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# XML and Web Services: A Blueprint for Next Generation Applications

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## Abstract

Steve Harris, vice president for Oracle Fusion Middleware, will discuss the challenges that organizations must overcome in dealing with the complexity of modern application architectures and show how XML and Web Services play a pivotal role in the modern application blueprint.

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This was a keynote talk and no paper was prepared for the proceedings.

# Biography

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