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I.R.I.S announces cooperation with Microsoft to provide document conversion solutions from a wide variety of electronic document formats to OpenXML,

Future version of I.R.I.S. OCR and document compression server will be capable of reading more than 75 different file formats

and convert to over 25 file format including: ODF, OpenXML, WordPerfect, WordML, SpreadsheetML, PDF, XPS, HTML, jpeg, jpeg 2000, HD-Photo,...

Brussels, March 18 2008 – Today, I.R.I.S. Group (Euronext Brussels: IRI) a leader in Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Intelligent Document Recognition (IDR), Electronic Document Management and Archiving announced they will cooperate with Microsoft to support document format conversion to OpenXML later this year.

The cooperation between I.R.I.S. and Microsoft will result in OpenXML being supported as input and output format, allowing faithful conversion of any file in a supported input format to Open XML or conversion of any OpenXML file to any of the supported output formats.

“I.R.I.S. being a Microsoft Gold Partner, has always been investing a lot of time and effort to provide the best support of the Microsoft formats in all of its products, said Pierre De Muelenaere, I.R.I.S. Group President and CEO. For instance, we recently announced new capability to convert images into fully-searchable XPS files and also hyper-compressed XPS files, using our iHQC™ document compression technology. More and more customers are confronted to situation where they need to convert documents from one format to another. A typical example is the need to convert massive amount of existing Tiff Group IV documents to fully-searchable PDF, PDF-A or XPS documents, for more advanced ECM applications, or to ODF or OpenXML for document repurposing. Our solutions, allow the user to select the format that best suits its needs”

In its 20 years of existence, I.R.I.S. has developed robust technologies to generate OCR'd documents in all major available file formats. I.R.I.S. OCR and conversion technology is working in over 130 languages with many different alphabets. Languages include Western European and Eastern

European languages, Japanese, Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Farsi, Greek, Turkish, and many more.

I.R.I.S. technology also supports a large number of output formats useful for various applications:

- Office application (word processing, spreadsheet,..)
- Document management and Archiving (PDF, PDF/A, XPS, XML,..)
- Web application (HTML)
- Imaging (Tiff, jpeg, jpeg2000,..)

I.R.I.S. will now be able to open more than 75 file types with formats, such as AVS, DCM, EPDF, PostScript, FAX, HPGL, HTML, PCT, SUN, SVG, WK-4, TIF, WPD, ... rasterize the files and convert them to OpenXML, with the support of many document attributes, such as:

- Font size and style
- Columns
- Bullet lists
- Numbered bullet lists
- Footnotes, headers
- Pictures
- tables

This innovative approach from I.R.I.S. offers a new alternative to complex document format translation, an emerging technology driven by strong customer demand for interoperability between documents formats and applications. It nicely complements other initiatives like those of the DIN committee or the CleverAge open source translator.

Bruno Schröder, National Technology Officer, Microsoft Belux comments: *“I.R.I.S. technology brings an extremely promising new solution to the translation of documents between different file formats. It is very robust and deliver a very faithful representation of the document, independently of the complexity of the page and the complexity of the XML.”*

Based on the automatic document classification technology of I.R.I.S., it will also be possible to electronically insert meta-data and index-information. In interaction with other systems like Microsoft SharePoint, documents will be filed in highly structured document repositories – an excellent starting point for an associative triggering of efficient business processes.

Availability

This file conversion technology will be rolled-out in new versions of I.R.I.S. products during Q3/Q4 2008

About I.R.I.S.

I.R.I.S.’ mission is to increase our customers’ productivity and knowledge through helping them better manage their documents, data and information.

I.R.I.S. Products & Technologies develops technologies and products for OCR, Intelligent Document Recognition and markets its portfolio on a worldwide basis through strong partnerships. I.R.I.S. has over 30 millions of users of its OCR technology and has world-wide licensing contract with market leaders such as Adobe, HP, Fujitsu, etc..

I.R.I.S. Professional Solutions enables companies and administrations to find in one company the innovative expertise and hi-tech solutions to efficiently manage documents, information flows and IT infrastructure.

In 2007, the revenue of I.R.I.S. Group was 95,000,000€. I.R.I.S. has more than 500 employees based in Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels (Belgium), Orly (France), Aachen (Germany), Maastricht (Netherlands), Luxembourg and Delray Beach (USA) .

I.R.I.S. was awarded “Enterprise of the Year 2002,” and received the “Deloitte & Touche Technology Fast 500 Award” in 2002 and 2004. In 2006, I.R.I.S. was listed on the “Europe’s 500 fastest growing companies” for the fourth year in a row.

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