TopQuadrant and Taxonic Partner to Deliver Linked Data Solutions to Europe

Taxonic to leverage TopBraid solutions to achieve promise of enterprise interoperability

RALEIGH, NC – January 27, 2015 - TopQuadrant™, a leading enterprise metadata and semantic data integration company, today announced that Taxonic will join the company as a solution partner targeting Europe. As part of the partnership, Taxonic will offer solution services and trainings on TopQuadrant's TopBraid product offerings, including implementation and integration services.

"We are excited to join one of the leading software companies leveraging semantic technology to deliver a complete solution platform for Linked Data," said Jan Voskuil, CEO of Taxonic. "Together we can make an enterprise IT systems take a quantum leap in the value that the IT team returns for their organization."

Linked Data, a set of best practices developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), offers a standards-based approach for describing rich and flexible data models for querying models and data alike. It enables a way to uniquely identify, connect and access data across many diverse sources. A growing number of standards-compliant products, such as TopQuadrant’s TopBraid Enterprise Vocabulary Net (TopBraid EVN) offer an interoperable alternative to using proprietary technologies that is much more ‘future-proof’ in terms of enabling unanticipated changes, additions and dynamic interconnections among data sources.

One of the important W3C standards for leveraging the power of Linked Data, SKOS, provides a common data model for sharing and linking knowledge organization systems via the Web. Recognizing the importance of SKOS for metadata management, Taxonic, as a representative of Platform Linked Data Nederland, has taken the initiative to get SKOS adopted on the Dutch “Comply or Explain List”. When the formal process, which is already in its final stages, will be completed successfully, it is expected that public sector organizations will pervasively implement the standard.

Given this focus, Taxonic in particular wants to offer the extensive capabilities of TopQuadrant’s TopBraid EVN, a flexible, web-based solution for managing business vocabularies that enable Linked Data principles. With the robust TopBraid platform and technologies such SPARQLMotion, SPIN and SPARQL Web Pages as their foundation, TopBraid products go beyond full support for SKOS and its extension SKOS-XL to provide capabilities for enterprise data integration, search and query federation.

“Taxonic has a deep understanding of what Linked Data means to enterprises in practice,” said Irene Polikoff, CEO of TopQuadrant. “Given our mission of bringing our solutions to the enterprise this partnership is a perfect fit.”

Taxonic will be hosting a training offered by TopQuadrant in Taxonic’s headquarters in Utrecht on March 9-12, 2015. For a description of the content please visit TopBraid Platform and Tools Training. To register please visit the registration page.

About TopQuadrant
TopQuadrant's standards-based solutions enable organizations to evolve their information infrastructure into a semantic ecosystem, the foundation for intelligent business capabilities and integrated big data. As a result, data can be organized, shared and exchanged regardless of its structure, origin or location. TopBraid Enterprise Vocabulary Net™ supports collaborative management of enterprise metadata, models, business glossaries and taxonomies used in search, content navigation and data integration. TopBraid Reference Data Manager™ supports the governance and provisioning of reference data, including the enrichment of reference datasets (code lists) with comprehensive metadata. TopBraid Insight™ is a semantic virtual data warehouse that enables federated querying of data across diverse data sources as if they were in
one place. TopQuadrant customers include many government agencies and Fortune 1000 companies in numerous industries including pharmaceutical, financial services, energy and digital media. For more information, visit http://www.topquadrant.com

**About Taxonic**

Taxonic is a solution partner of TopQuadrant based in Utrecht, Netherlands. Taxonic specializes in activating business knowledge in organizations using modern information architectures and standards for data and metadata management. To support that mission, Taxonic offers solution services and trainings on TopQuadrant’s TopBraid product offerings, including implementation and integration services. For more information, visit http://taxonic.com.

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