Press Release

Hardis Group launches a private cloud PaaS offering for development and testing environments

Accessible via a web portal, this new offering is used to configure and implement tailored and scalable development and test project infrastructures. Combining the flexibility of the Platform-as-a-Service model with the security of a private cloud, it helps to reduce non-production environment deployment costs and lead times.

Grenoble, March 28, 2013 - Services, business software publishing and facilities management company Hardis Group has launched a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) offering for development and testing environments. This new offering enables companies to configure and implement tailored non-production environments hosted in a private cloud totally independently and via a web portal. The result will be a significant reduction in the cost and time required to make secure project environments available.

Key to all IT projects, development and testing environments are costly for companies in terms of IT hardware and software resources and human resources for deploying and administering them. They require more flexibility than production environments, the infrastructures for which generally do not change much (outside of seasonal fluctuations). In fact, the technical environments (Unix, Windows, Linux, etc.), processing power and storage capacity, etc. change according to the projects, sometimes from one week to the next.

Flexibility, responsiveness and lower costs

Based on the IBM SmartCloud Entry solution, Hardis' project PaaS cloud offering provides IS departments which are tailored, configurable and ready to be used according to their requirements within a matter of minutes: on-demand virtual machine startup and shutdown, instant addition or resizing of storage spaces (disk), increase or decrease of processing power (CPU) and memory (RAM). Accessible from a web portal, it integrates all the services required to manage these environments: virtual machine cloning and backup, management of security and isolation between the different projects, rights and user management, supervision, etc.

In addition to fixed infrastructure and services costs, billing is based on actual consumption of resources according to three criteria: CPU via virtual CPU (core) and RAM by Gb of RAM used, disk per Gb of disk space reserved. "This solution has reduced non-production environment deployment and operating costs by two-thirds," explained Nicolas Odet, Executive Vice President at Hardis.

Private cloud security, agility and services

In addition to the advantages specific to the PaaS model - flexibility, responsiveness and lower costs - Hardis' services portal also benefits from those of a private cloud. Unlike public clouds, the infrastructures proposed by Hardis are fully dedicated to the company and connected to its information system via a VPN so they can automatically switch from project to production environment. By reducing deployment times, Hardis' non-production cloud solution helps to optimize time-to-market for applications, thus helping to increase its customers' agility.

Customers can also count on Hardis' private cloud support, expertise and range of services, particularly relating to database management, flow implementation, patch application and

optimization of specific environments such as AS400 or AIX. They also benefit from the same service-level agreements (SLAs) as a production infrastructure.

About Hardis

Hardis Group was created in 1984. It is both a software publisher and an IT services company. Ever since it was created, this company has built growth in a resolutely different way, based on pragmatism and the core values of local presence and a strong commitment to both customers and employees. The founding directors still run the company, 25% of employees are shareholders, and all the personnel is based in France.

Hardis focuses on seven major sectors: infrastructure and facilities management, development and Third-Party Application Maintenance (TPAM), consulting and project owner support, business intelligence, logistics and transport (Reflex solutions), development tools (Adelia Studio), and payroll outsourcing (Saphyr software).

As a software publisher, Hardis is capable of integrating its own solutions and can also call on the services of a network of partners. Its consultants are experts in high-quality IT project methodologies (such as ITIL and CMMI).

Hardis posted turnover figures of €53 million in 2011. To date, the Group has more than 2,500 customers and employs 620 people. Its head office is located in Grenoble, with five other branches in Lyon, Paris, Lille, Nantes and Rennes.

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