Rational Team Concert 3.0 released

Press Release

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23 Nov 2010 - We are pleased to announce the availability of Rational Team Concert 3.0, and invite you to download it and enjoy.

Any Plan (Agile, Formal, or Hybrid)

We’ve added support in the core planning component for more traditional planning capabilities that are exposed in our new Formal Project Template. Out of the box, we now provide both complete agile and formal process templates and each can be customized to suit your specific needs. You can also customize a hybrid process using elements from both agile and formal. For example, our new “risk” work item types and “risk” actions could be used by a Scrum team. Or, a more traditional waterfall team could flirt with agile methods while retaining a more formal change review process. Take a look at the new schedule views that map a time line to a series of work items and show Gantt charts for formal teams and roadmap views for agile teams.

Distributed SCM

Ever wish you could share your code changes with another team on another repository? Ever need to work with outside suppliers or contractors on a joint development effort? Distributed SCM makes it possible. Distributed SCM allows teams to perform source code operations across projects located on two different Rational Team Concert servers.

Advanced Work Item Customization

We’ve been busy adding new work item customization features. You can now validate data entry with regular expressions or number ranges, configure enumerations whose value depends on the value of another enumeration, and configure default values for any attribute. We’ve made work item customization available in the Web interface, and added productivity features such as category editing. We’ve also implemented the OSLC Change Management Specification v2.0 so RTC work items can form the hub of your application development lifecycle.

Open Integrations and OpenSocial Dashboards

We’ve also been delivering new open integrations using Open Services for Lifecycle Collaboration to enable Rational Team Concert to work with the tools you use today. For example, we have a new Rational DOORS integration with Rational Team Concert that provides round-trip traceability from formal requirements to work items, complete with rich hover support.

Integrations with Rational ClearCase, Rational ClearQuest, Rational Synergy, and Rational Change have all been enhanced. Existing users of these products can deploy Rational Team Concert to add planning and collaboration to your existing tools without having to incur switching costs or moving

your data. And speaking of open standards, we’ve embraced the OpenSocial standard in our dashboard format. Now any tool that supports OpenSocial can be displayed in an RTC 3.0 dashboard, and tools like GmailTM webmail service or iGoogleTM personalized homepage can now display RTC dashboard gadgets.

Enhanced Platform and IDE Support

Many of our customers use Rational Team Concert to provide a common collaboration platform for development across a diverse set of platforms and development IDE’s. RTC 3.0 now provides a single release for all platforms including z/OS and IBM i development teams, and we have added an ISPF client, advanced build, impact analysis, and deployment capabilities for these teams. Read more about our new capabilities for z/OS and IBM i developers here.

The Rational Team Concert Client for Microsoft Visual Studio IDE has lots of cool new features to enable Visual Studio developers to achieve many of the same advanced features that our Eclipse developers enjoy.

Packaging and Licensing Changes

And finally, we’ve been listening to our customers who have been expanding their deployment of Rational Team Concert. We’ve made some important changes in the packaging and licensing to make it easier to adopt and grow deployments.

Eliminated server pricing

A server license is now included with each RTC 3.0 client license. This gives you much more flexibility in how you deploy RTC 3.0. You can now install as many servers as RTC 3.0 client licenses that you own. There is only one server in RTC 3.0, and it will run on any platform that RTC 3.0 supports. So if you need more servers for high availability or you need a second server as a test sandbox before you roll out changes into your production environment you can just do it.

Simple role-based user licensing

There are five client licenses in RTC 3.0. Each client license enables a set of capabilities in Rational Team Concert. RTC Stakeholder licenses are new and allow you to modify work items and read plans, while RTC Contributor licenses add the ability to modify plans and read SCM and build artifacts and RTC Developer licenses add the ability to modify source code and builds.

We have three variants of the Developer license. RTC Developer for Workgroups is targeted at departmental teams. RTC Developer adds support for the new distributed SCM feature and adds support for floating and token license models. RTC Developer for IBM Enterprise Platforms adds advanced features for developers on z/OS or IBM i platforms. You simply buy the user license you need depending on your role. To see a complete list of capabilities enabled by each user license see our editions table here.

Perpetual, Term, or Token licenses

In addition to today’s perpetual license type, we’ve added two new ways to buy RTC 3.0. Term licenses provide access to licenses for a fixed period of time and are good for teams that

have variable needs from year to year. Token licenses are a form of fixed term floating license, but they can float across multiple Rational products.

Mix and match licenses

In RTC 3.0 you can mix and match any of the five client licenses. This means that if you start with RTC Developer for Workgroups, which has a limit of fifty licenses on a single JTS server, and you want to grow beyond fifty developers, you can just add one of the other RTC Developer licenses to grow in an incremental way. You won’t get the new distributed SCM feature, but you now have a simple way to grow beyond fifty developers.

And, of course, we offer community-supported 10-free licenses for RTC 3.0, so you can download and use RTC 3.0 without charge or hassle. Any team can experience the unique development transparency, open collaboration, and automated traceability of Rational Team Concert. Let us know how you like Rational Team Concert 3.0 so we can continue to make it even better.