Aldon Adds Agile Templates, Test Case Management to Community Manager 9.5.4

Press Release

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Emeryville, CA—November-23-2010—Aldon, the ALM company for IT compliance, today announced Aldon Community Manager 9.5.4, the latest release of its powerful web-based IT service management (ITSM) solution now equipped with formalized templates for agile development project management, expanded facilities for test case management, and a tighter integration with Aldon Report Manager. This latest release extends Aldon's comprehensive ALM solution out to organizations for all stages of their agile implementation process.

Agile Templates

The rapid iterations and flexibility of the agile process require teams to have a more efficient way to manage the backlog of work and all the components that are undergoing modification. With the agile templates now shipping with Aldon Community Manager 9.5.4, organizations gain a centralized workspace where they can easily view the backlog and prioritize the work to be done. Agile team members can run a variety of queries and reports on backlog items, statuses, and project priorities that are essential to ensuring that IT is meeting the current needs of the business. By combining Aldon's industry leading ALM solutions with the new agile templates, IT organizations can implement agile best practices, regardless of whether they are going all agile or taking a hybrid approach.

Aldon Community Manager also automates the workflow so that backlog items, task assignments and approval requests are routed to the right people, and requirements are checked off. Managers and team members can easily assess resource needs and timelines, and make quick adjustments. And if you have team members across the country, they know exactly what's going on without looking at whiteboards.

"Many organizations starting out in Agile use a whiteboard or an Excel spreadsheet to manage all of the stories," said Matt Scholl, CEO and president, Aldon. "That works if you've got 10 or so stories to manage. But what if you have to juggle 1,000 stories or even just 200? Cutting and copying, sorting and re-sorting, moving from one worksheet to another can be a daunting and time-consuming task. Aldon Community Manager helps streamline the whole tracking process."

Test Case Management

Like the shift to agile, more and more IT organizations are using the test-driven design (TDD) approach for their development efforts as a way to think through requirements and design before writing functional code. Developers create a test with the end results in mind, and then code to it. They then run the tests to ensure they created what they originally set out to do. Aldon Community Manager 9.5.4 helps drive that process. Automated test scripts can be attached to the collection of files that are being modified. For manual testing, all the steps in the testing process can be recorded

as related tasks, along with any supporting screen layouts and expected results. Those tasks can then serve as the script for the testers. As they complete tests, they can record any errors, or if the test is successful, they can close the task.

And from the moment the test design is created, Aldon Community Manager routes all things associated with a particular test through user-defined workflows, associating each task to particular test cases, and notifying stakeholders when necessary and appropriate e.g. a success or failure status. There are also built-in areas for notes, discussions, email, and chats, allowing users to communicate with each other throughout the process.

Aldon Community Manager 9.5.4 is available now and more information on the solution can be found here: http://www.aldon.com/prod/acm/ov/

About Aldon

Aldon is the ALM company for IT compliance. For over 30 years, we have been the experts in providing application lifecycle management solutions to ensure that change management, collaboration, and compliance are applied consistently across all areas of IT. Through our user-centric approach to process management, our service, change, and release management products help you focus on what you do best—providing superior services, rapidly developing applications, and efficiently managing your IT operations. Behind the scenes, we help you increase productivity, accelerate time-to-market, fully understand your IT assets, and easily achieve compliance with regulatory standards. A true testament to our products is our customer base with over 1,300 companies worldwide in over 70 of the Fortune 100. These companies rely upon our solutions to manage their global IT business and operations processes including application development, network operations, and services management. We are headquartered in Emeryville, California and have offices around the world serving more than 60 countries.