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## JBoss, Inc. Becomes a Member of the Eclipse Foundation

*Two of the Most Successful Open Source Communities  
Collaborate to Better Integrate J2EE Development Tools and Middleware*

**ATLANTA and OTTAWA—September 21, 2004**—JBoss®, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, and the Eclipse Foundation, a community committed to the implementation of a universal platform for tools integration, today announced that JBoss has become a member of the Eclipse Foundation and will contribute code toward the J2EE Standard Tools Project. By working together, the two will combine their expertise to provide a more complete and tightly integrated open source tools and middleware solution.

Eclipse is an award-winning universal platform for application development tools integration, software modeling and testing that has been broadly adopted by commercial vendors, academic institutions and open technology developers.

JBoss provides the industry's most widely used open source J2EE application server and a range of related open source middleware technologies and products. Additionally, it offers the JBoss-IDE, an open source integrated development environment that is used with Eclipse. Many developers use the JBoss-IDE and Eclipse to debug, monitor and control JBoss servers; use XDoclet; and aid in J2EE development of EJBs, servlets and Web services.

“Our objective in joining the Eclipse Foundation, one of the most respected and active open source organizations, is to contribute code that we believe will make it easier for developers to work with JBoss,” said Bob Bickel, vice president of strategy and corporate development, JBoss, Inc. “We anticipate our first major contribution will be a plug-in that will provide developers with a Java-based, aspect oriented framework that will be of use in any programming environment.”

Mike Milinkovich, executive director of the Eclipse Foundation, said, “By working with Eclipse to provide better development tools, JBoss will ultimately help developers build better, easier to use middleware. Eclipse is already in widespread use among companies working with the JBoss Application Server. Now, by formalizing our relationship, the Eclipse Foundation and JBoss will be able to provide developers with an even more complete solution.”

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Ashish Larivee, director of product marketing for exteNd and Nsure at Novell, a JBoss Authorized Service Partner and Eclipse Foundation member, commented, “Novell is committed to Eclipse as the common development environment across Novell products, and we believe that JBoss has a unique opportunity to provide leadership to the Eclipse community. We look forward to working together to drive the adoption of J2EE applications on Linux and open source.”

### **About the Eclipse Foundation**

The Eclipse Foundation is a not-for-profit member-supported corporation that hosts community based open source projects. Eclipse creates royalty-free technology and a universal platform for development tools integration, modeling, testing and functionally-rich application construction. Eclipse-based offerings give developers freedom of choice in a multi-language, multi-platform, multi-vendor supported environment. Eclipse delivers a dynamic plug-in based framework that makes it easier to create and integrate technology, saving time and money. By collaborating and sharing core integration technology, providers can concentrate and focus on areas of expertise and differentiation. The Eclipse Platform is written in the Java language and comes with extensive plug-in construction toolkits and examples. It has already been deployed on a range of development workstations including Linux, QNX, Mac OS X and Windows-based systems. Full details of the Eclipse Foundation and white papers documenting the design of the Eclipse Platform are available at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org).

### **About JBoss, Inc.**

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. The JBoss team of technical experts drives core development of freely distributed open source software products and stands behind them with 24x7 production support, development support, training, consulting and documentation. The company’s federation of open source middleware now includes Tomcat, Hibernate, JGroups, JBossCache, Nukes on JBoss 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 products 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](http://www.jboss.com).

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