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As part of our continuing commitment to simplify interoperability, Microsoft has released the BizTalk® Adapter Pack 1.0, a set of adapters based on the Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) programming model. The BizTalk® Adapter Pack provides a single solution to easily and securely connect to Line of Business (LOB) data from any custom-developed .NET application, SQL Server-based business intelligence solution, or an Office Business Application (OBA).

The BizTalk® Adapter Pack 1.0 includes adapters for SAP, Siebel and the Oracle Database. Key benefits include:

* **Single infrastructure for connectivity**. Whether you are connecting to LOB systems from custom-developed applications, SQL Server, or rich Office applications, you can use a consistent approach to connectivity. This enables a simplified approach to interoperability that lowers total cost of ownership and reduces training requirements.
* **Simple to learn.** Built on top of the WCF programming model, the BizTalk® Adapter Pack is easy for .NET trained developer to begin using and building connected applications. The BizTalk Adapter Pack provides enhanced extensions to WCF that enable dynamic metadata discovery and generation –making it fast and easy to access data in corporate systems.
* **Secure and reliable.** The BizTalk Adapter Pack tightly integrates with the security models provided by the individual business applications, ensuring that users have access only to data which they are permitted to see.
* **Improves real-time visibility to your business data**. The BizTalk® Adapter Pack allows you to access valuable corporate information when and where you can use it most productively, increasing visibility and enabling faster, better informed decision making.

The BizTalk® Adapter Pack is offered separately from BizTalk Server, and does not require deployment of a middle-tier SOA or BPM infrastructure to connect to LOB applications. This lets you begin with a focused solution to meet your initial needs.

**HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN EVALUATION COPY?**

As we launch the BizTalk® Adapter Pack, we are working to expand the number of supported scenarios to include those required by Microsoft Office® and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server® developers. If you are interested in developing BizTalk® Adapter solutions in these scenarios, please follow the instructions below to apply for the program. We will select thirty to forty submissions and work closely with those developers on the selected scenarios:

1. Go to: [**http://connect.microsoft.com**](http://connect.microsoft.com).
2. Sign in using a valid passport account.
3. Select  “**Available Connections”.**
4. Look for  [**BizTalk® Adapter Pack – Office Developer Program**](https://connect.microsoft.com/site/sitehome.aspx?SiteID=555)  and select the “**Apply”** link on the right hand side.
5. Select “**I Agree”.**
6. Complete the Registration form.

For questions about the program, nomination, or technical details, contact: [BizTalk Office developer program Team](mailto:btsr2tap@microsoft.com?subject=Adapter%20TAP%20Inquiry).

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