



Supporting versioning systems across the enterprise: March Hare announces complete CVS support offering

Complete support, training and installation services for world's most popular version control system, CVS

17 August 2004: International IT consultancy March Hare has launched a full portfolio of support, training and installation services for the world's most deployed version control system, CVS (concurrent versions system). Since its inception several years ago, CVS has become the dominant open-source, transparent version control solution, allowing developers to create and amend working versions of source code without the worry of overwriting each other's changes or losing archived versions.

As a key player in CVS' continued development for the last five years, March Hare now offers a mixture of support plans to suit all organisation types – from small communities of users to large international development teams – helping them to realise the cost savings attached to deploying a version control environment.

“Today's development communities often span multiple time-zones in multiple enterprise locations whilst collaborating on single projects,” explains Tony Hoyle, Development Manager at March Hare. “CVSNT's popularity has increased exponentially as a means of managing multi-developer teams within Windows, Unix, MAC OS X and Linux environments. The control system tool [CVS] is widely available free of charge. However, it became apparent that companies needed to minimise risk and ensure the security and stability of the software that keeps them running. Our support and training packages are designed for this purpose.”

All support plans provide customised security issue notification, regular patch delivery, telephone support (worldwide) and input into feature development. Training for users and administrators is also provided.

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“Effective version control is essential for the management of successful enterprise development projects”, adds Adrian Gosbell, Uniface Product Manager at Compuware. “The value that March Hare offers to organisations successfully building and maintaining mission critical Uniface applications has been expanded with the inclusion of CVS as part of their offering to the development community”.

“For an organisation new to CVS it is essential that CVS installation is aligned with the company culture and its requirements. One of the features of CVS is its flexibility – which can translate into decision paralysis for an organisation new to corporate configuration management. March Hare assists with its proven QuickStart Requirements Analysis programme, in addition we can integrate defect tracking systems, build management and tree management systems into the environment,” finishes Hoyle.

Support services start at £2000 for a single site.

Platform support will continue to be expanded to include MVS, OS/400, VMS, 64 bit Windows, Windows Clusters and more.

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About CVS

CVS is the dominant open-source, network transparent, version control system. Using it, you can record the history of your source files. For example, bugs sometimes appear when software is modified, and might not be detected for several weeks. With CVS, you can easily retrieve old versions to determine the changes that were responsible for the bug. You could of course save every version of every file you have ever created. However, this would waste an enormous amount of disk space. CVS stores all the versions of a file in a single file in a way that only stores the differences between versions. Version control is also applied to remove the scenario of another user overwriting current changes.

CVS is useful for everyone from individual developers to large, distributed teams. Its client-server access method lets developers access the latest code from anywhere there's an Internet connection and its client tools are available on most platforms.

About March Hare

March Hare Pty Ltd was incorporated in Australia in March 1996 to provide consulting services to organisations developing enterprise database applications with Uniface. Since then, the company has grown in to a worldwide organisation specialising in software and services to assist business in developing and maintaining corporate database applications. Our most popular Uniface software product UD6/CMtool Driver is used by over 150 users in Switzerland, Germany, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America and also Australia to simplify the management of Uniface source code.