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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

API: Application Programming Interface

B2B: Business to Business

B2C: Business to Customer

DBMS: DataBase Management System

DOM: Document Object Model

DTD: Document Type Definition

EAI: Enterprise Application Integration

GUI: Graphical User Interface

HTTP: HyperText Transfer Protocol

HTML: HyperText Markup Language

IT: Information Technology

IDE: Integrated Development Environment

JAXB: Java Architecture for XML Binding

JAXP: Java API for XML Processing

JDBC: Java DataBase Connectivity

JDOM: Java DOM

JDK: Java Development Kits

ODBC: Open DataBase Connectivity

OLE DB: OLE DataBase

RDBMS: Relational DataBase Management System

RUP: Rational Unified Process

SDLC: Software Development Life Cycle

SGML: Standard Generalized Markup Language

SOAP: Simple Object Access Protocol

SQL: Structured Query Language

TCP/IP: Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol

UML: Unified Modeling Language

URI: Uniform Resource Identifier

W3C: World Wide Web Consortium

XML: EXtensible Markup Language

XPath: XML Path Language

XSLT: EXtensible Stylesheet Language Transformation

XQuery: XML Query Language

XSU: XML-SQL Utility (XML API introduced by Oracle)