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JBoss Delivers Enterprise-Ready JBoss Portal 2.0

Taps Former IBM Strategist to Lead Product Direction of Industry's Most Widely Adopted Open Source Java Portal

ATLANTA—June 20, 2005—JBoss[®], Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today released JBoss Portal 2.0, a significant upgrade of its open source, standards-based portal offering. A core piece of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS[™]), JBoss Portal 2.0 embraces the Java portlet API specification (JSR-168) and provides an extensible portal framework that integrates dynamic Web pages and applications within standardized and reusable portlets. By supporting open standards, JBoss Portal can incorporate Web Services and J2EE- based components into the portal as portlets.

With JBoss Portal, JBoss continues to push open source up the stack. Even in beta, JBoss Portal is already the most widely adopted open source Java portal on the market. To drive strategy around portal and integration technologies, JBoss named Pierre Fricke director of product management. Fricke comes to JBoss from IDEAS International (formerly D.H. Brown Associates), where he was research vice president focused on application and integration infrastructure. Prior to IDEAS International, Fricke was a leading strategist at IBM in the areas of interoperability, integration, WebSphere, Windows NT, UNIX, Linux and open source. At IBM, he was also an AIX developer, product manager and development manager.

“Today, JBoss has achieved mass adoption at the middleware layer with market-leading technologies like JBoss Application Server, Hibernate and Apache Tomcat,” said Fricke. “Now, JBoss is moving up the stack and bringing Professional Open Source with mass-market economics to a critical enterprise technology. With JBoss Portal, JBoss has delivered an enterprise quality product that reflects our longstanding commitment to open source, open standards and simplified development and deployment of J2EE applications.”

JBoss Portal enables the user to combine applications and content into a unified presentation, simplifying access to these applications. Portals developed with JBoss Portal can be customized based on users, roles, security needs and administrative settings. By providing an integrated and secure user interface across applications, JBoss Portal makes it easier for users to leverage existing applications, increasing ROI and reducing the need for new application and integration development. By deploying JBoss Portal on JBoss Application Server, access to dynamic information is made easy and performance and scalability are assured.

Key features of JBoss Portal 2.0 follows. For a complete list of features and functionality, visit <http://jboss.com/products/jbossportal>.

- Certified JSR-168 portlet container
- Single sign-on support across portal and portlets
- Ability to run multiple portal instances inside one portal container
- Ability to deploy portal instances in a clustered environment
- Portlets can be implemented using JavaServer Faces (JSF), MyFaces, and Spring MVC
- Data access and persistence provided by Hibernate, JBoss' award-winning ORM (object/relational mapping) technology
- Portlets can have their own internationalization resource files
- Web-based administration of portal security (users, groups, roles) and functionality
- Content management features for directory and file management
- Forum/Message Board portlet for community-based collaboration

“Delivering strategic information technology solutions to address the complex business needs of clients is paramount to AEM Corp’s business,” said Joe Dickman, managing director, AEM Corporation. “JBoss Portal 2.0’s robust portal framework enables us to offer our clients access to a proven, cost-effective interoperable platform that is standards-based and will improve their productivity. Furthermore, using the single sign-on feature enables our customers to use one portal interface which increases productivity, reduces errors and decreases response time.”

An integral component of JEMS, JBoss Portal is supported by the large and vibrant JEMS developer community that fosters its continued innovation and enterprise quality.

Dave Litwack, Novell senior vice president and general manager for Identity Driven Products, commented, “Novell is demonstrating its commitment by donating its Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP) standard-based portlet container and portlet library and by participating in the evolution and architecture of JBoss Portal 2.0. We will continue to contribute and help build out JEMS as the leading open source middleware platform.”

JBoss will showcase demonstrations of JBoss Portal as well as new releases of JBoss Application Server 4, Hibernate 3 and JBoss Eclipse IDE with EJB 3.0 (see today’s press release, “JBoss Simplifies J2EE Development with EJB 3.0”) during the JavaOne Conference, booth #405, June 27-30, 2005 in San Francisco, Calif. For more details about JBoss at JavaOne, see <http://jboss.com/javaone05>.

About JBoss, Inc.

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. JBoss provides the resources, technology direction, core development and support services that enable popular open source projects to scale into enterprise-class open source software. These projects include JBoss Application Server, Hibernate, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Portal, JBoss Eclipse IDE and Apache Tomcat, which are core components of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS). Companies like Corporate Express, La Quinta and Nielsen Media Research rely on JEMS for mission-critical enterprise applications. Partners embedding JEMS and reselling JBoss services include Computer Associates, HP, Novell and Unisys. JBoss has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and Neuchâtel, Switzerland. For additional information, please visit <http://jboss.com>.

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