



Ixonos Uses Perforce to Manage Software Development for its Smartphone Customers

WOKINGHAM, UK, September 20th 2007 - Perforce Software today announced that Ixonos Plc, headquartered in Helsinki, Finland, has chosen Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management (SCM) System, to manage software development projects for its leading smartphone customers.

Ixonos' telecommunications business unit specializes in the development, verification, maintenance and project management of software applications and information systems for licensees of the Symbian OS and smartphone manufacturers.

Historically, Ixonos' core business model was the production of bespoke software applications. This evolved as Ixonos began developing advanced smartphone features aimed at a much broader audience. This new business model required a new software development methodology to support it. After a committed study into open source and other licensed solutions, the Perforce SCM system was chosen.

Ixonos has gradually increased its use of SCM as its business has grown internationally. "Perforce fits well into our environment and supports our Agile development methodology," commented Jani Lehtinen, chief engineer at Ixonos. "In particular, we were looking for a full-fledged SCM solution that offered both powerful branching and support for atomic change transactions."

Perforce's unique branching model, Inter-File Branching, enables Ixonos' developers to work concurrently and to quickly propagate their changes to other codelines and developers. "Furthermore, because Perforce commits groups of changes atomically, we find it easy to propagate related changes between branches," commented Lehtinen. "For example, given two similar codeline branches, we can now propagate specific features or functions from one software project to another while ignoring the rest, which saves us considerable manual work."

"Perforce is a robust solution that meets all our requirements," said Lehtinen. "With our previous SCM solution, each developer had their own version of the code that needed to be kept synchronized. Now that there is just one version of the software to manage, it really speeds up development."

About the Perforce SCM System

Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management System is an award-winning tool that versions and manages source code and digital assets for enterprises large and small. Perforce is easy to install, learn and administer; seamlessly handles distributed development, and supports developers across

a large number of operating systems. Perforce ensures development integrity by grouping multi-file updates into atomic changes, enables concurrent development, and intelligently manages multiple software releases using its Inter-File Branching system.

About Perforce Software

Founded in 1995, Perforce Software Inc. develops, markets, and supports Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management System. Perforce Software is headquartered in Alameda, Calif., and sells worldwide. The company has international operations in Europe, Japan, and India. In addition to application software companies, Perforce customers represent a broad range of industries including game development, electronics, pharmaceutical and financial services.

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