EME-BI – B2B Integration for the Book Industry

Business Integration Technology’s EME-BI Solution

Efficient book industry supply chain partnerships is what EME-BI is all about and the BIT team can help you get connected. BIT combines expert skills in full life-cycle papiNet® interface development with our deep experience in B2B integration for supply chain. Our customers trust us to build and support their systems because we consistently provide superior solutions and service. We will work with your team to leverage the benefits of open source and the accelerated implementation of a professional consulting and service delivery company. BIT removes the risk from open source solutions for integration.

BIT products and services allow book industry organizations and solutions developers to achieve interoperability with ERP, TMS, WMS and book industry networks at a fraction of the time and cost of traditional book industry interface solutions. EME-BI is also a great choice to support new supply chain and transportation management initiatives. We have successfully implemented solutions for innovative printers and publishing companies in the book industry.

BIT will work with you to determine the most cost-effective solution for your needs. From our turn-key “Getting Started” solution for small projects to custom enterprise supply chain projects, BIT has the experience and the team to get the job done.

Features

EME-BI provides the technology for exchange of papiNet messages in the book industry. EME-BI is an open source enterprise messaging engine configured for the business processes of publishers and printers. By utilizing an enterprise service bus framework and a service-oriented architecture, EME-BI can be integrated with enterprise applications and extended to meet the changing business needs of today’s book printers and publishers.

EME-BI is based on Business Integration Technology’s proven EME enterprise messaging engine to support mission-critical electronic integration with robust and scalable technology that implements best-practice enterprise architecture using widely-accepted open standards.

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EME-BI implements the papiNet XBITS framework for collaboration. papiNet has established itself as the lingua franca of book industry information exchange. EME-BI provides the framework for connecting publisher and printer enterprise systems with the required protocol adapters, message transformation tools and workflow. All 40 papiNet V2R31 messages are configured and can be schema-validated.

EME-BI uses a service-oriented architecture to connect your systems with other papiNet systems. BIT’s standards-based architecture for integration facilitates custom and legacy interfaces for a comprehensive integration solution. EME-BI supports all major operating systems, including Windows, Linux, OS/X, and mainstream UNIX.

**Benefits**

**Security** - Because EME-BI is open-source, you can rest assured that the code components have been peer-reviewed and tested by thousands of developers in the open-source community.

**Value** - EME-BI is free to use with no license or royalty fees. In addition, EME-BI includes an assortment of tested interfaces for a variety of book industry business processes free-of-charge.

**Extensibility** - EME-BI's core architecture can easily be extended to fit in your existing operations. The open framework ensures that EME-BI is always up-to-date with the latest advances in B2B and enterprise applications integration.

**Components**

EME-BI is made up of three major components:

- **EME** - BIT’s enterprise messaging system based on Spring, Mule, and other leading open-source projects with pre-built integrations for papiNet XBITS.

- **BDP** - A version of BIT’s business document processor tailored for papiNet XBITS and the book industry.

- **Protocol Proxy** - BIT’s secure communications server.

**Getting Started with EME-BI**

“Getting Started with EME-BI” is a package intended for small projects in which only one or two integrations with partners are implemented. BIT will review your requirements and provide a very cost-effective estimate for a solution. We’ll develop and test your integrations and also provide training and support for your team.

The Getting Started with EME-BI package includes:

- Project Plan
- Requirements
- Rapid Implementation
- Testing
- Expert Support
- Training and Knowledge Transfer
- Project Documentation

The Getting Started with EME-BI package can be delivered in less than four weeks and for less than $20,000 depending on your requirements.
**BIT Integration Project Services**

In addition to the consulting services bundled with the “Getting Started with EME-BI” package, BIT provides project-based consulting services with EME-BI experts to help you address a variety of strategic, architectural and implementation related tasks. Engagements are structured and scoped according to your specific needs.

Here are some of the projects that our team can support:

- Integration assessment and roadmap
- Custom integration implementation
- Outsourced integration maintenance and support
- EME-BI enterprise integration with your ERP solution(s)
- Self-contained EME-BI "appliance" solutions
- Securely hosted EME-BI solutions

Please contact the BIT team to discuss your needs.

**Proven**

EME-BI has been successfully implemented the papiNet Purchase Order, Order Confirmation, Delivery Message, Usage, Invoice, and Business Acknowledgement messages for major book publishers and book printing companies in production environments.

**About Business Integration Technology, Inc.**

Business Integration Technology, Inc. (BIT) is a leader in B2B integration technology for transportation, logistics and supply chain management. BIT designs and implements highly cost-effective business-to-business connections that eliminate the costs of doing business with paper, phone and fax, bringing innovative value to shippers, carriers, 3PLs and companies looking to improve cycle time and reduce cost.

BIT was founded by the team that built the messaging engine that runs North American Rail. BIT is also a partly-owned subsidiary of Daugherty Business Solutions, a firm with over 20 years of experience helping their clients achieve their business objectives through the effective use of leading information technology and more than 400 consultants in St. Louis, Atlanta, Minneapolis and Chicago.
EME-BI Technical Details
Integration in EME-BI is implemented with one or more components consisting of endpoints (both inbound and outbound), filters, and transformers. Multiple filters and a chain of transformers can be associated with a channel. EME-BI allows for reuse of filters and transformers across implementations.

Wide Variety of Connectors
Endpoints are used to configure connections and their protocol details. Inbound endpoints are used to designate the type of listener to use for incoming messages, such as TCP/IP or a web service. Outbound endpoints are used to designate the destination of outgoing messages, such as an application server, a JMS queue, or a database. EME-BI can be configured to listen and send papiNet messages and connect to a variety of protocols:
- TCP-IP
- HTTP/HTTPS
- Relational databases (Oracle, SQL Server, Derby, MYSQL, etc.)
- File systems (local and network shares)
- JMS message queues (WebSphere MQ, Active MQ, TIBCO, etc.)
- FTP/SFTP
- SOAP Web services
- REST Web services

BIT’s standards-based architecture for integration facilitates custom and legacy interfaces for a comprehensive integration solution. If you wish to implement your own communications server hub, BIT can configure EME-BI to work with BIT’s Protocol Proxy for secure exchange of messages.

Message Transformation
EME-BI allows for creation of transformations and mappings of papiNet data. The EME-BI XSLT transformer can perform XSL transformations on incoming or outgoing papiNet or other XML encoded messages. For a user-friendly mapping interface we recommend the use of a low-cost standards-compliant tool like oXygen, Stylus Studio, or XML Spy to create XSL that can be deployed in EME-BI’s open architecture.

System Requirements
EME-BI requires a server system with 2 GB of memory and 500 MB of storage available. The server must run a recent, stable release of Linux, Windows, or a major Unix variant. The server must be capable of supporting the Java™ 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition version 1.5. EME must be deployed behind a secure firewall without restriction on outbound connection for the chosen B2B integration protocol.

BIT requires a privileged account on the EME server and access to internal support for both the server and chosen enterprise connection. The B2B trading partner must have an existing server configured to accept your B2B connection and must provide support for testing the B2B implementation.

Open-Source
EME-BI is an open-source project that leverages many other proven open-source projects such as Spring, Mule, Derby, Jetty, ActiveMQ and xFire. There are no license fees for EME-BI or its components.