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Survey finds Java use skyrocketing

By Rebecca Sykes

Use of Sun Microsystems, Inc.'s Java programming language for Web applications will skyrocket during the next two years, according to a new survey by Strategic Focus, Inc.

"There's going to be a significant increase of the percentage of Web-based applications using Java," said Jay Prakash, president of Strategic Focus, a market research firm in Milpitas, Calif.

In the U.S., the survey predicted a 138% increase in Java-based Web applications, from 14.6% of applications today to 34.8% of applications in two years, Prakash said. In the U.K., Germany and France, the percentage will rise 70%, he said. However, in spite of Java's gains in Europe, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)•will remain the language of choice for European Web-based applications, rising in two years' time to 33.8% of applications, compared with 22.1% for Java, according to Prakash.

"HTML in Europe is by far the No. 1 language today," Prakash said. "It's going to suffer a significant decline over the next two years, but it will still be No. 1."

Strategic Focus based its conclusions on surveys from 200 respondents in the U.S. who were contacted through the mail and 450 respondents in Europe who were contacted via phone, Prakash said.

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