

Open Source Tool Developed by Carleton University Interns Wins LinuxWorld Product Excellence Award

Ottawa, Ontario. August 21, 2008. Ontario's Talent First Network (TFN) and Carleton University are pleased to announce that Ingres CAFÉ (Consolidated Application Foundation for Eclipse) won this year's LinuxWorld Product Excellence Award in the Best Application Development Tool category (<http://linuxworldexpo.com/live/12/media/news/CC969855>). LinuxWorld is one of the most comprehensive marketplaces for open source products and services in the world.

Carleton University students developed the award winning product while working as interns for the Ingres Corporation in Ottawa. Andrew Ross, a senior software engineer at Ingres, mentored the student interns funded by Ontario's TFN (<http://www.ingres.com/about/press/08-0807-cafe.php>).

"Internships with technology companies lead to knowledge jobs for talented students", said Luc Lalande, Director, Innovation Transfer, Carleton University. Lalande added, "The TFN internships attract and retain bright students in Ontario and result in the most effective type of technology transfer from universities to Ontario companies: talent".

"We are very proud of Samrat Dhillon, the graduate student who spearheaded the development of Ingres CAFÉ and carried out most of the work", said Tony Bailetti, Director of the TFN. He added, "We are also proud of Alex Trofast and Gareth Baker who were involved in the development of Ingres CAFÉ".

"Thanks to the grant from the Ontario Research Commercialization Program of the Ministry of Research and Innovation we are able to place talented students to work in open source initiatives with technology companies", Bailetti added.

"I am delighted", said a smiling Samrat Dhillon. "The LinuxWorld award is a big win for Ingres as well as the student interns involved in the project. I wish to thank the TFN, the Google Summer of Code program, and the TIM program for their support".

Samrat Dhillon has recently completed all the requirements for a master's degree in the Technology Innovation Management (TIM) program offered by the Department of Systems and Computer Engineering. The title of his research thesis is "Managing license incompatibilities distributing Eclipse application stacks".

Samrat Dhillon (TIM) led the development effort. Alex Trofast (MBA) and Gareth Baker (B.Comm.) used Ingres CAFÉ to build the time sheet manager application for the purpose of highlighting the tool's capabilities. Alex Trofast also helped test Ingres CAFÉ and prepare documentation. "The first time I was involved with open source was while working as an intern", Gareth Baker said. "I am really impressed with the quality of the products that open source communities are developing".

"The Ingres CAFÉ tool is built on Eclipse and Ingres and designed to enable fast implementation of a Java Development Environment (JDE) by minimizing configuration issues", said Rowland Few, TFN Ecosystem Director. He added, "We are grateful for the opportunity provided to student interns by Ingres". To learn more about Ingres CAFÉ, please visit <http://www.ingres.com/products/ingres-cafe.php>

About Ontario's Talent First Network

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The Talent First Network is a province-wide initiative that enables the transfer of (i) open source technology, (ii) knowledge about competing in open and flat environments, and (iii) talented students with skills in the commercialization of open source assets from academic institutions to Ontario companies, the not-for-profit sector and open source communities.

About Technology Innovation Management program <http://www.carleton.ca/tim/> Carleton University's Technology Innovation Management (TIM) is a unique Master's program for experienced engineers. The TIM program offers both a thesis based degree (M.A.Sc.) and a project based degree (M.Eng.). The TIM program trains engineers and computer scientists to become effective managers of the engineering processes that deliver innovative technology based systems, products, and services. The program focuses on research in the synthesis between engineering technology and management of engineering processes.