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JBoss, Inc. Launches JBoss Open Source Federation

Provides Infrastructure and Services for Third-Party Professional Open Source Projects in Support of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System

JBOSS WORLD, ATLANTA—March 1, 2005—JBoss®, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced the debut of the JBoss Open Source Federation. The Federation provides access to value-added services, technology infrastructure and marketing support for open source projects that integrate with the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS) and share the Professional Open Source vision of JBoss. In the future, JBoss will add access to the JBoss Network™ for Federation projects, creating a single platform to provide customers with services and software for JEMS and related open source applications and tools.

By creating the JBoss Open Source Federation, JBoss offers customers a trusted source for services and software that integrate with products such as the JBoss Application Server, the first J2EE-certified open source application server; Apache Jakarta Tomcat, the most popular Java Servlet and JavaServer Pages web container; the Hibernate object/relational mapping engine; and JBoss jBPM open source business process management software. JBoss partners gain an additional channel for their open source offerings, including a route to make proprietary software open source.

“We’ve launched the JBoss Open Source Federation to directly stimulate and support work around open, standards-based middleware,” said Bob Bickel, vice president of corporate strategy and development, JBoss, Inc. “Over the past year, we’ve added a number of projects to the JBoss family. Now, by extending our vision of Professional Open Source to include third-party projects, we’re creating the conditions for rapid expansion of work around JEMS. The result will be an even stronger, more comprehensive open source middleware offering for enterprise customers.”

Inaugural members of the JBoss Open Source Federation include:

- **Allesta**—Allesta, LLC is a services company focusing on open source web services management solutions for service-oriented architectures. The company's products are validated, tested, certified and backed by enterprise-class support and ongoing maintenance services. Allesta's flagship product, WSABI, the first and only open source web services management product, allows users to manage web services deployments with ease and confidence. Additional information is available at www.allesta.com.
- **Funambol**—The Sync4j project is an open source initiative to deliver a complete mobile application platform implementing the SyncML protocol. SyncML defines a standard way to synchronize data and remotely manage devices. Sync4j has more than 9,000 downloads per month. Funambol provides a commercial license for Sync4j, plus support and custom development. For more information about Sync4j, visit www.funambol.com or www.sync4j.org.
- **JasperReports**—The JasperReports project is the leading open source reporting solution for generating dynamic content and creating page-oriented, ready-to-print documents in a simple and flexible manner. JasperReports library is able to deliver rich content onto the screen, to the printer or onto PDF, HTML, XLS, CSV and XML files. More information about JasperReports can be found at <http://jasperreports.sourceforge.net/>.
- **Unisys**—Unisys is contributing resources to the creation of the JBoss Administration Console, an interface designed to automate JBoss-based server management. The Administration Console runs as a web-based application within a JBoss Application Server and uses Java Management Extensions (JMX) to manage server instances. Unisys is available online at www.unisys.com.
- **XWiki**—A powerful and extensible open source wiki engine written in Java, XWiki features a complete wiki content management engine, including access control, version control and database storage, as well as database design and development capabilities. XWiki uses Hibernate, a JEMS product, and is compatible with the JBoss Portal Server. Support, training and development services for XWiki are available from XPertNet. Further information is available at <http://www.xwiki.org>.

JBoss Expands Ecosystem for Open Source Middleware

All JBoss Open Source Federation projects must demonstrate integration with the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System. Projects must be based on an OSI-certified open source license and may also be listed with other open source communities, such as Apache, Eclipse, ObjectWeb or SourceForge. Additionally, they must provide Professional Open Source services, such as training and documentation, for their projects.

The Federation provides infrastructure, ready access to information about third-party projects, Professional Open Source services and project launch assistance for companies wishing to open source proprietary software. JBoss Open Source Federation projects will share the same infrastructure, JBoss Forge, used by the JBoss family of projects.

The JBoss Forge infrastructure offers free hosting; project web pages; task management, project management and bug tracking through JIRA, an issue tracking and project management application; forums, wikis and blogs; documentation download; email notification lists; and integration with SourceForge for CVS (concurrent versions system) support, allowing code to be stored in a centralized location. Integration with the JBoss Network for patch management, updates and upgrades will be added in the future.

Federation partners can use fee-based JBoss Professional Open Source Services, including training, consulting and support; assistance on new open source projects or taking proprietary software and making it available as open source code; indemnification; integration support; and marketing support.

The JBoss Forge is currently in beta mode; JBoss is limiting the number of projects that may run on the Forge during the beta period. Projects that are interested in the JBoss Open Source Federation may contact JBoss at josf@jboss.com.

JBoss Open Source Federation Inaugural Partners

Algirdas P. Veitas, senior managing partner of Allesta, LLC, said: “Allesta views the JBoss Open Source Federation as another avenue for customers to receive top-quality support in order to maximize their use of our product. Additionally, membership in the Federation enables potential customers to have complete confidence that WSABI is fully integrated with the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System. Our contribution to the new JBoss web services stack and administration console demonstrates our commitment to the Federation.”

“The open source Sync4j platform offers a high-quality mobile application platform, with all the benefits of a company standing behind it,” said Fabrizio Capobianco, CEO of Funambol. “Working with the JBoss Open Source Federation and providing proven integration with JEMS will allow us to reach an even broader audience of developers, as well as ISVs and integrators, who require a combination of quality technologies and professional services to develop and deploy wireless applications.”

“JasperReports shares the JBoss Open Source Federation’s vision of open, standards-based middleware,” said Teodor Danciu, founder of JasperReports. “To further advance open source into main stream development, it is important to provide developers with a rich selection of already integrated middleware components. JasperReports is integrated with the JBoss Application Server today and is demonstrating the combined offering at JBoss World this week in Atlanta.”

Ali Shadman, vice president, Strategic Software, Unisys, said: “Unisys is fully committed to supporting our customers that are developing and deploying enterprise applications on the JBoss Application Server. The JBoss platform is growing in popularity, and by adding our support to the JBoss Open Source Federation by contributing to the development of the Administration Console, we provide a powerful tool that we believe will help make the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System stronger and easier to use for all of our joint customers.”

“XWiki offers companies an agile content management and lightweight web application development resource,” said Ludovic Dubost, founder of XPertNet. “The application, which is fully compatible with the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System, allows developers to quickly add blog, FAQ, photo, and presentation components to their sites. Advanced web services and middleware components can also be exposed to allow further customization.”

About JBoss, Inc.

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. JBoss provides resources, technology direction and core development for innovative open source projects and stands behind them with enterprise-grade support and services. These projects include Hibernate, Apache Jakarta Tomcat, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Eclipse IDE and the JBoss Application Server, which are core components of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS). Companies like Corporate Express, La Quinta Inns and Nielsen Media Research rely on JEMS for mission-critical enterprise applications. Partners who embed or bundle JEMS and resell JBoss services include Computer Associates, HP, Novell and Unisys. JBoss has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and Neuchâtel, Switzerland. For additional information, please visit www.jboss.com.

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