

News release



HP Boosts Open Source Alliance with JBoss on Linux and HP-UX 11i Platforms

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan 17, 2006 – HP today extended its agreement with JBoss, Inc. to offer an expanded portfolio of open source solutions and services that customers can deploy within their existing data centers.

HP will now provide worldwide support services for the entire JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite (JEMS) of products on Linux, Windows® and HP-UX 11i. HP also will certify JBoss Application Server (AS) for HP-UX 11i Open Source Reference Architecture.

Additionally, by serving as a single point of contact for customers, HP will offer a full range of innovative consulting services such as architecture and design, implementation and migration planning for the JEMS platform.

The expanded agreement enables customers to implement large-scale adoption of open source technology through HP's Linux Reference Architecture (LRA) program. The program smoothes migration and helps enterprise customers reap even more substantial cost-savings when deploying industry-standard platforms.

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"Customers count on HP to continue enriching open solutions that meet genuine deployment needs and extend their flexibility," said Christine Martino, vice president of Open Source and Linux, HP. "By partnering with key open source companies like JBoss, HP is enabling customers to confidently implement integrated open source solutions on three powerful computing platforms."

HP was the first major Linux vendor to certify JBoss AS; the company has since broadened support services for it worldwide. Today's agreement expands HP's worldwide services and support for certifying JEMS components across all HP platforms. It also broadens consulting and integration services and subscription sales from HP to all JEMS products – including Hibernate, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Portal and JBoss Cache –with expected availability in late February.

"DreamWorks has already reaped benefits from our deployment of HP open source services and solutions with the JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite of products, which has enabled us to stay technologically competitive with our critical business systems," said Abe Wong, head of Information Technology, DreamWorks Studios. "DreamWorks has a long history of success with HP's open source and Linux offerings, and our partnership with HP is only



strengthened by continued leadership and critical enhancements in this area.”

Using the full range of consulting and integration services HP offers to build service-oriented architectures (SOAs) on JEMS Open Source platform, HP and JBoss help customers build, deploy and support open source SOA infrastructures and applications quickly and efficiently.

HP-UX 11i and Open Source for Web Services

As part of HP and JBoss’ agreement, JBoss AS becomes an integral component of HP-UX 11i Open Source Reference Architectures for Web Services just as it is for the HP LRA program.

Similar to and interoperable with HP’s LRA, HP-UX 11i Open Source Reference Architectures for Web Services offer customers a choice of pre-configured, tested and documented open source components that HP supports to facilitate secure solutions deployment on HP-UX 11i. As with Linux, HP has the technical and engineering resources to support solution certification, environment evaluation, implementation, performance tuning and integration of JBoss AS with HP-UX 11i.

“This new chapter in our relationship with HP builds on the success that both companies have seen as more and more enterprises shift from proprietary systems to open, agile IT infrastructures,” said Bob Bickel, vice president of strategy and corporate development, JBoss, Inc. “Between this expanded agreement and our recent acquisition of distributed transaction monitoring technology from HP and Arjuna, JBoss expects to see JEMS gaining even more ground in enterprises focused on leveraging SOAs to transform their businesses.”

More information on HP’s open source and Linux offerings, including support services, is available at www.hp.com/go/linux. More information on HP-UX Open Source Reference Architecture is available at www.hp.com/go/osrahpux11i.

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