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JBoss Catapults Ahead of Proprietary Application Servers as Preferred Java Platform

Annual Study Ranks JBoss as Most Widely Deployed Application Server

ATLANTA—January 4, 2005—JBoss®, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced that its flagship JBoss Application Server has surged ahead of proprietary application servers from IBM, BEA and Oracle to become the preferred Java platform. The *Fourth Annual Java Use and Awareness Study*, conducted by BZ Research, found that 34.8 percent of respondents deploy applications on the JBoss open source platform—a 26 percent increase from 2003. In contrast, fewer respondents cited using closed-source commercial application servers. IBM WebSphere fell to 33.9 percent, BEA WebLogic to 28.7 percent and Oracle to 22 percent.

These results represent significant strides taken by JBoss to establish Professional Open Source as a safe choice for the enterprise. In 2004, JBoss released the landmark JBoss Application Server 4.0, the first open source application server to achieve J2EE 1.4 compatibility certification. JBoss also struck vital partnerships with HP, Novell and Unisys to make JBoss AS the default application server for their hardware and software implementations. To help drive the company to its next stage of growth as an enterprise software provider, JBoss secured \$10 million in venture financing.

“JBoss has been on an exponential growth curve for the last three years, so it was only a matter of time before we hit this critical milestone. Momentum is on our side, and we are absolutely thrilled JBoss is now the most popular application server in organizations using Java,” said Marc Fleury, chairman and CEO of JBoss, Inc. “The JBoss Professional Open Source model offers the best of both worlds: the safeguards and professional support services expected of any enterprise software, coupled with an open, innovation-driven development process and an expanding and active community. We look forward to gaining even more fans of JBoss as we build out a complete JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS) around it.”

JBoss AS is the flagship product in JEMS, which offers a true open source architecture that any vendor—proprietary or open source—can plug into. JEMS is designed with customer flexibility and choice in mind. Customers can deploy any component on JEMS and grow their open source environment as the stack expands. In addition to JBoss AS, JEMS components include the Hibernate object-relational mapping tool, the Tomcat servlet engine, the JBoss jBPM workflow engine, the Eclipse-based JBoss IDE, JBoss Cache, the JGroups multicast communications tool and the JBoss Portal content management system.

JBoss will be showcasing JEMS and its federation of open source projects at the company's upcoming user conference, JBoss World 2005, which will take place at the Omni/CNN Center in Atlanta, Ga., March 1-2, 2005. Registration is now open at <http://www.jboss.com/company/events/jbossworld2005>.

For this latest report, BZ Research, a subsidiary of BZ Media LLC, surveyed 759 top-level development managers in November 2004. The BZ Research findings are similar to those revealed in an earlier 2004 reader survey conducted by ONJava, an independent source for enterprise Java, in which JBoss topped the list as the most popular J2EE platform in use with 41 percent versus 19 percent for BEA WebLogic and 17 percent for IBM WebSphere. The ONJava survey also ranked other JEMS products as market leaders including Tomcat with 86 percent use and Hibernate with 29 percent use.

About JBoss, Inc.

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. JBoss provides resources, technology direction and core development for popular open source projects and stands behind them with enterprise-grade support and services. JBoss is building a complete Enterprise Middleware System based on the Professional Open Source model that now includes Tomcat, Hibernate, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Cache, the JBoss Microkernel and the JBoss Application Server, the industry's fastest growing J2EE application server in use, with over five million downloads. Corporate Express, La Quinta and Nielsen Media Research, among others, rely on JBoss open source middleware for mission-critical enterprise applications. Partners who embed or bundle JBoss products and resell JBoss services include Computer Associates, HP, Novell and Unisys. JBoss has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and Neuchâtel, Switzerland. For additional information, please visit www.jboss.com.

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