

InfoAxon launches Professional Open Source Consulting & Support Services packages to enable enterprise embrace professional open source solutions while mitigating risk

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2005 was a year with a greatly accentuated interest in Open Source technologies and the benefits it provides to businesses world wide. However most businesses keen to explore Open Source based solutions have remained on the fringes as they are uncertain about how to adopt Open Source within their IT strategy and how to manage the risks involved.

To bridge this gap and help businesses introduce Open Source technologies within their enterprise architecture, InfoAxon Technologies Limited, a leading provider of Outsourced Product Engineering services has launched its Professional Open Source Consulting & Support Service packages to help enterprise integrate professional open source technologies into their current architecture.

“We are excited to augment our expert technical know-how on open source technologies with professional consulting and support packages which would eliminate risk out of the challenges that open source software model introduces into organizations, so that they can most effectively manage open source as an integral element of their long term IT strategies” says Shubham Nagar, Director and Professional Open Source Evangelist, at InfoAxon.

Shubham places lots of emphasis on the term ‘Professional’. According to him, “not all open source technologies & solutions are mature and robust to be used within the enterprise”. There also seems a deep interest in the open source model but also a genuine need to adopt a more risk-free, professional route to adopting open source as an alternative to proprietary solutions. InfoAxon distinguishes ‘Professional’ open source from any other open source technologies and solutions by defining a set of criterion that any open source must pass to be termed ‘Professional Open Source’. In other words, for an open source technology and solution to be ‘Enterprise Fit’, it must pass criterions like maturity of the open source project, clear licensing, an active developer community, modularity, use of open standards, quality support, easy setup & deployment, and easy administration etc.

Adding further to it, Nikhil Kapoor, InfoAxon, Director Technical, says “We solve real business problems for our clients by offering professional open source solutions which have been thoroughly researched and approved by our in-house technical experts”. “We have taken a leadership position in professional Open Source space by defining and implementing Open Source Maturity Model (OSMM) quiet early. This considerably reduces the risk attached with open source solution”, he adds quickly.

InfoAxon claims that its Professional Open Source services and solution provides various tangible business benefits to its clients apart from improving overall client productivity. Some of the benefits include:

1. Reduced application lifecycle costs
2. Reduced infrastructure costs
3. Slashed development & integration times
4. Eliminate vendor lock-in
5. Freedom to enhance & customize
6. Scalability to manage business growth
7. Low TCO

InfoAxon has also launched its Content & Knowledge Management Framework called DEEKSHA which provides a single unified platform for the creation, management and publishing of content and turn these into enterprise knowledge through the use of collaborative tools and technologies.

DEEKSHA has emerged through InfoAxon's long engagement with UK Local Authority Website (LAWs) initiative to develop web standards and an Open Source Web Content Management System that could be freely adopted by any local authority in the UK.

DEEKSHA is a Workflow enabled, Role based 100% Professional Open Source Content & Knowledge Management Solution to create, manage and publish content onto portals / websites / intranets and manage enterprise knowledge. The system fully complies with International Accessibility and Information Architecture standards like XML, E-GMS, W3C, Dublin Core, WAF etc.

DEEKSHA provides several compelling business benefits to organizations:

- a. No Licence Fee. Lower Cost and Great value for money (Compared to other Commercial Vendors)
- b. Decentralization of Content Creation.
- c. Promote culture of Self Service for knowledge creation and sharing.
- d. Personalization of content as per user preferences.
- e. Commercial & Enterprise Grade system at non-commercial prices
- f. Flexibility and Adaptability provided by a Professional Open Source solution. Handover of Source Code.
- g. International Accessibility and Information Architecture standards implemented in the system (XML, W3C, Dublin Core, WAF etc)

InfoAxon has experience of implementing & enhancing Professional Open Source Content Management Solutions with global clients such as NTL UK, London Authority of Camden etc. Recently InfoAxon has entered into an agreement to provide professional open source consulting and support services regarding content management services to one of United Nations nodal agency. This was an important contract for InfoAxon and a vote of confidence from such large organization with global footprints.

About InfoAxon Technologies Ltd.

InfoAxon Technologies is a leading provider of business-ready professional open source solutions tailored to meet your IT and Business goals. InfoAxon's professional open source solutions are enterprise-fit, robust, high performance and cost effective.

InfoAxon provides an alternative to buying high cost proprietary software or building the solution right from the scratch. InfoAxon has a rich repertory of already researched 'enterprise-fit' professional open source solution which could be customized to suite specific business needs. For this InfoAxon has a well defined Professional Open Source Maturity Model (POSM) which reduces the cost and complexity associated with open source, while mitigating risk.

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