

IT News and Products

Openbravo Achieves 1.7 Million Downloads

Openbravo web-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution for small and mid-sized businesses has now been downloaded more than 1.7 million times, making Openbravo a leading provider in its market space. Throughout the first half of 2010, monthly new ERP downloads of Openbravo solution have increased significantly with an increase of 320% in five months.

Openbravo has also seen significant increase in demand for its Professional Edition, a commercial version of its ERP software that enables small and mid-sized businesses to enjoy the benefits of Openbravo's open source software at a lower cost with exclusive functionality, professional support, warranties, certified updates and regular upgrades. There has also been a major increase in demand for the flexible ERP add-ons that are available through Openbravo Exchange. Openbravo Exchange is the marketplace for production-grade applications and services that extend the application of Openbravo ERP, and it now offers 160 different modules, an increase of 40 percent since the beginning of 2010. Popular modules include vertical specific applications, such as hotel management or warehousing, apparel, as well as functional add-ons such as sales management or intra-company transactions. www.openbravo.com.

Embarcadero RAD Studio XE

Embarcadero Technologies have announced a preview of the soon to be released Embarcadero® RAD Studio XE. The "2011" release will be named RAD Studio XE and will include Delphi® XE, C++Builder® XE, Delphi Prism™ XE and RadPHP™ XE.

The preview showcases developer and team productivity enhancements that will be made possible with the new release, along with enhancements to the IDE and new tool chain, modelling and debugging capabilities. These new core productivity enhancements enable developers to better manage their source code and ultimately streamline the development process.

New RAD Studio XE features include:

- Subversion version control integration to help manage source code revisions in the Delphi, C++Builder and Delphi Prism IDEs
 - Rapid PHP web development added to RAD Studio with RadPHP XE
 - New debugging features for Delphi, C++Builder and RadPHP
 - Modeling enhancements in Delphi XE, including enhanced code generation from the modeler for higher quality code, as well as the ability to generate sequence diagrams from methods
- The RAD Studio XE release also marks the extension of the new XE brand and capability set to Embarcadero's application development line, including RAD Studio and each standalone tool in the suite. XE products are distinguished by three key components: support for multiple database types and deployment environments; Embarcadero® ToolCloud technology for centralised licence management and on-demand tool access; and an easy upgrade path to Embarcadero® All-Access™ XE. As with all Embarcadero tools, the RAD Studio XE suite of products will also be available via the Embarcadero All-Access toolbox.

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More Women Needed in IT!

Survey reveals 3 out of 4 organisations still aren't reaching out to female IT talent.

While we can feel encouraged that the new government has put its faith in IT entrepreneur Martha Lane Fox to be its champion and chief advisor on all things web-related, strong and inspiring female role models in the IT world are still few and far between. A poll from the 360°IT event has revealed the industry still faces a massive dearth of women in IT jobs, with three quarters responding that their organisations are not doing enough to attract women into IT and only 5% saying enough is being done. Rather depressingly, the remaining fifth responded that there were already enough women in IT so no more needs to be done! With this in mind, it is perhaps not surprising that currently only 20% of the IT workforce in the UK is female.

According to Maggie Berry, Managing Director of Women in Technology, "Research by McKinsey has shown a link between the number of women in senior positions and strong financial performance. What's more, in an IT sector that is becoming increasingly crowded and commoditised organisations need to harness creativity to differentiate, innovate and stay ahead of the competition. What better way to do this than by bringing more women into the mix who can provide fresh ideas, approaches and insights previously unavailable to the organisation?" "There is definitely more that can be done to entice women into IT: organisations should look to market themselves more directly to women, exhibiting at female-centric events with appealing collateral. Once women are recruited, flexi-working and mentor programmes can be introduced to cultivate and retain female talent and to help them balance work with personal commitments. It is a slow process but these small steps can and will make a difference. If IT organisations don't make the effort to do so they, and the wider IT industry, will lose out to sectors that are more proactive at recruiting female talent," warns Maggie Berry, Managing Director of Women in Technology is speaking on the topic of "IT As A Profession And A Career - How Can You Succeed?" at the 360°IT event.

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NetworkedPlanet Release

NetworkedPlanet has announced the launch of Concepts for SharePoint, a plug-in for SharePoint 2010. The new software provides enhancements to SharePoint's taxonomy and tagging features, allowing users to more efficiently search and manage their corporate data.

The release of Concepts for SharePoint builds on the improved taxonomy and tag management of the latest version of SharePoint. It makes it easy to search for tags themselves, build pages for each individual tag and create complex relationships between them, helping present comprehensive and natural search results.