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JBoss Unveils Open Source Enterprise Management Strategy

Red Hat's middleware division announces open source implementation of agent technology to drive application management across heterogeneous customer environments

JBoss WORLD, LAS VEGAS, June 13, 2006—JBoss, a division of Red Hat (NASDAQ: RHAT), today announced it is open sourcing the core systems management agent in JBoss Operations Network (ON) to create and drive broadened adoption and collaboration around its open management platform. This announcement, backed by a massive JBoss developer and ISV community, provides software vendors and customers a foundation for building their own management agents, which will enable interoperability across heterogeneous IT environments.

This strategy is an important step in putting customers in charge of their IT infrastructures. As a subscription-based offering, JBoss ON delivers dramatic savings in total cost of ownership (TCO) and provides a holistic environment for inventory management, administration and configuration, monitoring, software updates and provisioning of applications based on JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite (JEMS). Red Hat is working with other network and systems management vendors to ensure that management data can be shared with existing customer management installations. JBoss ON subscribers will also be able to leverage existing open source agents from projects such as Nagios.

“Today, JBoss ON provides our customers with powerful management and monitoring capabilities for their Java and JEMS-based applications. Now, we’re opening up JBoss ON to create a broad enterprise management solution that extends across platforms and middleware,” said Rich Friedman, director of product management, JBoss, a division of Red Hat. “Our open source strategy around the agent will deliver a seamless management environment that works with any management system and brings more choices to our customers.”

By bringing its JBoss management agent to the open source community, Red Hat will enable systems to expose its manageability functions in an extendable and pluggable way—underscoring the company’s commitment to support heterogeneous customer environments. For example, vendors can extend the agent to manage their products. As part of its strategy, JBoss will create blueprints, certification toolkits and methodologies that vendors can use to validate their extensions and plug into the management process used for JEMS today. In the long term, JBoss ON and Red Hat Network will be brought together to form a unified, consistent management platform for customers utilizing Red Hat Enterprise Linux and JBoss JEMS.

About Red Hat, Inc.

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