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JBoss Adds WSRP Support to JBoss Portal

JBoss Portal 2.4 Delivers Enterprise Portal to Mass Market, Strengthens JEMS as the Open Source Platform for SOA

ATLANTA, May 8, 2006—JBoss[®], Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced JBoss Portal 2.4, which adds support for the Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP) specification, an important standard for enterprise portals and service-oriented architectures (SOAs). With today's portal release and related announcements of JBoss Operations Network[™] 1.2 and solution certification for customer applications (www.jboss.com/news), JBoss is enhancing its support for enterprise customers across the entire application lifecycle, from design and development, to testing and integration, to deployment and maintenance.

In under a year of Professional Open Source development, JBoss Portal has become a leading contender in the Java portal market. Supporting both the Java portlet API (JSR-168) and now WSRP, JBoss Portal is an extensible portal framework that integrates dynamic Web pages, applications and content within standardized and reusable portlets. Now, instead of bundling portlets and the portal into a single application, users can deploy portlets remotely and let the portal consume portlets as needed via WSRP.

Daiwa Securities America, an equities and brokerage firm, uses JBoss Portal for its Compliance Dashboard, which monitors the company's state of compliance with securities industry regulations. Steve Dunstan, vice president of enterprise system architecture, explained: "We migrated our Compliance Dashboard to JBoss Portal because it is best positioned for our future growth. Compared to the proprietary portal we were using, JBoss Portal is extremely modular, easy to configure and much faster. Supporting standards such as WSRP is important to maintaining JBoss Portal as an enterprise-grade product reliable enough for critical applications such as ours."

Portals developed with JBoss Portal can be customized based on users, roles, security needs and administrative settings. With an integrated and secure user interface across applications, JBoss Portal makes it easier for users to leverage existing applications, thereby increasing return on investment (ROI) and reducing the need for new custom application and integration development.

"In less than a year, JBoss Portal has seen its download rate accelerate. Customer adoption, backed by JBoss Subscriptions, is driving an expansion of the portal market and saving users many millions of dollars in equivalent license revenue," said Pierre Fricke, director of product management, JBoss, Inc. "By adding support for WSRP, JBoss is strengthening JBoss Portal's SOA capabilities and continuing our commitment to bringing enterprise-class software to the mass market."

WSRP support in JBoss Portal 2.4 extends to both the producer, i.e., portlet containers, and the consumer, which is the system communicating with presentation-oriented Web services on behalf of users. Version 2.4 supports service description and markup interfaces and implicit cloning for both producers and consumers. In addition, version 2.4 extends support on the consumer side to standard window states and mode and the registration interface.

The move to support WSRP comes as JBoss steps up its participation in standards groups. The company announced today that it has joined OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards), the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and WS-I (Web Services Interoperability). Membership will provide JBoss with greater visibility and the opportunity to contribute to the specification process and help ensure that the JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite (JEMS™) conforms to emerging standards around Web services and SOA.

Like all JEMS products, JBoss Portal is supported by a large and vibrant community that helps drive new features and quality assurance throughout the development lifecycle. The community is also enhancing the JEMS platform with related technologies such as portlets and content management systems that enable enterprises to pick and choose the extensions that make the most sense for their portal applications. A library of portlets, themes and layouts contributed by the community is available at www.portletswap.com.

JBoss Portal 2.4 will be on demonstration at JBoss' booth (#768) at JavaOne, May 16-18 in San Francisco. The company's popular JavaOne cocktail reception will take place at Terra Gallery on Wednesday, May 17. To RSVP, please visit www.jboss.com/events/javaone06.

Licensing and Subscription Support

Licensed under the open source GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL), JBoss Portal is free to download and use for both development and production deployments. For additional information and download links, please visit www.jboss.com/products/jbossportal.

JBoss provides a full range of support, training and consulting services for JBoss Portal delivered by the product experts. The JBoss Subscription, which includes 24x7 production support, indemnification and access to JBoss Operations Network (JBoss ON), are available directly from JBoss, Inc. or through the company's extensive network of JBoss Certified Partners. For more information, please visit www.jboss.com/services/profsupport.

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JBoss, Inc., the global leader in open source middleware, offers simply the better way to transform businesses through a service-oriented architecture (SOA). As the leading open source platform for SOA, JEMS (JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite) delivers proven performance in mission-critical environments and is backed by world-class support and service—all at a dramatically lower cost structure than proprietary systems. Fortune 500 companies such as Continental Airlines, MCI and Starwood Hotels & Resorts rely on Professional Open Source from JBoss, Inc. Certified partners offering JEMS and JBoss Subscriptions include Dell, HP, NEC, Novell, Sun Microsystems and Unisys. For more information, visit www.jboss.com.

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