

Palamida Finds Security Tops List of Concerns Inhibiting Broader Open Source Adoption

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Company Highlights 25 Hot Open Source Projects that Organizations Can Use with Confidence Today

SAN FRANCISCO, CA *December 16, 2008* – Palamida, the leader in application security for open source, today released the results of a new poll, **finding that 75 percent of organizations expect their IT budget to decrease either moderately or significantly in 2009**, but that only 45 percent view open source as a likely solution to the upcoming budget gap. While this result may seem surprising in light of today's economic pressures, the fact that **50 percent of respondents cite security as the number one concern around additional open source adoption could indicate the cause.**

The Palamida web poll was conducted **between November 13 and November 21, 2008 and included 177 respondents in senior IT, engineering, and security positions.** Survey requests were evenly distributed across **financial services, insurance, technology, consumer goods and services, biotech/pharmaceutical, manufacturing, healthcare, energy and government.** **Response was concentrated in the financial and insurance sectors.**

The poll also found a very positive perception of open source software functionality and quality, **with 62.7% of organizations believing that open source software is either equal or almost equal to their commercial counterparts.** This countered the list of concerns, which in addition to security, **included support costs and intellectual property risks** as top three concerns around open source use.

“In challenging economic times, internal application development teams absolutely should be turning to open source to deliver higher quality software and Web applications with fewer resources,” said Mark Tolliver, Palamida CEO. “Open source use is flourishing inside of organizations, with applications built in the last five years, **typically composed of 50 percent or more open source content. Our experience is that open source communities are typically very responsive to finding and fixing reported security problems** – and that, coupled with a proactive process for open source management via composition analysis, should reduce security concerns.”

Palamida has compiled a list of **25 hot open source projects** that organizations should be using today in order to trim their engineering budgets. With experience in auditing billions of lines of code for Fortune 100 as well as start-up companies, Palamida has seen some of the most productive and cost-saving use of open source from market leaders across all industries. The 25 open source projects, reviewed by Palamida, have proven to be among the most reliable, innovative, and enterprise-ready open source projects. The list includes Web 2.0 enablers Prototype, script.aculo.us, Direct Web Remoting, Yahoo! User Interface, and jQuery, that can save organizations substantial time and money in development. For further details about these projects and the full list, please visit www.palamida.com/blog.

About Palamida, Inc.

Palamida provides the industry's first application security solution exclusively for open source software. The Palamida Enterprise Edition uses component-level analysis to quickly identify and track undocumented code and associated security vulnerabilities, as well as intellectual property and compliance issues. Using Palamida, organizations can cost-effectively manage and secure mission critical Web and software applications. Customers include Avaya, Cisco Systems, EMC, Microsoft, and Sun Microsystems, among others.

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