Open Source Provider Sees Accelerated Community Growth for .NET-Based Wiki

Fast Facts

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ISV Profile
MindTouch, based in San Diego, California, is a leading Open Source wiki company. The company has 50 employees.

Solution Profile
Deki Wiki is a free, Open Source wiki and application platform for communities and enterprises.

Previous Solution
● Scripting languages

Microsoft Solution
● Microsoft® Visual C#®
● Microsoft .NET Framework
● Microsoft Visual Studio® 2005

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> "With .NET, MindTouch is out-innovating the competition and delivering a better solution to the Open Source community."

Aaron Fulkerson, Cofounder, MindTouch

Previous Solution
Wikis—Web sites that can easily be edited by anyone—are an increasingly important part of the Internet. They allow online communities to share the collective wisdom of their users, co-workers, or customers. Most wikis are open source, enabling developers to customize the code to suit their needs.

Business Challenge
As organizations and corporations adopt wikis for collaboration, customer relations, and knowledge management, they require more features, but traditional wikis haven't kept pace. Most wikis are based on scripting languages with limited functionality that make them difficult to integrate. They're also more difficult to customize than developers expect.

Microsoft Solution
MindTouch has addressed these challenges with Deki Wiki, the first cross-platform open source wiki with application logic written entirely in the Microsoft® Visual C#® programming language and the Microsoft .NET Framework. Deki Wiki includes a state-of-the-art WYSIWYG editor, integration with the Active Directory® service and the

Windows Live™ network of Internet services, and a Web-based application programming interface. Deki Wiki is also a platform for building collaborative Web applications that access functionality or data from anywhere on the Internet. Its flexible architecture even allows wiki capabilities to be added to existing applications regardless of the underlying language or technology.

After one year, Deki Wiki has more than 100,000 deployments, 500 downloads per day, and a rapidly growing community. Customers include Quark, Fujitsu, British Petroleum, and Microsoft.

Benefits
● Cross-platform support enables Deki Wiki to be deployed on systems running the Windows® operating system or Linux.
● Use of the .NET Framework enables greater scalability, extensibility, and flexibility.
● Working with C# code enables the use of industry-leading tools such as the Microsoft Visual Studio® 2005 development system.
● Separation of the .NET application layer and the PHP presentation layer facilitates easy integration and customization.

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