

ColdFusion MX in Review

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My inbox today contained two emails regarding a review of ColdFusion MX. The eWeek article focussed on benefits of CFMX 6.1, where as the Builder article is on ease of web services in MX. Both of them are quite positive.

- **eWeek ColdFusion MX 6.1 Innovates Quietly**

Although other application servers get most of the limelight in Web application development, Macromedia Inc.'s ColdFusion is one application server that through many changes large and small still commands a loyal following of developers and site authors. With the previous release, ColdFusion MX, Macromedia completely overhauled the application, uprooting it from its unique-format past, moving it to Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition and making it essentially an application server within an application server. However, although the server and the development engine moved to Java, site developers were still able to take advantage of ColdFusion's excellent CFML (ColdFusion Markup Language), which remains the easiest-to-use Web scripting language that eWEEK Labs has seen....

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One of the big benefits of ColdFusion MX (CFMX) is the ease with which it lets you build applications that consume Web services. As the Web services hype dies down and real applications creep in, CFMX's ease of use makes it a compelling development option. Here, Ill demonstrate just how easy CFMX makes it to invoke Web services by showing you how to query and return data from Amazon.com's recently introduced Web services interface....