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gadiv's Scrum plugin for MantisBT is now available

Dortmund, 5 June 2014 – Software company gadiv has developed the open source plugin agileMantis for MantisBT, the popular bug tracking system. The software enhances the bug tracker by adding components for project management with Scrum and provides all functions necessary to support this agile system, such as the ability to create Scrum teams and manage product and sprint backlogs. It also provides burndown charts and a taskboard.

gadiv GmbH, a subsidiary of adesso AG, specialises in information systems for Germany's statutory health insurance companies (GKV). In this context, the company develops reusable software components and development tools that are appealing to a wide range of users. Following the release of giServer, the company is now providing users with another open source product: agileMantis.

The MantisBT bug tracker is designed to manage requirements on software products in the form of issues that can be picked up and processed for defined target versions of the software. These issues are similar to user stories in Scrum. However, MantisBT does not offer any additional tools to support the software development process using Scrum. gadiv has closed this gap with the development of agileMantis.

With agileMantis, users get all the functions necessary to work successfully with Scrum. The plugin makes it possible to create Scrum teams, manage product backlogs and assign Mantis projects to them. It also allows users to set up and process sprints. agileMantis supports a project's staffing process by permitting the definition and management of available capacities of team members – or across teams – for a sprint or a selected period of time. The issues, as they are known in MantisBT, can be assigned as user stories to a

product backlog, which allows them to be included in a sprint. Individual tasks can be created and processed within a user story.

The basic version of agileMantis is open source software and is available free of charge. A separate license that includes expert-level components rounds out the service offering with a taskboard, specialised functions for the daily Scrum meeting and statistics functions (velocity, burndown charts, etc). agileMantis requires an existing MantisBT installation – version 1.2.5 or higher – and can be installed via the plugin manager.

"For years now, we have been using Mantis not only as a bug tracking system, but also to manage requirements on the development and continued development of our software products as Mantis issues. After converting to Scrum, we didn't want to do without the benefits provided by Mantis," explains Walter Jenauer, managing director of gadiv in Much, Germany. "So we quickly developed an add-on for Mantis that supports this agile software development process without limiting the possibilities provided by Mantis."

gadiv has been using agileMantis successfully for quite some time now. The company has continued to develop the tool on the basis of practical experience gained in production operations and is now introducing it to the market.

"We are now ready to provide other interested users with the advantages of agileMantis," adds Jenauer. "By using our plugin, software development with Scrum can now also be optimally achieved using MantisBT."

The basic version of agileMantis can be downloaded free of charge from Source Forge:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/agilemantis

gadiv has also released a free online trial version of agileMantis on the internet:

http://agilemantis.sourceforge.net/

The expert components are now available for download. There is also the option of ordering the license key in order to activate the expert components. A trial license for the expert components is also available:

http://www.gadiv.de/de/opensource/agilemantis/agilemantisde.html

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gadiv GmbH is based in Much and has over 25 years of experience in developing IT systems for statutory health insurance providers. Experts at gadiv combine specialist expertise with a keen eye for detail when it comes to system landscapes at health insurance providers. Aside from planning and realising client-specific internet and intranet solutions, the company also specialises in developing and marketing standalone applications and specialist modules for statutory health insurance provider applications such as Morbi-DC, FB3BUC and AutoBUC. gadiv clients include the BIT-MARCK group, DAK-Gesundheit, AOK Rheinland/Hamburg, Deutsche BKK, SBK Siemens-Betriebskrankenkasse, Bahn BKK, pronova BKK, IKK Berlin-Brandenburg and Kaufmännische Krankenkasse - KKH.

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