



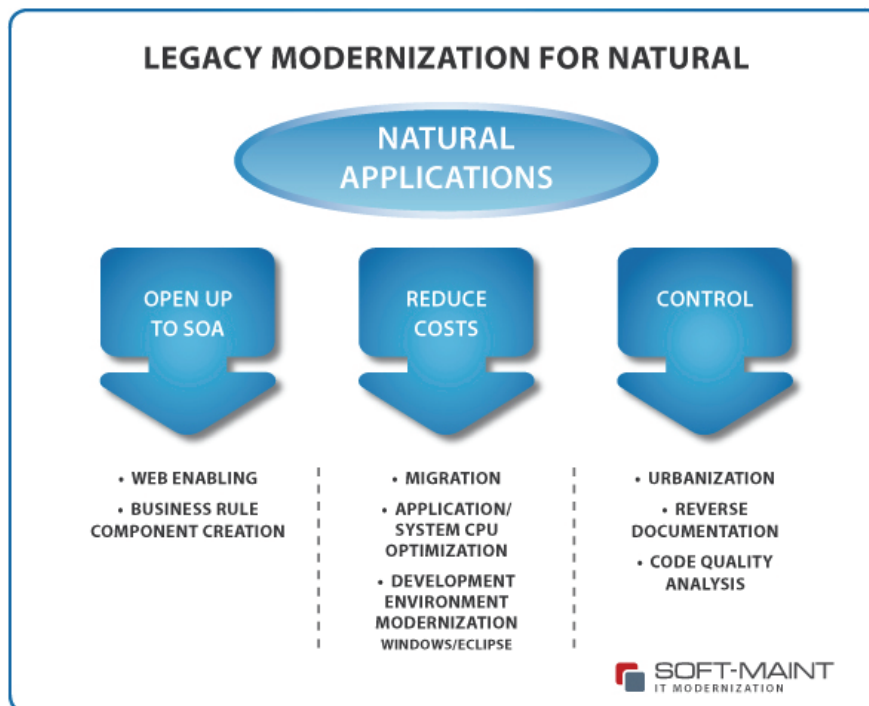
Press Release

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**Natural Applications Modernization:
SOFTMAINT teams up with Software AG
to modernize "Natural" applications**

SOFTMAINT's modernization process now allows companies with applications developed in "Natural" to more access web and Service Oriented Architectures

SOFTMAINT, the specialist in information system modernization, announced that it is teaming up with ISV Software AG to enable the modernization of assets developed using "Natural". This new offering addresses all aspects of a project research and consulting, project management, programming, testing, etc.



For many years, transverse company functional such as HR, Finance, etc, have been managed thanks to ISV-developed applications. On the other hand, core business applications developed internally using languages such as "Natural" from Software AG, are often still active. Today, these specific applications represent a stable and reliable legacy that is often a strong differentiating factor for the company. To maintain their competitive advantage in an complex environment due to market uncertainties, Business Unit and ICT managers will be demanding that their applications offer:



- **Flexibility** to effectively respond to emerging market demands, interact with partners and customers or open new channels.
- **Reactivity** to respond to market volatility, enable real-time responses to demand and react to aggressive competition, all of this in shorter time frames.
- **Cost control** because to adapt and react are only relevant if combined with a fast return on investment.

All these expectations are forcing businesses to upgrade their information systems in order to make them more efficient.

"SOFTMAINT is our partner of choice to assist customers wishing to upgrade their legacy applications developed in 'Natural'. Their modernization process is well recognized on the market and will enable companies using 'Natural' to quickly adjust their applications to address their new challenges" explains Didier Constant, Director of the Modernization BU, Software AG France.

SOFTMAINT's approach covers the entire technical and functional spectrum: technical retro-documentation, business rule extraction, project urbanization, "servicisation", change of platform, etc..

"Our approach is unique on the market and allows us to assist the owners of application assets written in 'Natural' in accessing web and service-oriented (SOA) architectures and increasing the control of their information systems notably through project urbanization", concludes Yves Lennon, CEO of SOFTMAINT.

First move resulting from this cooperation, SOFTMAINT will exhibit at the Business Innovation Forum that Software AG hosts March 17 and will hold a workshop on the application "servicisation" project recently delivered for its client Macif, a major French insurance company.

About SOFTMAINT

SOFTMAINT is Europe's leading provider of automated legacy modernization solutions. For over 15 years, SOFTMAINT Legacy modernization expertise and solutions have been dedicated to helping numerous large companies efficiently modernize their IT systems. Our expertise and automated solutions include:

- Architecture evolution to .Net, Java, Flex: our FAST - Future Architecture System Transformation - solutions
- Platform migration, database and language conversion
- Reverse documentation and technical urbanization

With over 150 projects successfully delivered and longstanding experience, SOFTMAINT provides the most comprehensive modernization approach combining solutions, methodology, industrial delivery and quality engagements through CMMI2.

SOFTMAINT is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SODIFRANCE Group, an IT services company with 15 offices in France, Belgium and Tunisia, listed on the Euronext Stock Market (Mnemonic code : SOA).



About SOFTWARE AG

Our leading product portfolio includes solutions for high performance [data management](#), developing and [modernizing applications](#), enabling [service-oriented architecture](#), and improving [business processes](#). By combining our technology with industry expertise and best practices experience, our customers improve and differentiate their businesses – faster.

Software AG has 40 years of global IT experience and over 3,600 employees serving customers in 70 countries. The company is headquartered in Germany and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (TecDAX, ISIN DE 0003304002 / SOW). Software AG posted total revenues of €621 million in 2007.

Software AG is the world's largest independent provider of [Business Infrastructure Software](#). Our 4,000 global enterprise customers achieve business results faster by modernizing, integrating and automating their IT systems and processes. As a result, they rapidly build measurable business value and meet changing business demands. Based on our solutions, organizations are able to liberate and govern their data, systems, applications, processes and services – achieving new levels of business flexibility.

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