Open Source and innovation: 13 finalists chosen for the Demo Cup at this year's Open World Forum

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The Jury for the Demo Cup – the international competition for Open Source projects being organized as part of the Open World Forum in Paris on 1 October 2010 – has published the list of finalists, following a tough selection process based on entrants' submissions.

The Open World Forum is the world's leading summit meeting bringing together decision-makers and communities to cross-fertilize open technological, economic and social initiatives to build the digital future. Its Demo Cup showcases innovative and game-changing Open Source products of the year.

The finalists are:

- ActiveEon: http://activeeon.com
- Disruptive Innovations (for the BlueGriffon project): http://disruptive-innovations.com
- Conecta research (for the EveryDesk project): http://conecta.it
- Hedera Technology: http://hederatech.com
- iceScrum: http://icescrum.com
- Jaspersoft: http://jaspersoft.com
- Mozilla (for the Mozilla 4 project): http://mozilla.org
- Obeo (for the Acceleo project): http://obeo.fr
- Pentaho: http://pentaho.com
- O-Engine (for the SmartEdu project): http://www.o-engine.com/en
- Pilot Systems (for the Cockpit project): http://www.cockpit-mailing.com
- Talend: http://talend.com
- XWiki: http://xwiki.com

These 13 finalists will compete against each other on 1 October 2010 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Open World Forum. Each will have exactly eight minutes to convince the Jury and the audience, by putting forward a practical demonstration of how their product might become a game-changer in their marketplace.

Following these presentations, the Jury will present five 'Open Innovation Awards' which will recognize the most spectacular and convincing demonstrations.

The Demo Cup Jury includes investors, entrepreneurs, Open Source managers from leading IT services companies, and consultants; all of them experts in Open Source and innovation: Larry Augustin (SugarCRM), Jean-François Caenen (Capgemini), Jean-Marie Chauvet (LC Capital), Stefane Fermigier (Nuxeo), Jean-

François Gallouin (Via Innovation), Roberto Galopini (consultant), Thierry Koerlen (Ulteo), Jean-Noel Olivier (Accenture), Bruno Pinna (Bull), Alain Revah (Kublax).

Stefane Fermigier, joint chairman of the Jury, commented: "*When choosing the finalists from among the many submissions we received, we took three key criteria into account: the innovative and open nature of the projects being presented; the impact that we thought they might have on their respective markets; and their ability to produce a spectacular demo that would leave a lasting impression on the audience.*"

Jean-Marie Chauvet, also joint chairman of the Jury, added: "*The very high quality and variety of the entries we received shows that the Open Innovation Awards, organized as part of the Open World Forum, are helping to establish this event as the essential annual focal point for innovation in the open software world*."

The 2010 Demo Cup is organized by the Open World Forum, with operational support being provided by the Open Software Special Interest Group of the [Systematic](#) competitiveness cluster.

For more information, visit: <http://www.openworldforum.org/connect/awards/awards> or contact Stefane Fermigier at sf@nuxeo.com.

About the Open World Forum

The Open World Forum is the leading global summit meeting bringing together decision-makers and communities to cross-fertilize open digital technological, economic and social initiatives. At the very heart of the Free/Open Source revolution, the event was founded in 2008 and now takes place every year in Paris, with over 140 speakers from 40 countries, an international audience of 1,500 delegates and some forty seminars, workshops and think-tanks. Organized by a vast network of partners, including the leading Free/Open Source communities and main global players from the IT world, the Open World Forum is the definitive event for discovering the latest trends in open computing. As a result, it is a unique opportunity to share ideas and best practice with visionary thinkers, entrepreneurs and leaders of the top international Free/Open Source communities and to network with technology gurus, CxOs, analysts, CIOs, researchers, politicians and investors from six continents. The Open World Forum is being run this year by the Systematic competitiveness cluster, in partnership with Cap Digital and the European QualiPSo consortium. Some 70% of the world's leading information technology companies are involved in the Forum as partners and participants.

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