



Press Release

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Softmaint extends its F.A.S.T. offering to the conversion of 'Progress' architectures to Java J2EE and .Net

Softmaint's F.A.S.T. provides an efficient and competitive solution to automating the conversion of applications to new technologies, thus shortening project delivery times.

Softmaint, the specialist in information system modernization, is announcing announced that its FAST platform -Future Architecture System Transformation-, which is already available for technologies such as NSDK-Natstar, Uniface, Cool:Gen, now offers the possibility to convert Progress architectures to Java J2EE and .Net technologies.FAST, automated architecture modernization

'Progress' technologies have enjoyed significant success amongst a number of large enterprises in the industrial, distribution and services sectors. Currently, close to a hundred corporate accounts across more than 800 locations are using 'Progress'.

Today, several factors are pushing large french industrial groups that once adopted 'Progress' to now turn to new technologies:

- The desire to harmonize their information systems round a native core built on web technologies. Indeed, IT Managers are deploying an increasing number of web applications that use Microsoft or Open Source technologies.
- The desire to reduce IT project lead times
- High licensing and maintenance costs in a strong cost reduction environment

Companies are therefore moving to new services oriented web architectures (SOA) that come with many advantages :

- significantly reduced hardware and software investment costs,
- reduced application delivery times to address the company's business priorities,
- ease of maintenance and evolution through a uniform and structured code product in a MDA approach which generates a 20 to 30% gain in efficiency,
- standardized and interoperable environments.

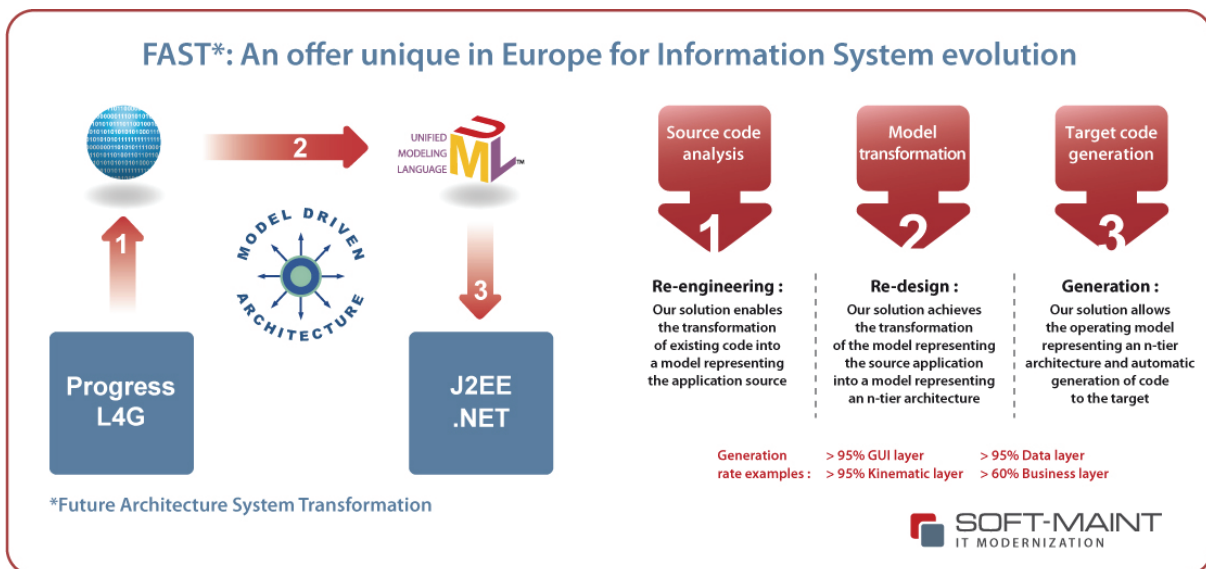
"Companies wish to benefit from the contribution of new environments in terms of openness, agility and cost. Our solution, based on an industrial approach, helps accelerate the transformation of their information systems to give them access to these new environments and especially to quickly adapt them to their business requirements" explains Claude Lethimonier, Head of Architecture Evolution Solutions at Softmaint.



F.A.S.T., automating architecture modernization

F.A.S.T. -Future Architecture System Transformation- automates the entire architecture modernization process, from retro-modeling an existing application to generating the massive final program code in the chosen technology.

F.A.S.T. is based on a methodology and a software platform designed to perform the conversion processing towards Java or DotNet faster and with a high level of security. This approach offers a number of advantages, in particular the ability to preserve the richness and functionalities of existing applications while converting them to more sustainable or less costly technical environments.



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.

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