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JBoss Delivers New Version of JBoss jBPM

*Latest Release Supports SOA Initiatives by Enabling
Easily Orchestrated Business Processes*

JBoss WORLD, BARCELONA, October 11, 2005—JBoss[®], Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced the release of JBoss jBPM 3.0, the latest evolution of the powerful open source workflow and orchestration engine. A key piece of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS[™]), JBoss jBPM is a safe choice for enterprises and sets new standards in ease of use and mass-market appeal. This latest release further extends JEMS as the market's only open source platform for SOA (Service-Oriented Architecture).

The main enhancements within the new release—including simplified persistence, extended task management and a newly developed pluggable architecture—have been designed with today's demanding corporate environments in mind. Large enterprises want interoperability across a mixed IT environment, flexibility to build and reuse applications and processes at their own pace and room to grow as their business needs evolve—all without proprietary lock-in. JBoss jBPM delivers the capability to develop new automated business processes and workflows with its business process management (BPM) foundation as well as orchestrate business processes using industry-standard Business Process Execution Language (BPEL).

“By listening to our users and working closely with the community, JBoss has delivered a product that further extends the SOA capabilities of JEMS,” said Pierre Fricke, director of product management, JBoss, Inc. “JBoss jBPM addresses real business problems by bringing business process automation and SOA capabilities to the mass market in an affordable offering.”

Not only is JBoss jBPM a core product of the JEMS suite, it is also available as a standalone product that runs on its own, or on any J2EE application server. JBoss jBPM combines easy development of workflow applications with a flexible and scalable process engine. It can be used in the simplest environment or scale to handle the most complex clustered J2EE application scenarios.

“With JBoss jBPM, JBoss continues to bring innovative technologies that support today’s increasingly popular enterprise SOA initiatives, all at no-cost open source licenses that appeal to our customers,” said Ali Shadman, vice president and general manager, Innovative Programs Business, Unisys. “JBoss’ modular approach means JBoss partners and customers can use as much or as little of the JEMS suite as they want. Unisys continues to support JBoss and demonstrate advanced technology value-add such as direct transformation of natural language business rules for consumption by jBPM.”

Features & Benefits

JBoss jBPM 3.0 combines workflow, BPM and orchestration into a single product. New features include:

- **Simplified Persistence** – Increased flexibility of the API (Application Programming Interface) is achieved by decoupling persistence from the JBoss jBPM workflow operations. Simplified persistence enables easier business process and workflow development.
- **Pluggable Architecture** – JBoss jBPM is designed to run as a standalone solution or be seamlessly embedded within any Java application. JBoss jBPM’s pluggable architecture allows extensibility and customizability on every level; within the process engine, for each process definition and every corresponding process instance. JBoss jBPM’s pluggable architecture provides workflow, orchestration and BPM in one platform, simplifying business development. Traditional standalone BPM, orchestration and workflow products force users to deploy multiple platforms to offer a similar range of capability, thereby adding complexity to the development process.
- **Improved Extensibility** – The native JBoss jBPM process definition language (jPDL) now provides Java integration. For integration of web services and SOA, JBoss has implemented the BPEL specification as an extension to JBoss jBPM. Using these Java and BPEL extensions, enterprises can easily include their customization and use JBoss jBPM to orchestrate their business processes.
- **Extended Task Management** – JBoss jBPM offers extended task management features such as tracking all tasks assigned to individuals, systems and groups. This functionality enables greater flexibility to create workflows targeted to specific business process problems.

Availability

JBoss jBPM 3.0 is licensed under the open source GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL) and is free to download and use for both development and production deployments. Developers, business analysts and enterprises can download JBoss jBPM 3.0 today and start building service-oriented processes and workflows to help drive business agility.

To download and learn more about JBoss jBPM 3.0, please go to www.jboss.com/products/jbpm.

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