Rocket Software Releases Aldon Lifecycle Manager 6.1 to Simplify the Release Management & Deployment Process

Press Release

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Emeryville, CA—May-17-2011—Rocket Software today announced the availability of Aldon Lifecycle Manager (Enterprise Edition) 6.1, the latest version of Rocket Aldon's software change management solution designed to help IT shops simplify the release-management and deployment process and eliminate the errors often associated with this sensitive stage of the lifecycle. The new version delivers a full-featured, easy to navigate web-based console that allows users to quickly track, manage and adjust any part of the release process on an anytime/anywhere basis. Aldon Lifecycle Manager 6.1 is available immediately. For more information on the solution, visit our products page.

Users can access Aldon Lifecycle Manager though any Internet-enabled computer to perform functions such as deployment set status checking, deployment target status checking, and point-and-click package rollback and recovery, allowing them to respond to problems immediately from the Aldon Lifecycle Manager web-based console. Aldon Lifecycle Manager 6.1 also boasts new Eclipse plug-in capabilities and enhanced rollback and recovery features.

"It's not shocking that the release-management process is often the most vulnerable part of the application lifecycle," says Daniel Magid, Business Area Executive for Aldon Labs at Rocket Software. "The process is complex, there is a wide range of IT staff involved, and there are far too many manual steps. Our goal with Aldon Lifecycle Manager is to give visibility at every stage and automation for every manual step to make the entire process easy and error-free. We want to deliver ALM solutions that simplify the lives of our users."

The need for this new version is clear. Aldon recently conducted a global survey that revealed the profound importance that ALM solutions have on producing successful, error-free deployments. The survey, which was completed by more than 340 Aldon customers in February and March 2011, revealed that more than 80% of respondents rely on Aldon ALM solutions to successfully manage the build and deployment process, enabling point-and-click deployment to multiple targets and multiple platforms. In fact, more than 50% of respondents indicated they would easily move the wrong objects into production if they did not have Aldon in place, and confirmed that they were able to reduce errors by more than 55% across the lifecycle.

Aldon Lifecycle Manager plays a key role in the application lifecycle, automating the development process, facilitating team development, and deploying applications across multiple platforms while extending the reach into full-enterprise development environments. It allows users to quickly access up-to-the-minute information on productivity, staff utilization, application development progress, statistics on incident resolution, and other historical data. Users can improve, accelerate, and oversee the entire development process while accessing customizable reports and dashboards that offer instant overviews of project status, metrics, and key performance indicators, providing the visibility and information needed to make decisions about deploying resources and assessing the

return on IT projects.

About Rocket Software

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