

## Eclipse Helios Release brings new SOA Functionality

**Bonn, Germany – June 24, 2010. As a part of the new Eclipse Helios Release, the Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group ([www.eclipse.org/eclipsesoa](http://www.eclipse.org/eclipsesoa)) offers an updated version of its Eclipse SOA Platform. With the integrated SOA tooling, the platform allows developers to build and deploy custom services very easily. On the runtime-side, the platform offers an enterprise-ready SOA Framework with comprehensive functionality.**



With the Eclipse Helios Release, available since June 23 ([www.eclipse.org/downloads](http://www.eclipse.org/downloads)), new features are integrated in the Eclipse SOA Platform. First of all, the platform now supports a comfortable deployment of OSGI/ Equinox-based services. For developers that means less manual work and lower risks of faults during deployment. As a result, developers also can concentrate more on the business-side of service development.

For a smooth start with the Eclipse SOA Platform, the IWG has further integrated an interactive tutorial wizard, which assists in setting up the SOA infrastructure and the development of services. With Helios, a first tutorial covering the basics of the platform is already available as part of the Eclipse SOA Platform download package. Further tutorials addressing more advanced SOA topics are already in work and will be released soon.

To make the first tutorial even more attractive, the IWG additionally has integrated a fully functional service registry. With the registry, developers can realize also more advanced SOA scenarios which are characterized by e.g. growing numbers of services or a distributed team of developers that need a central service store for a better coordination of service development processes.

While the new version of the Eclipse SOA Platform is available with the Eclipse Helios Release, the IWG already is working on new features for future releases. In detail, the IWG is focussing on SCA 1.1 support and new BPM and eBAM features. For information's about new releases of the SOA Platform, please visit the initiatives website at [www.eclipse.org/eclipsesoa](http://www.eclipse.org/eclipsesoa).

### **Quotes from IWG Members**

“With the Helios Release of Eclipse SOA, the IWG makes the next step in building up a complete, integrated and entirely open-source-based SOA Platform. Just two months after the foundation of the working group, the new features of the platform are showing the strong commitment of the IWG in the platforms successful further development.”

– Dr. Ricco Deutscher, CTO of SOPERA

“Obeo is proud to celebrate the Helios Release of Eclipse SOA, and to see the emergence of an integrated open-source SOA Platform. For us, one of the most exciting future features will be the integration of SCA 1.1 as basis for cartography and migration tools. The SCA standard appears as a great solution to refactor applications with interconnections between legacy and modernized systems.”

– Dr. Stephane Drapeau, Obeo

“We are excited to participate in the launch of Eclipse Helios release. Engineering Group’s commitment is focused on making the next release richer and more easy to use, also through eBAM and eBPM projects.”

- Gabriele Ruffatti, Engineering Group



#### About the Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group

The goal of the Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group ([www.eclipse.org/eclipsesoa](http://www.eclipse.org/eclipsesoa)) is to define a common Equinox-based SOA platform, including tools and runtime components, that can be used by vendors, system integrators and enterprises for SOA deployments. The working group is a collaboration of industry players, including Engineering Group, itemis, Obeo and SOPERA. Each of these companies will use the Eclipse SOA platform for their own solutions. The collaboration is focusing on defining an 'Eclipse SOA package' that is available for download from [eclipse.org](http://eclipse.org) and on the definition and implementation of future requirements for the SOA platform.

#### About itemis

##### **The company**

itemis AG, having its headquarters in Lünen, is an independent IT-consulting company. The company was founded in 2003 and by now employs 140 associates at several sites in Germany as well as in the past year, France and Switzerland.

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##### **Product and market**

itemis AG is a branch neutral technology leader in the field of automatized software development. It offers software development tools and services for the markets of business applications and embedded systems.

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##### **Eclipse engagement**

itemis AG is one of the five strategic Eclipse members seated in Germany. The Lünen company provides a team of eight developers, contributing to the Eclipse Modeling Project and significantly participating in the development of the open source generator-framework openArchitectureWare (oAW). Wolfgang Neuhaus, member of board of itemis AG, and leader of development Ed Merks are members of the board of the »Eclipse-Foundation«.

<http://eclipse.itemis.de/>

##### **Awards (excerpt)**

itemis AG is among the strongest growing technology companies in Germany. With an accumulated percentage sales growth of 749.53% in the last five years the Lünen company was nominated for the »Deloitte Technology Fast 50 2009«. itemis achieved the Top 10 in this notable rank, which has established itself as a seal of quality for entrepreneurial success in the technology sector.

The ministry for economics and technology has awarded itemis AG as »Exzellente Wissensorganisation (excellent knowledge-organization)«. With the initiative »Fit für den

Wissenswettbewerb (fit for the knowledge competition)« the ministry strives for the goal to strengthen knowledge management in medium-sized businesses. More on the project »Exzellente Wissensorganisation (excellent knowledge-organization)« and a portrait of itemis AG can be found on [www.wissensexzellenz.de](http://www.wissensexzellenz.de).

In January 2010 itemis AG, for the second time running, achieved the »Top Job« seal of quality and therefore is among the best employers in German medium-sized businesses. In the category up to 100 employees, the company came in second.

The chamber of commerce and industry (CCI) in Dortmund decorated the heads of board Wolfgang Neuhaus and Jens Wagener in May 2009 as successful founder of a new business with the »Silbernen Merkurstab (silver wand of mercury)«.

[www.itemis.de/Auszeichnungen](http://www.itemis.de/Auszeichnungen)

Further information about the company and current research projects can be found at [www.itemis.de](http://www.itemis.de) as well as <http://twitter.com/itemis>

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