

## **itemis AG unveils new version of Xtext at »EclipseCon 2009«**

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At the Eclipse development community's annual conference held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March in Santa Clara, California, itemis AG will again be unveiling its latest products and projects. At »EclipseCon 2009«, the independent Lünen-based IT consulting firm, which is a strategic member and Member of the Board of the Eclipse Foundation, will be showcasing several new developments, including the new version of »TMF-Xtext« which appears in June and now also enables the development of complete programming languages. »EMF-Index« is another new Eclipse project being unveiled by itemis for the creation of scalable modeling tools.

itemis AG, the technology leader in the field of automated software development actively involved with the orientation of the Open Source development platform Eclipse, is one of the silver sponsors of »EclipseCon 2009« and is thus one of a raft of well-known companies such as Google and SAP BusinessObjects.

Mike Milinkovich praises the activities of the Lünen-based firm within the Eclipse community: »itemis, with its research and development activities, is an indispensable part of Eclipse,« explains the Chief of the Eclipse Foundation, specifically referring to itemis AG's latest development by way of a current example. »With the new version of Xtext, the company has once again made an important contribution to the further development of our platform.«

### **TMF-Xtext: the next generation**

At »EclipseCon 2009«, itemis will be showcasing the new development of »TMF-Xtext« which is due to appear in the next version of Eclipse in June 2009. Xtext enables individual programming languages or domain-specific languages (DSL) to be created extremely easily. This Open Source framework, which is part of the Eclipse Modeling Project and is being further developed in the Textual Modeling Framework (TMF) by itemis employees, provides a development environment integrated into Eclipse.

The popularity of Xtext, which is being used in an increasing number of industrial, large-scale scenarios, has grown rapidly since its beginnings. With this release, the areas of application will increase even further, and thanks to the consistent expansion of Xtext tools, more and more new user groups are being integrated.

Sven Efftinge and Jan Köhnlein from itemis AG will be presenting the project at »EclipseCon« in the event entitled »Next generation textual DSLs with Xtext« on tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30 p.m.

### **New Eclipse project: EMF-Index as the key element**

Visitors to »EclipseCon 2009« can also learn about »EMF-Index«. This new Eclipse project is

intended to push forward the creation of scalable modeling tools. »EMF-Index« is a key element for the use of a large number of models in one area of application and facilitates the rapid location of model elements.

Jan Köhnlein will be explaining the project at EclipseCon on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.10 p.m. in his session entitled »Managing Big Ecore Models with EMF-Index«.

#### **Further events from the itemis experts in Santa Clara**

Ed Merks will also be speaking at the Eclipse conference. itemis's Chief of Development will be giving presentations on »Mega Modeling Mania: The Sequel« (Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7.30 p.m.) and »The Unbearable Stupidity of Modeling« (Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 p.m.). He will also be attending the information event »Challenge Eclipse – Ask the Architecture Council« on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10.10 a.m. together with other experts to provide advice and answers to questions.

Sven Efftinge will also be talking about »The generic EMF-Editor« in his presentation on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3 p.m.

#### **»Automotive Working Group« meets with tremendous interest**

During »EclipseCon«, Wolfgang Neuhaus, CEO of itemis AG, will also be providing information about the »Automotive Working Group« at itemis's stand. This initiative, under the Eclipse umbrella that itemis AG is promoting with manufacturers and suppliers in the automobile industry, is aimed at creating a basic tools platform for developing control equipment. Participants in the founding committee for this working group included the German companies BMW, Bosch, Continental, Daimler and Volkswagen, along with major international firms such as Denso, General Motors and Johnson Controls.

## About itemis AG

### **The company**

itemis AG, based in Lünen, Germany, is an independent IT consulting company. The firm was founded in 2003 and now employs 120 staff at several sites in Germany and, since last year, also in France and Switzerland.

### **Eclipse commitment**

As well as SAP and Sopera, itemis AG is one of the five strategic Eclipse members based in Germany. The Lünen-based firm provides a team of eight developers who are involved with the Eclipse Modeling Project (EMP) and play a key role in the development of the Open Source generator framework openArchitectureWare (oAW). Wolfgang Neuhaus, CEO of itemis AG, and Chief of Development Ed Merks are also on the Board of the »Eclipse Foundation«.

### **Product and market**

itemis AG is an industry-neutral technology leader in the field of automated software development. It offers software development tools and services for the corporate applications and embedded systems markets.

### **Awards**

itemis AG has won the »TOP 100« seal of quality for its products and services and is thus one of the five most innovative companies in the German SME sector. The company ranked first in the category »innovation-promoting top management«.

In January of this year, itemis AG was crowned as best employer and came first in the category »staff development & prospects«. It came eighth in the »TopJob« overall evaluation.

Further information about the company and its latest research projects can be found at [www.itemis.de](http://www.itemis.de).

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