

Cooperation with OSBF & OSR Group: WeWebU Expands Open Source Network

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Herzogenaurach, 05/05/2010 – Starting in July as one of the first companies worldwide, WeWebU Software AG will provide user-friendly Web applications for Enterprise Content Management (ECM) based on the new CMIS standard (Content Management Interoperability Services) as Open Source. That is why WeWebU, maker of standard software for Enterprise Information Management (EIM), now works together with the Open Source Research (OSR) Group at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and has become a member of Open Source Business Foundation (OSBF).

„Open Source Business Foundation is a European-wide network consisting of companies, institutions and persons with one joint interest: supporting the understanding and usage of Open Source development and business models. On the one hand, this network provides know-how, on the other hand it offers the possibility to share experiences“, describes CEO Richard Seibt the OSBF, „I am happy to welcome WeWebU as a new member of the OSBF. Their support of open standards like CMIS fits perfectly to an Open Source strategy. I am sure by going open source their innovative products will find the market reach they deserve.“

Furthermore, on its way to an Open Source vendor WeWebU works together with Prof. Dr. Dirk Riehle, leader of the OSR Group at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. Thus, they quickly can integrate newest trends and research results into their development process. Prof. Dr. Riehle knows the advantages of an Open Source strategy: „We see that Open Source marketing and development models are ahead of traditional closed source approaches. Open Source allows software product companies to go to market faster with a better product and at lower costs.“ With this method, WeWebU wants to be up-to-date and close to the users' requirements as well.

WeWebU OpenWorkdesk, a suite of applications for Enterprise Content Management (ECM) with an intuitive Web 2.0 front-end, will be available in three different editions from July 2010: First, as a free-of-charge Community Edition that can be run on all CMIS-supporting ECM platforms such as Alfresco. This version will provide all essential functions for efficient eFile management and retrieval. Under a subscription model, WeWebU will offer a commercial Pro Edition of OpenWorkdesk with full support and maintenance as well as a slightly extended functional range. Finally, the Enterprise Edition will provide further functions that are important for huge deployments, such as a module for business process management and numerous additional native adapters for IBM ECM repositories as well as the JCR standard.

„Since our announcement five weeks ago, we have made considerable progress on our way towards an Open Source version of OpenWorkdesk. Comprehensive tests of our CMIS adapter against the Open Source platform Alfresco were as promising as the tests with the new CMIS interface of an IBM FileNet system. The consistently positive reactions, which our announcement has caused among our customers and partners as well as in the professional world, show us that we have taken the right step. They encourage us to continue the path of going Open Source with full energy“, states Dr. Rainer Pausch, Head of Products & Marketing at WeWebU Software AG.

Please find this press release on www.wewebu-software.com.

About WeWebU

WeWebU Software AG is the specialist for Enterprise Information Management. With our standard products, enterprises can access their complete information infrastructure via a unified, process-oriented working environment. Thus, they reduce costs, increase their employees' productivity, come to decisions faster and better, and make their whole enterprise more agile.

WeWebU Software AG operates internationally. It cooperates with leading EIM manufacturers and consulting firms and is an IBM Advanced Business Partner as well as Alfresco Systems Integrator & Solutions Partner.

The continually growing customer-base of WeWebU Software AG consists of e.g. Bayerischer Rundfunk, SAPERION AG, Siemens AG and DATEV e.G., financial institutions like Hamburger Sparkasse, Sparkasse Bremen, UniCredit Leasing, Visana Group, SUVA and NÜRNBERGER Versicherungsgruppe as well as several US federal and state agencies like the California Department of Public Health.

About OSBF

The Open Source Business Foundation (OSBF) founded in Nuremberg in May 2006 is a European-wide open source network. The members of OSBF are companies, institutions and persons inspired by open source software. The activities of the network always focus on the business benefits of open source software. The Articles of Association of OSBF accordingly define the purpose of the association as strengthening the open source software and service industry and creating and safeguarding jobs in the development and service sectors. OSBF also has political tasks and goals. The importance of open source software is to be improved by actively coordinating opinion-making among OSBF members and by lobbying third parties such as associations and politics. Typical fields of activity are improving the political framework for the use of open source software, legal aspects of patents and licenses, local authority contract awarding guidelines or promoting the use of open source software in small and medium enterprises. OSBF is to intensify dialog with ministries and political parties in Berlin and Brussels for this purpose. Read more on www.osbf.de/en.

About OSR Group

The Open Source Research (and Teaching) Group at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg researches open source processes, practices, and tools in its broadest sense. Read more on osr.cs.fau.de.

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