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OW2 and UShareSoft announce a Partnership for making OW2 projects available as Cloud ready software appliances.

In a significant drive to lower barriers to open source software adoption, the OW2-UShareSoft agreement grants OW2 project leaders with a free Community Account for building ready-to-run software appliances.

Grenoble, France, May 7, 2010 – OW2, the international non profit open source consortium of companies and research organizations, and UShareSoft, a provider of enterprise tools for cloud-ready and virtual software appliances, today announced the availability of UForge Free Community Account to all OW2 projects. Thanks to this agreement any project in the OW2 code base can be made available as a cloud ready appliance with no efforts and in just a few clicks.

Software appliances greatly simplify the tasks of installation and configuration for customers thus lowering technical barriers to the adoption of open source software. The appliances built using UForge Appliance Factory can be generated for all major physical, virtual and cloud computing formats, enabling OW2 projects to be available on-demand on public cloud such as Amazon.

Under the terms of the OW2-UShareSoft agreement, the UForge Community Account provides OW2 project leaders with full access to the UForge Appliance Factory. This gives OW2 project leaders the ability to package and maintain their software as a self-contained software image, including operating system, middleware and applications, that is ready for deployment to physical, virtual and cloud environments and to present this software image as an enterprise-level, ready-to-run appliance available for free download in the dedicated space on the OW2 forge.

“By working with UShareSoft, open source project leaders can offer their software as a self-contained virtual image, making it much simpler for customers to install, configure and deploy thus overcoming many traditional barriers to open source adoption,” said James Weir, CTO, UShareSoft.

“We are very confident on the positive impact this partnership will have in favor of OW2 projects adoption,” said Cédric Thomas, CEO, OW2 “We’re inviting all project leaders to come and check the new appliance resources available to them,” he adds.

The UForge catalog of pre-qualified open source software already features many OW2 projects, including JOnAS, Talend Open Studio, Ingres, XWiki and Bonita, with more to follow soon. The catalog provides a choice of pre-integrated and pre-configured open source software to simplify the integration of OW2 software by IT professionals to include the projects in their own customized appliances.

More information on the UShareSoft/OW2 partnership can be found at:
<http://www.ow2.org/view/About/UShareSoft>, appliances are available on the OW2 forge at:
<http://forge.ow2.org/projects/ow2appliances>

About OW2

Founded in January 2007, OW2 is an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source code infrastructure (middleware and generic applications) and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. The OW2 Consortium hosts some one hundred technology projects, including Acceleo, ASM, Bonita, eXo Platform, Funambol, JOnAS, Lombos, Orbeon Forms, PetALS, SpagoBI and XWiki. Visit www.ow2.org

About UShareSoft

[UShareSoft](#) simplifies the way IT professionals deliver software. We make it easy for individual developers, system administrators and professionals to create and maintain business ready software appliances for on-demand physical, virtual & cloud computing environments. UShareSoft's [UForge](#) provides the best OS and image format agnostic platform to assemble self-deployable distributed appliances for on-demand application delivery. Visit www.usharesoft.com.

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