

Bull uses NeoLoad, the load-testing solution from Neotys, to validate performances on its client projects

The manufacturer and supplier of IT solutions and services uses NeoLoad to manage performance-testing campaigns carried out within the framework of its client projects. In the latest of these projects, Bull was a partner in the setting up of a contract and payment management solution for the Mutuelle Nationale des Hospitaliers et des Professionnels de la Santé et du Social (MNH), the leading mutual insurance company for hospital and health services staff in France.

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Neotys, the company specializing in web application load testing software, announced today that Bull, the manufacturer and supplier of IT solutions and services, and specialist in the field of open information systems, has adopted the NeoLoad solution from Neotys to design and manage its performance testing campaigns carried out on the web applications being deployed at its clients' premises.

Bull accompanies its clients in the process of reshaping and modernizing their information systems. As part of this process, it regularly carries out performance testing campaigns on the clients' applications being deployed on its platforms. This performance testing allows Bull to fine-tune the applications, operating systems and hardware to achieve the required performance targets. For this to be successful, Bull needed a testing solution that would allow it to validate the systems' and infrastructures' performance under load before they were put into production at the client's site.

"We looked at the features offered by NeoLoad and compared them with those of competing software, including several open source products", comments Jean-Paul Dubourreau, consultant and Project Manager at Bull. "We were particularly impressed by the ease with which NeoLoad is deployed, enhancing our efficiency in test development, running simulations and scenarios, and in analyzing results".

NeoLoad's comprehensive functions means that Bull has access to a full history in the event any errors occur during development or test runs. Using this history and the tools available in NeoLoad to retrieve data, the cause of errors are easily identified. NeoLoad also contains advanced functions to make full use of a test's results, including, in particular, the ability to create custom graphs and integrate them into the automatically generated reports. Lastly, the metrics provided by NeoLoad can be used to make any necessary adjustments.

This efficiency and ease of use also translate into a significant gain in the cost involved in implementing a performance testing campaign. Moreover, Neotys' sales structure, based on a number of different license leasing options, allows service providers to undertake projects for end clients over a fixed period. Thus, Bull can use NeoLoad project by project, and enjoy total flexibility.

In its latest project, Bull worked alongside the Mutuelle Nationale des Hospitaliers et des Professionnels de la Santé et du Social (MNH) in setting up the latter's new contract and payment management system. In particular, the NeoLoad solution from Neotys allowed Bull to validate the performance and behavior under load of the main business processes, and to carry out a final tweaking of the system.

"Using NeoLoad, we were able to complete the test performance project for MNH within the set deadline and cost constraints", underlines Jean-Paul Dubourreau. "The client was totally satisfied and was able to launch the production phase serenely, with an application perfectly tailored for the job".

Stéphane Jammet, Sales Director for Neotys, comments, *"We are very pleased that a company like Bull should choose NeoLoad to validate the performances of its client projects. The performance and ramp-up load tests are the final step before the production phase. Consequently, the choice of testing tools for this step, and the final adjustments made as a result of the tests, are crucially important. Bull's choice underlines NeoLoad's competitiveness, whether it be in terms of features, reliability, ease of use or cost".*

About Bull:

Bull specializes in open information systems that help companies and administrations build the infrastructures and powerful, flexible and reliable applications they need for their business activities.

Established in over 100 countries, Bull is the world's number one supplier of information systems from Europe. It is particularly active in the sectors of public administration, defense, banking, manufacturing, health and telecoms. For further information: www.bull.com/fr

About Neotys:

Founded in January 2005, Neotys develops and markets NeoLoad, a program that allows web applications to be load tested prior to the production phase. Based in Gemenos (France), the software publisher currently has 300

clients in more than 40 countries in Europe, North America and Asia.

At the beginning of 2007, Neotys obtained the "Young Innovating Enterprise" award, issued by the Ministry of Research and supported by OSEO Anvar, the French national organization promoting research. The company has a staff of ten people.

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