MEDIAPPS LAUNCHES 'ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY' NET.PORTAL 4.0

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Mediapps, Europe's leader in enterprise portal solutions, has announced the launch of Net.Portal 4.0. The latest release of Mediapps' flagship solution, which extends the product's Java functionality, further increases portal interoperability, speed of integration and end-user flexibility.

Following a number of successful implementations over the last 12 months, including enterprise portals for Radisson Edwardian Hotels, The University of Warwick and The University of Paisley, Mediapps' Net.Portal solution will now benefit from 'Drag and Drop' page configuration and individual component refresh, whilst automatic browser detection will ensure the portal is configured to the device being used to access it, whether it be a PC, laptop, mobile handset or PDA. Net.Portal 4.0 also supports collaborative environments, shared amongst users or communities involved in the same project and requiring access to the same data.

For portal administrators, role-based administration will allow companies to delegate rights to individual departments or offices. This new framework simplifies portal customisation and allows remote administration through any standard web browser.

"The goal of Net.Portal 4.0 was to create a truly 'out-of-the-box' solution that would allow an organisation to deploy an enterprise information portal with greater speed and efficiency," explains Ian Wells, managing director of Mediapps UK Ltd. "As a Java-based product it is also extremely 'environmentally friendly', meaning it is completely interoperable with an organisation's existing infrastructure and network resources. Net.Portal 4.0 is the most advanced portal environment currently available."

The latest version will include a semantic search engine, permitting users to carry out intelligent semantic-driven searches across portal resources. Components are also asynchronous, meaning they can be updated independently of each other, thus reducing network resources. The same components can also be exposed as web services and invoked by third-party applications using SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol).

"By the end of 2002, Mediapps' products will have undergone a complete architectural redesign that will be fully compatible with international web services. This means that we will be able to convoke web services registered in the UDDI world directory or from other platforms and provide an automatic synchronisation for new components, enabling companies to benefit from the latest services," adds

Wells.

Net.Portal is available immediately. User license pricing is based on a sliding scale starting at £24 per user (for a typical 1000 user installation).

Feature Summary

·User definable tabs allow the user to segment their workspace

·Ubiquitous components: Each component can have multiple instances

·Drag & Drop interface for page layout

·Multiple user profiles

·'On the fly' language switching for the user interface (English, French, German, Italian and Spanish)

·Asynchronous components

·Semantic search engine

·Dynamic categorisation of documents

·Divisional / Task based administration

Multiple portals can be configured and administered using the same core application, allowing users to support intranet/extranet/internet requirements from the same portal server

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Net.Portal 4.0

Mediapps' Net.Portal, is a browser-based application, used by companies to filter and deliver internal and external electronic information to employees and customers. Net.Portal, provides a fast and powerful information management tool at both an individual and corporate level. It improves the relevance and enhances the personalisation of business information from the Internet and intranet.

About Mediapps

With more than 240 customers, Mediapps is Europe's leading provider of portal-based technology. Mediapps' strategy is to provide not just the software necessary to create a portal but pre-configured information sources as well. When combined with ready to use user profiling, Net.Portal, Mediapps' Portal Generator, can provide rapid results right 'out of the box' with little or no coding required.

Net.Portal makes it possible for organisations to deploy portals for use in an intranet, extranet or Internet environment. Users define their own profile and interests and benefit from delivery of the right information, at the right time, aggregated from the myriad of internal and external information sources that exist today.

Clients include: Radisson Edwardian Hotels, The University of Warwick, The University of Paisley, Alcatel, IBM, BT (British Telecommunications), Bull, Carl Zeiss, Dior, Wanadoo and ZDNet.

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