

OBJET DIRECT (VISEO GROUP) TAKES ITS FIRST STEP INTO THE EDITING WORLD WITH AN OPEN SOURCE SOLUTION

*The VISEO Group acquires the collaborative open source
development solution Codendi®*

Paris January 6th, 2012 – Objet Direct, a company of the VISEO Group, expert in the creation of internet and object designs (JAVA, .NET, Web 2.0) and responsive methods, announces today the buying out of the collaborative open source development solution Codendi. With this acquisition, the VISEO Group confirms its determination to position itself within new activities concerning the editing of open source technologies.

Objet Direct (VISEO Group): Open source at the service of the efficiency of technology projects

Objet Direct (VISEO Group) has all of the qualities required to accompany the development of the Codendi platform; a platform in perfect synergy with the guidance offers, services and software distributions of the group.

“The Codendi solution, will allow our clients to industrialize their software engineering strategy and to equip the life cycle management of their technology projects. It is a collaborative platform, easy to access and very affordable” said **Eric Perrier, General Director of the VISEO Group.**

Codendi is an ALM (Application Lifecycle Management) and **automated development cycle management** solution that allows one to manage the dimensions of an applicative project, from the brainstorming phase to project budget follow-up. It is destined for the entirety of the project team: the project leader, functional experts, technical leaders, designers, developers, quality leaders, researchers, consultants, developers...

“We wanted to make Codendi a standard on the market for editors, integrators and research and development centers of industries that wish to place their projects under control” continued Eric Perrier. “Codendi is an open source solution acclaimed by a dynamic community of users who value the benefits of the platform and who will have a significant impact on the orientations of newly developed functionalities that we will be undertaking”.

Codendi, a historical and fruitful collaboration with Xerox

The acquisition of the Codendi solution tops years of fruitful relations between Objet Direct (VISEO Group) and Xerox, leader in the management of documents and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO). After having contributed, in collaboration with Xerox, to Xerox's development, Objet Direct (VISEO Group) evaluated in 2007 the product as a response to different needs in regards of the collaborative platform. As a technology specialist, Objet Direct (VISEO Group) has decided to use the product as the main tool for project management.

In 2009, Objet Direct (VISEO Group) and Xerox became partners with Coclico (**CO**nvergence de la **C**ommunauté **L**ibre des **I**nfrastructures **C**ollaborative **O**uvertes / Merging of the Free Community of Open Collaborative Infrastructures), a national project approved by the competitive poles of **System@tic** (located in the Region of Paris, France) and **Minalogic** (located in the Region of Lyon, France) having for objective a diversification of the collaborative platforms created for software development.

The Coclico project operates directly with the Codendi development community and favors the development of relationships between Xerox and Objet Direct (VISEO Group), each interested in the interoperability of software **creation** around three principal worksites: the adaptation of tools and methodologies, continual integration and traceability, and finally, integration with the client post.

From this collaboration, Objet Direct (VISEO Group) will create a complementary aspect for the management of projects. "A real success, our virtual dashboard constructed by Codendi was quickly sought after by the market in light of its commercialization", exclaimed Thibault Parmentier, Objet Direct (VISEO Group).

"From now-on we are able to offer our clients a strong and flexible open product", followed Thibault Parmentier. "These are the three qualities which will, we are certain, be at the base of success. Few competitors can brag about commercializing a product equally as apt to respond to the challenges of companies. Not only do we bring to the table a real added value as far as product contextualization and support, but also in transparency for the user."

In 2011 with the end of the Coclico project, VISEO wishes to go further in the integration between its virtual dashboard and the ALM. Partners are spreading themselves out in order to transfer the Codendi activity to VISEO as Xerox is now concentrating its innovation in the areas linked to its activity in Business Process Outsources. "To have the VISEO Group as the purchaser is a reassurance of security and durability. Xerox uses Codendi internally and it was essential for us to have complete confidence in the purchaser, as far as technical capacities as well as commercial forces, but also in its financial position. In this context, Objet Direct (VISEO Group) was the ideal choice" said **Monica Beltrametti, VP Xerox and European R&D Director.**

With Codendi, project management becomes collaborative

As an open source ALM (application Lifecycle Management) solution, Codendi consists of a collaborative management software project platform (“software creation”). Developed by the Xerox research center (XRCE) in Grenoble in 2002, it allows one to manage the entire lifecycle of applications. The necessary tools for software development teams are accessible from the same Web interface: acutely configurable generic follow-up tools (tracker), document managers, code version systems of management (Subversions and CVS), reporting tools, electronic dashboards or continual test platforms.

The creation, implementation and maintenance of software represent a significant investment. Codendi allows one to manage this richness as well as the expertise of the associated resources in an optimal way, while particularly allowing one to:

- facilitate the communication between trans-organizational and/or geographically distant teams, in order to considerably reduce the costs of maintenance in comparison with varied systems;
- create a traceability by linking all project elements together (link a demand with the tasks and associated documents, link a commit towards a bug, link a wiki page towards a support request...);
- centralize the information of software projects of a company. Everything is effectively situated at the same place and accessible from a unique portal: project and reporting management, development chain, document management and tools of communication...;
- structure the deployment of methodologies and processes: agile methods of Scrum, CMMI, ITIL, etc.

It is thus with this new editing role that Objet Direct (VISEO Group) commits itself to launch Codendi Version 4.4. This version will present new functionalities, among which certain come directly from the Coclico project.