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JBoss Introduces Professional and Solution Certification Programs

New Programs Further Enterprise Adoption with Guaranteed Product Compatibility and Services Expertise

ATLANTA—June 6, 2005—JBoss, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced two new certification programs, Professional Certification and Solution Certification. As critical cornerstones of the company's newly launched JBoss® Certified Partner Program, the new programs are designed to optimize the integration of third-party solutions with the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS™) and to train personnel in the delivery of services around JEMS.

With market-leading products like JBoss Application Server, Hibernate and Apache Tomcat, JEMS is reaching mass adoption as an enterprise middleware standard. The new Solution Certification Program offers partners an accelerated path to a growing enterprise customer base looking for JEMS-based solutions. JBoss Professional Certification provides partners and enterprise customers a way to certify their personnel by passing tests, training classes and exercises conforming to the highest standards to qualify them to be backed by JBoss, Inc.

“The Professional Open Source model has proven that enterprises are ready to entrust their business applications to JBoss and benefit from zero-cost software licensing and a unique Subscription Support Service offering,” said Tom Cooper, vice president of worldwide channels, JBoss, Inc. “With the JBoss Certification Programs, our partners can now bring to market solutions guaranteed to interoperate with JEMS technologies while individuals can achieve certification in JEMS products. We are committed to equipping our partners to capture the growing market opportunity around JEMS-based open source solutions.”

JBoss is greatly expanding its Professional Certification Program to meet this need, a system that once included only a single certification level. Now, individuals can choose between Middleware, Web Tier and Administration tracks in order to advance their knowledge and expertise in the JEMS product line. Certification will be based on a

combination of course attendance, exams and accumulated specialty training credits. Certification levels include Certified Developers and Certified JEMS Experts for individual tracks and a Master JEMS Architect level for individuals who have obtained certification across two or more disciplines.

“As the first global System Integrator to provide JBoss-based solutions, Hewlett Packard’s Consulting & Integration group has made a commitment to certify over 150 consultants worldwide on JEMS,” said Uday Kumaraswami, vice president, HP Consulting & Integration. “Customers expect HP to provide them with the consulting and technology services required to build enterprise architectures based on commercial and Open Source Application Infrastructure technologies, as they progress to a more flexible IT environment using the principles and technologies of HP’s Adaptive Enterprise. Professional and Solution Certification from JBoss demonstrate HP’s commitment to offering the highest level of expertise and services required by our enterprise customers.”

Partners can now certify that their products are integrated with JEMS technologies through a process that includes standard JBoss unit tests, customizable product implementation exercises, performance snapshots and extensive analysis by JBoss engineering resources. JBoss-certified solutions will have a clear competitive advantage in a market that increasingly demands enterprise products that are integrated with their underlying middleware infrastructure. Certified solutions will be branded as “JBoss Certified,” allowing enterprise customers to quickly identify solutions that are interoperable with JEMS technologies.

Ken Volpe, senior vice president of products, ATG, commented, “Open source has matured as a market, and enterprises are following suit, with many looking for cost-saving open source technology options wherever possible. Certifying our Customer Experience Platform with JBoss open source middleware will make it that much easier for enterprises to implement best of breed commercial and open source solutions that interoperate and complement each other.”

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 www.jboss.com.

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