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Announcing Formium 2 - Raising the bar for affordable electronic form solutions.

Cumberland, RI - Dec. 6, 2004 - Indigo Eight Software today announced the forthcoming release of Formium 2, the latest version of the feature-packed, affordable electronic forms solution.

Formium 2's key capabilities include:

- Flexible workflows for processing, approving, and distributing forms and their data,
- Collaboration tools, version management and library services,
- Robust security and reliability,
- An easy-to-use, personalized portal interface and,
- Support for InfoPath, PDF, HTML, and xForms files.

Flexible, powerful workflow capabilities

Form processes are often dependent on what the user fills into the form, who they are, etc. If a user indicates that their salary, for example, is within a particular range, then they must also complete another form. Or when they fill out a particular form, it should first be pre-populated with data from a database or other data source. Formium 2's new workflow capability makes these often complicated processes easy to develop using a web browser-based visual process design tool.

New workflow capabilities allow the assignment of form filling, review, or distribution activities to users or workgroups. A workflow process may include any number of steps. Some steps can be explicitly assigned to a user or workgroup, or be executed automatically by the Formium 2 system.

New Interface

Formium's portal interface makes managing forms easy. Forms that the user must complete or require approval are presented in a clean, intuitive web-based interface. Users may review completed forms, or set up recurring activities to complete (such as filling out an expense report every month).

Security and Reliability

System security and reliability is a concern for any company investing in a solution to manage form data. Formium is built on the Microsoft .Net framework in order to ensure state-of-the-art performance and reliability as well as system security architecture backed by Microsoft. Formium supports SSL and sensitive user data (like passwords) and is secured with Triple DES encryption. Form data can be digitally secured and signed using industry-standard certificates and PDF files can be protected using 128-bit encryption. Access to Formium's functionality is governed by a capabilities matrix allowing administrators to control not only what Formium functionality they may access, but also what actions they can take.

Integrates with virtually all data sources and Data Tags make working with dynamic data easy

Forms can be integrated with a wide range of data sources - including XML files, ODBC-compliant databases and other systems. Automatically populate forms, update records or insert new records into a data source. Formium can also export the form, form data or both in a variety of formats. Files can be saved to the server, a remote server, FTP site, or emailed as an attachment. Other form features include the ability to add barcodes or set passwords and document security options in PDF forms. Form field flattening, which removes the editable form field, as well as the ability to add JavaScripts is supported in HTML and PDF forms.

When working with forms and data, the need to use unique serial or incremental numbers is common. Likewise, other variable information like the current data or time, information from a user's profile shouldn't need to be keyed (and re-keyed) into a form. Formium 2 introduces Data Tags - snippets that can be inserted into a form and are replaced when the form is displayed. Data Tags can be as simple as the current time or be the value returned from a complex database query. Formium 2 includes a number of built-in Data Tags (incremental numbers, random text, and data, date, time, and other information) or you can easily define your own Data Tags.

Enables form collaboration

Developing a form can be a collaborative event among many stakeholders. Formium facilitates this collaboration by allowing users to check-out/in forms and any other file type in the version-controlled, publicly accessible file repository. Additionally, each user has a private workspace that can contain their own files and is accessible only by them.

Formium 2 supports forms built in all leading design tools, including Microsoft's InfoPath and Adobe's Acrobat Pro (or forms created in Acrobat 5) or Adobe Designer. No special modifications need to be made to the form - Formium 2 can add a toolbar dynamically, allowing users to submit, save, approve, or sign a form.

Standards-based; uses industry-leading technologies; supports leading platforms

Formium 2 was developed using industry-standard or open standard technologies. The Formium 2 interface requires only a web browser - there are no plug-ins or applications to download (other than those required by the various form file types). The interface can be easily modified through the branding administration tool. This allows administrators to customize the graphics, fonts, etc, and save those modifications as "skins".

Formium 2 runs on Microsoft's Internet Information Server (version 5 or 6). It requires the .Net framework version 1.1 (freely available) and runs on Windows 2000, XP Pro, or 2003 Servers (including Small Business Server).

Announcing Formium Hive and Formium

Also to be released are Formium Hive and Formium Halo - both extending Formium's functionality to meet specific needs. Formium Hive is an enterprise-class solution supporting an unlimited number of users. Formium Halo integrates into Microsoft's SharePoint Services to present a unified interface and centralizes access to Formium's functionality.

Pricing and Availability

Formium 2's pricing starts at \$999 USD. Formium Hive and Halo start at \$1,999 USD. Formium 2 and Formium Hive will be available in February, 2005. Formium Halo will be available during the second quarter of 2005.

About Indigo Eight Software

Indigo Eight Software develops wildly innovative, cost-effective electronic forms solutions. Set to bridge the gap between enterprise-level system functionality and affordability, Indigo Eight Software leverages the partnerships it establishes with each customer and client to uniquely address their needs. The company has grown out of more than 13 years of experience in developing software and solutions for a wide range of customers. Indigo Eight Software, a privately-held division of gordonkent, inc., is headquartered in Cumberland, RI.

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