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The Apache Software Foundation Names Qpid a Top-Level Project

Influential community-driven foundation promotes Open Source messaging implementation built on the AMQP standard

FOREST HILL, MD – 3 March, 2009 – The Apache Software Foundation (ASF) today announced the graduation of the Qpid project from the Apache Incubator as a Top-Level Project (TLP), signifying that the Project's community and products have been well-governed under the ASF's meritocratic process and principles.

Apache Qpid is an Open Source messaging implementation built on the Advanced Messaging Queuing Protocol (AMQP) specification, the first open standard for enterprise messaging. Qpid provides transaction management, queuing, clustering, federation, security, management, and support across multiple operating systems and platforms.

“On the heels of its recent graduation, Qpid has also reached the completion of the major Qpid M4 release. We're thrilled to have our project's growth and maturity recognized by the Apache Software Foundation,” said Carl Trieloff, Chair of the Apache Qpid Project Management Committee (PMC) and Senior Consulting Software Engineer at Red Hat. “With the promotion to an Apache Top-Level Project, Qpid is recognized for outstanding development based on our vibrant, rapidly expanding community, infrastructure and for collaborative development.”

John O'Hara, Chairman of the AMQP Working Group and Executive Director at JPMorgan said, "I am delighted that the Apache Software Foundation has graduated the Qpid Project. AMQP is an open infrastructure for business messaging over the Internet. Apache Qpid developers have been active participants in the AMQP Working Group working in partnership with other AMQP solution developers and end-users. The ASF's provision of Qpid as its AMQP implementation adds to the range of AMQP solutions businesses can choose from to improve their efficiency."

Initially proposed for development within the ASF by Trieloff in December 2006, Qpid started with a donation of code created by some of the initial project members. Since then, Qpid continues to expand both its committer base and diversity of organizations and individuals represented. Today, Qpid runs critical systems for many users and large organizations while continuing to lead through innovation and implementation.

“Since joining AMQP.org last year, we have seen how valuable the AMQP specification is to the participating customers,” said Sam Ramji, Senior Director, Platform Strategy, at Microsoft. “It is great to see the Apache Qpid project maturing as the community strives to address the customer need for choice and improved enterprise-class messaging interoperability.”

Members of the Qpid team, as well as those who use the software, believe that the project’s graduation a fresh and exciting addition to the Apache Software Foundation: “WSO2 believes that Apache Qpid is an important addition to addressing the enterprise messaging demands of our customers, and we support connecting both C and Java middleware to Apache Qpid for AMQP messaging,” said Paul Fremantle, CTO at WSO2 and member of the Apache Qpid Project Management Committee.

To use, interact, and/or contribute to Apache Qpid, visit <http://qpid.apache.org>.

About The Apache Software Foundation (ASF)

Established in 1999, the all-volunteer Foundation oversees more than sixty-five leading Open Source projects, including Apache HTTP Server — the world's most popular Web server software. Through The ASF’s meritocratic process known as “The Apache Way”, nearly 300 individual Members and 2,000 Committers successfully collaborate to develop freely available enterprise-grade software, benefiting millions of users worldwide: thousands of software solutions are distributed under the Apache License; and the community actively participates in ASF mailing lists, mentoring initiatives, and ApacheCon, the Foundation’s official user conference, trainings, and expo. The ASF is funded by individual donations and corporate sponsors including Google, HP, Microsoft, Progress Software, SpringSource, and Yahoo! For more information, visit <http://www.apache.org/>

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