



Press Information

OW2 consortium adopts NovaForge™ as its software forge

- Bull's collaborative development platform to become part of the OW2 community and be published on the OW2 Web site
- OW2's current development platform to be migrated to NovaForge™ during 2010

Paris, 15 March 2010 – Bull and OW2 today announce that NovaForge™ is now available from OW2. The collaborative development platform – based on Open Source software tools – will become part of the OW2 community.

NovaForge™ was launched by Bull in 2007, as part of its industrial approach to the world of Open Source. Designed as a true 'software factory', NovaForge™ is based around a collection of services, and Open Source tools and components deployed by Bull's R&D teams in their own distributed development programs and involving numerous Open Source communities. NovaForge already uses a number of technologies developed as a result of OW2 projects, including eXo Platform, and has been enriched through innovative projects such as Coclico – recently qualified by the Systematic and Minalogic competitiveness clusters and co-ordinated by Bull – as well as the international Qualipso initiative, financed by the European Commission.

A single aim: open innovation, to improve the quality of software development

NovaForge™ is designed to meet the complex challenges of developing business applications in an open world, and makes the most of best practice, industrialized service processes and extensive return on experience. NovaForge™ is used by Bull as part of its own collaborative development offering, Virtual Shore™, and currently hosts over 500 projects for organizations across every sector of the economy – industry, defense, the public sector, local authorities, banks, media and telecoms companies... – who either use the platform in hosted mode or installed at their own locations. NovaForge sources are also accessible via NovaForge.org, the on-line open software forum created by Bull.

"We have gathered together best practice in software development in this powerful, secure and easy-to-use tool," comments Jean-Pierre Barbéris, General Manager of Bull Services and Solutions. *"Today, NovaForge™ is being made available via the OW2 consortium, a move which is in line with our corporate social responsibility principles: a shared aim to tackle the key constraints of costs, timescales and quality, ensuring that everyone has access to the best technologies, and collaborative design of innovative solutions."*

For OW2, moving over to NovaForge represents a major improvement in the technology services provided to the community. *"First and foremost, the OW2 consortium is a community of developers, and the software forge is the fundamental platform for all our activities,"* explains Cédric Thomas, CEO of OW2. *"As an organization with a long-term remit, we believe that developers are our most important customers; ensuring their effectiveness is one of our key roles. Which is why we are very proud to be able to offer them an innovative, state-of-the-art production environment, with NovaForge. We plan to complete the migration to Novaforge by*



the end of Q3 2010.”

About OW2

Founded in January 2007, OW2 is a global independent industry consortium dedicated to developing Open Source infrastructure software (middleware and generic applications) to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. OW2 aims to bring together grassroots communities across all continents through local chapters in Europe, China and Brazil, and hosts over a hundred technology projects including Acceleo, ASM, Bonita, eXo Platom, Funambol, JOnAS, Lomboz, Orbeon Forms, PetALS, SpagoBI et XWiki.

For more information visit: www.ow2.org

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