Pantero(R) Collaborates with the TeleManagement Forum (TM Forum) to Enable Adoption of the TM Forum's Shared Information/Data (SID) Model

Pantero providing XML schemas (XSDs) to the TM Forum for the Forum's entire SID Model to facilitate industry-wide adoption

WALTHAM, Mass. — September 1 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) — Pantero Corporation (www.pantero.com), a leading provider of semantic integration software, today announced that through a collaboration with the TeleManagement Forum (TM Forum), Pantero has provided the XML schemas (XSDs) to the TM Forum for their entire Shared Information/Data model (SID). The SID is the information model for the TM Forum's New Generation Operations Systems and Software (NGOSS) framework enabling design and development of standards-based OSS/BSS software.

Pantero's software provides technology to deliver valid business data across applications in Service Oriented Architectures. One of the key functions of delivering valid data is Pantero's ability to automatically generate the XML from the SID UML models that are imported into Pantero.

Benefits to Telecommunications Service Providers

Telecommunications providers are faced with an unprecedented integration challenge as they work to integrate their heterogeneous OSS/BSS systems in order to deliver converged network solutions.

The TM Forum developed the SID with the vision of enabling easier OSS/BSS integration through a common information "language" and therefore, as a key enabler for SOA. Prior to the SID's availability in a common XML format as provided by Pantero, TM Forum members created their own, sometimes incompatible versions of the SID XML scheme for software integration, exacerbating rather than fixing the integration problems.

Pantero's contribution of making the complete SID model available in an XML format is a turning point and first step in enabling the adoption of the SID as a common industry model. By providing a common model that is usable off-the-shelf, the SID XML schemas deliver additional agility in OSS/BSS integration for the TM Forum and its member companies.

"The availability of the TM Forum SID model as XML schemas is a critical step in fully realizing the capabilities of the SID for telecommunications service providers, said Martin Creaner, CTO of the TeleManagement Forum, "We are delighted that in collaboration with Pantero, the TM Forum SID Technical Program has been able to make this resource available to the industry through TM Forum members well ahead of our anticipated schedule."

"We are pleased that TM Forum members are benefiting from the SID XML schemas. Pantero's software provides the tooling necessary to implement the SID in building out SOAs and we expect significant new market opportunity in the telecommunications industry as SID adoption is accelerating," said Pantero CEO, Pano Anthos.

Availability

Early releases of the XML schemas for the Phase 6 SID model are currently available to TM Forum members through the TM Forum's web site at www.tmforum.org.

About Pantero Corporation

Based in Waltham, Mass., Pantero provides breakthrough technology to deliver valid business data in integration projects. Pantero's software is the first integration solution to go beyond managing the format integrity of data to address the far costlier challenge of managing the business validity of data shared between applications. By automating the validation of integrated data, enterprises can reduce the cost, time and complexity of integrating systems by over 40%.

Pantero's unique metadata-driven Exchange Model(tm) manages both the format integrity and business integrity of data, using a wide variety of models, including industry-specific, application-specific and even custom models, replacing hand code with reuse and automation. Backed by top-tier investors including Draper Fisher Jurvetson, its affiliate fund Draper Fisher Jurvetson Gotham Ventures, and Partech International, Pantero's technology is currently being deployed at pilot sites that include some of the world's largest corporations. For more information, please visit www.pantero.com.

About the TeleManagement Forum

For more than 16 years, the TeleManagement Forum (TM Forum) has provided leadership, strategic guidance and practical solutions to improve the management and operation of information and communications services. Through its "Lean Operator" initiative and flagship New Generation Operations Systems and Software (NGOSS) program for developing, procuring and deploying operational and business support systems, the TM Forum creates collaboratively developed, industry standard solutions. These solutions, delivered through a set of guidelines and specifications, define the direction and specific roadmap to achieve business efficiency and operational flexibility — the hallmarks of the Lean Operator.

The TM Forum has over 450 members in 60 countries including incumbent and new-entrant service providers, equipment suppliers, software solution suppliers and Systems Integrators. For further information regarding the TM Forum, related programs and TM Forum events, please visit www.tmforum.org.

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