrix

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This CurrentCOMPETE™ module includes:

- **Customizable email updates** delivered either daily or weekly to alert subscribers of the module to new analysis available in key areas of interest.
- **Actionable event reports** which provide rapid analysis of significant competitive events in the market including new product releases, M&A activity, trade show announcements and newly formed alliances.
- **Company Assessments** which provide in-depth analysis of individual companies and analysis of their competitive positioning in specific market segments.
- **Market Assessments** which provide analytical evaluations of specific market segments, including market size, projected short-term and medium-term market growth and stability, business and market drivers as well as company ratings.
- **Comparison feature** allowing module subscribers to create dynamic, side-by-side comparisons of companies' strengths and weaknesses.
- Solution-focused analysis of offerings designed to address complex customer problems are also available separately as **Solution Assessments**.



How We Deliver

Current Analysis is the preeminent source for tactical competitive intelligence and analysis. Our CurrentCOMPETE™ platform provides real-time analysis of breaking industry events, as well as intelligence reports on the markets, companies and products that are shaping the telecom, networking, and business software industries. By providing timely and comprehensive intelligence, we enable organizations to successfully counter competitive threats, and offer effective solutions to emerging challenges.

Our business model and solutions are built on the foundation of solid, quality intelligence and data, making **Current Analysis** the leader for competitive intelligence demands. We serve more than 30,000 users at over 250 enterprise clients, representing preeminent firms in the telecommunications, information technology and consumer electronics industries.

Current Analysis retains over 40 worldwide industry experts. Their frontline perspective and industry experience ensures you receive the best market information and analysis available - delivered within 48 hours of major industry events.

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