



Open-Xchange Inc. and IDEALX announce strategic technological partnership

Partnership combines leading open source collaboration server with top open source infrastructure and security

Paris, France / Tarrytown, NY, USA -- September 12, 2005 – IDEALX, a leader in open source infrastructure & security software and Open-Xchange Inc., the leading open source alternative to Microsoft Exchange, today announced a strategic technological partnership to offer a comprehensive, secure collaboration alternative.

According to the agreement, IDEALX and Open-Xchange will create a long-term technical partnership to enhance both product lines. This partnership is built on the continued relationships of both companies' R&D teams that already began working together within Open-Xchange' community project last year.

IDEALX is the leading European provider of open source "off-the-shelf" solutions, specializing in infrastructure and security. For more than 5 years, IDEALX has developed a rich offering for large corporate and government customers -- ranging from Samba/LDAP migration solutions to the leading open source IDX-PKI software.

Open-Xchange (OX) is a collaboration and groupware server based on open source components that supports e-mail, calendar, contracts, private/shared/public folders, tasks, projects, document management and forums. OX enables easy migration to and integration with an open source environment – enabling IT administrators to create and implement killer collaboration-centric apps without changing existing infrastructure, i.e. databases, directory services, message transfer agents, e-mail servers or web-servers. OX is agnostic on the desktop and interoperates with a wide variety of rich clients, most importantly Microsoft Outlook, but also open source clients such as KDE Kontact and web browsers.

"With IDEALX expertise in SAMBA and security and our know-how in collaboration, we will be able to offer customers better solutions and services than anybody else in the market," said Frank Hoberg, CEO, Open-Xchange. "With the intense interest of our open source project and the thousands of customers of our Open-Xchange Server 5, many customers will benefit from this partnership."

"Open source was for years missing a real alternative to traditional proprietary solutions in the collaboration space, this is no longer the case since release of Open-Xchange Server 5 last March," said Olivier Guilbert, CEO, IDEALX. OX seamlessly integrated with IDEALX Software offers a one-stop components package for all users and customers looking for a pure open source migration solution to move from traditional low secured proprietary solutions."

The new partnership enables seamless installation and offers simpler administration procedures for users with Samba and Open-Xchange services: IDEALX and Open-Xchange have already developed the integration of the smbldap-tools and the Open-Xchange administration framework and data model.

IDEALX is a key player within the open source community, contributing on the development of the Samba / LDAP components stack with todate more than with 80.000 downloads throughout 40 countries. IDEALX also developed and maintains the leading open source public key infrastrucutre IDX-PKI and a user friendly signature tool Cryptonit.

By year end, IDEALX and Open-Xchange also plan to enhance security with the IDX-PKI and Cryptonit and to secure exchanges and provide additional identity management benefits. OX and IDX-PKI are positioned to provide a even stronger migration and replacement alternative for users of legacy solutions seeking truly dependable and trusted messaging services.

About Open-Xchange Inc.

Based in Tarrytown, NY, Open-Xchange Inc. (www.open-xchange.com) is one of the world's leading open source-based groupware, collaboration, and messaging providers. Open-Xchange's flagship product, Open-Xchange Server, comes in a free open source version, OX 0.8, and a commercial version, Open-Xchange 5. Netline Internet Service GmbH, based in Germany, is the contract developer of OX. Netline also provides the core collaboration engine for SUSE LINUX Openexchange.

About IDEALX

Based out of Paris, IDEALX is the leader in "off the shelf" open source software in Europe. IDEALX main software offerings ranges from open source infrastructure stack that facilitates migration to open source to security software such as IDX-PKI and Cryptonit the user friendly open source signature software. IDEALX references includes Total, Michelin, or the Ministry of Defense of Switzerland.

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