

Exchange of know-how for customer benefits

## itemis and Red Hat form strategic open source partnership

**Pforzheim, Oktober 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. itemis, a market leading specialist in model-driven software development, is now a »JBoss SI Advanced Partner« of software manufacturer Red Hat. Red Hat specialises in the development, introduction and management of Linux and Open Source solutions for network infrastructures. With JBoss in its portfolio, Red Hat has a leading provider of »Open Source Middleware« at its disposal and promotes the development of service-orientated architecture (SOA). The good contacts between itemis and Red Hat/JBoss are now highlighted by the new partnership, which will focus on the direct exchange of know-how on everything concerning Open Source, SOA and service models and which will also promote synergies from the potential of both partners.**

The Open Source solutions of itemis and Red Hat/JBoss complement each other in many areas, so that both partners are now aiming towards a market penetration of previously untapped segments. itemis is also using the partnership to offer its customers, with a complementary product and service portfolio, suitable solutions in the Enterprise environment.

In »JBoss Enterprise Middleware« – an Open Source software solution of the Enterprise category, which allows customers to integrate and apply web applications and services in a service-orientated architecture – it is the »JBoss Enterprise Platforms« applications, which are of special interest to itemis. In this field, itemis particularly works with solutions such as »JBoss Enterprise Service Bus« (JBoss ESB) and »JBoss business process management« (JBPM), which allow users to address most technical problems in the SOA environment, e.g. scalable service and legacy system integration as well as process choreography beyond heterogeneous system landscapes. Furthermore, the openness of the JBoss components, as well as the structure of the system, offer good starting points for implementing model-based aspects with these platforms.

The co-operation and the exchange of know-how between itemis and JBoss also extends to further fields of work. In the partnership, itemis has access to JBoss support as well as all JBoss technologies, which guarantees fast and direct assistance – in the case of specific problems, either internally at itemis or locally with customers. A research co-operation as well as joint specialist publications, to which itemis can contribute its expertise from numerous projects, are also planned.

»A fundamental goal of this partnership is to jointly continue to push forwards Open Source and establish our service models, which are based on this more strongly on the market. We are convinced that we will be able to bring increased benefits to our customers with this. The exchange of know-how in the partnership will enable itemis to offer customers even more well-founded consultations. At the same time, we will

sharpen, with optimal solutions, the profile of the Enterprise SOA environment. That this co-operation may also expand model-based software development in the JBoss environment as well as possibly the Eclipse Tooling, connected with this, represents further great potential,« says Wolfgang Frank, itemis Managing Director in Pforzheim.

#### **About itemis**

itemis is an independent IT consulting firm based in Lünen. The long-term positive development of the company since it was founded in 2003 is revealed impressively by its constant growth. This growth is reflected in the some 90 staff and also by the number of offices: Bonn, Hilden, Pforzheim and Kiel are among the high-performance and innovative company's bases. itemis' core area of expertise lies in the introduction of model-driven software development (MDSO). The company's MDSO experts play a key role in the development of the openArchitectureWare (oAW) tool to support MDSO methods. itemis helps its customers with the introduction of modern software development methods that feature a high degree of automation potential and thus make increases in productivity and improvements in quality and maintainability of software systems possible. A reduction in costs over the entire application lifecycle is a further argument in favor of the MDSO approach. Since March 2008, itemis has been a strategic member and on the Supervisory Board of the Eclipse Foundation. The company is committed to the further development of the Eclipse Modeling Project and is providing five of its developers for the community's use. The company is also involved in various research projects and, in collaboration with the Chair in Messaging Technology at the Technical University of Dortmund, is working on an Eclipse-based umbrella platform for the model-driven development of embedded systems. Further information on the company can be found at [www.itemis.de](http://www.itemis.de).

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