



Tideway Adds to Foundation Functionality

NEW YORK—Technology company Tideway Systems is set to release Foundation 7.2, a new version of its application dependency mapping (ADM) system that can be used to consolidate reference data, by the end of 2008, officials tell *Inside Reference Data*.

The product, first released in 2003, enables and facilitates visualization and reporting of data, providing the user with an accurate and up-to-date view of the infrastructure and how it relates to business applications within the firm.

The user has access to an end-to-end view of business applications. "We don't make changes to their infrastructure but provide a very accurate view of the changes made, how pieces of the infrastructure fit together and how each business application depends on the different databases," says London-based Kosten Metreweli, vice-president, product marketing at Tideway Systems. "The new version will give the user the ability to tweak discovery to selectively dig deeper into infrastructure components and pull back whatever additional information is important to them," says Kosten.

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The user might want to pull out a specific table structure from a database, look up ownership information when a server is found or federate data about the IT environment from several different sources, he says.

In addition, the system can facilitate the consolidation of reference data, especially in the case of database integration after mergers and acquisitions. "If I want to consolidate two databases I can understand much better what the impact is going to be on business applications that use those databases—including applications I might not have known about otherwise," he says.

The product is currently browser-based but Tideway is planning to release it as a downloadable appliance by the end of the summer. This development will be a major change as customers will now have the option to download the system and try it out, says Kosten.

Tideway Foundation 7.1 was launched in April 2008 and the company has just released version 7.1.5.

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