



**Cressida Announces Acquisition of mqseries.net; the premier WebSphere® for MQ User
Community Discussion Forum**

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Cressida Technology Ltd., a leading WebSphere® MQ solution provider, today announced that it has completed the acquisition of **www.mqseries.net** ; the popular worldwide WebSphere MQ user community forum. Mqseries.net has been in operation since April 2001 and boasts a membership base of over 14000 members worldwide who participate in the various discussion forums to share their WMQ knowledge, discuss problems and issues faced in everyday situations, post questions and answers for the benefit of the entire membership community.

The popular site is moderated by a group of user moderators with extensive knowledge of the underlying WMQ technology who bring their diverse multinational experience from their respective organizations in Asia Pacific, Europe and Americas.

IBM's WebSphere MQ (formerly MQSeries and more commonly known as MQ or WMQ) is the most widely used business messaging middleware solution on the market and plays an ever increasing role in enabling the integration and Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) requirements of mission critical business applications.

"With the help and active participation of our renowned moderators, we have maintained the mqseries.net as a service to the MQ user community for the past 6 and a half years. We have had 15000 registered users since our start and although some of these users may have moved on to other jobs and functions, the larger majority of site users remain involved with and are active members." *commented mqseries.net founder and chief architect Brandon Duncan.*

According to Duncan **"I am pleased to announce that Cressida Technology have agreed to step in and look after things for us. While I will remain an active site member, the ownership, day to day operation and management of the site will be looked after by Cressida teams. The list of current moderators will largely remain as before and along with a few other long time and active forum users they will form the advice and general requirements committee to direct the site forward. For those of you who may not be very familiar with Cressida, they are an MQ message assurance software firm that since 2004 have been the premier sponsor of our site and discussion forums."**

Mehrdad Kanafchian, Cressida Managing Director commented **" we made the decision to extend and expand our community participation by acquiring the site and fully intend to continue operating it as a service to the worldwide mqseries users community. While expanding the community's relationship with IBM has been identified as a priority, we will encourage other vendors to join our community and bring added value to the membership. The spirit and the technical focus of the forums for the membership community will remain."**

Duncan added **"My primary decision factors in selecting Cressida were their existing relationship with the membership community, willingness and commitment to invest their resources to improve the site for our membership community, and perhaps most importantly, their professional code of conduct that they have exhibited over the last 3 years."**

About Cressida Technology

Cressida is an IBM®, Sun™, HP™ and Microsoft® development and marketing partner that provides WebSphere® MQ assurance solutions comprised of products, services and training. Cressida owns

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and operates www.mqseries.net, a worldwide MQSeries professionals forum community. Cressida has its head office in the United Kingdom with local offices in several European and US locations.
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