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New employee

CIP Software has on February 1st 2006 hired Lasse Simonsen as technical operations and development responsible for Executive Suite. Lasse has previously worked for CIP Software but has for the past 2 years been working for CDC Software as Product Architect and has been technology responsible for the development of Executive Suite. In the development department, where about 80 people are working, Lasse, as manager of his area (architecture and functionality), has been deeply involved in the daily work, and with his commitment it is a pleasure to welcome Lasse Simonsen aboard.

Executive Suite

In continuation of Microsoft's release of SQL-Server 2005, it is expected that the development department will present the first version of Executive Suite 2005 before the end of March 2006. It is the objective that Executive Suite will be the first Microsoft Analytical Application using SQL Server 2005. During the spring of 2006 the subsequent roadmap for Executive Suite will be presented. In addition to much new functionality, true Excel integration, improved performance, management, security and workflow etc, we are also going to introduce general news from our certified partners.

Upgrade before 1. July 2006

Focusing in the development of future version, the development and support department has decided to stop supporting version 2.0X to 2.15. After the release of Executive Suite 2005, the support of version 2.2X will stop. All customers should therefore make sure that the upgrade to version 2.3 has been completed before the end of July 2006. Subsequently Executive Suite will be supported 2 versions back from most recent release. We therefore recommend all our customers to make appointments for the upgrade to the most recent version before July 1st 2006. Please contact Lasse Simonsen for further arrangements.

Quality Awareness

As a natural part of the employment of Lasse Simonsen, CIP Software will take on more front-line support tasks, with which our requirements to the consultants necessarily raises accordingly. To ensure the quality of our consultants work, all CIP-Software and our partner's Executive Suite consultants must be certified in SQL Server 2005, Executive Suite 2.3 / Executive Suite (SQL Server-2005) and newer.

Executive Viewer

The new version of Executive Viewer (version 6.0) was released on October 11th 2005. Executive Viewer 6.0 will be supported in the next version of Executive Suite / SQL Server 2005.



Extract from Executive Viewer release notes...

Delivery of E-Reports is Only the Beginning...

In today's fast paced business environment, delivery of passive reports is only the beginning of a successful enterprise business intelligence solution. By providing "self-service OLAP" - where users can determine which information to include in a report and in what format - Executive Viewer removes the barriers that impede decision making by offering true dynamic interaction with OLAP databases.

Executive Viewer Repository

The Executive Viewer repository provides a central location where the Executive Viewer server can model and store configuration-related items such as folders, server definitions, data sources, databases, views and images. The repository increases flexibility for both users and administrators and plays a key role in allowing companies to move towards role-based distribution of business intelligence. Users can be given granular rights on any item in a folder (create, delete, modify, read, list). Views can be organised into a hierarchy of folders and the hierarchy can then be used to dynamically associate data sources with reports.

Open Security Model

The Executive Viewer open security model has been developed to support the complex authentication schemes demanded by enterprise customers with large deployments. With version 6.0, the Executive Viewer server can obtain, validate and use credentials when needed, enabling single sign-on in a secure environment.

Extendable Logging Interface

The log provider enables fine-grained logging by category, provider and service level. Both passive logging and active notification (for example a SMS message to a mobile phone) are supported.

Provided that you would like a more comprehensive description and demo of Executive Viewer 6.0, please contact us for additional information.

It is our objective to publish a newsletter every quarter and the next newsletter will be published in April 2006. The next newsletter will contain general news and information from the Business Intelligence world as well.

Yours faithfully

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