

TietoEnator and Rational Software sign partner contract

TietoEnator expands its co-operation with Rational Software. The co-operation has existed for several years and will now be expanded with TietoEnator's inclusion in Rational Unified Partner Program. TietoEnator will, for example, integrate its method for planning and management of projects (PPS) with Rational Unified Process (RUP).

The partner contract also includes consultant services as well as Rational's development and test tools. As previously, TietoEnator works with Rational's products. Furthermore, the two companies will support each other by contributing with leading edge competence within areas of immediate interest.

- TietoEnator is a forerunner where taking in and applying new technology is concerned, says Anders Torelm, MD of Rational Software in Sweden. We look forward to working together with them to further develop and improve the customers' working methods.

Rational Unified Process (RUP) will be used in projects that are conducted according to TietoEnator's PPS method. A project is at present being conducted with the aim of integrating PPS with RUP.

PPS describes basic working methods and requirements for skills to be able to conduct different types of projects from start to finish. The method can be applied to everything from simpler projects to complex development projects in IT connections.

PPS will then be supplemented with unique methods for each respective project area. Where the question of the development of IT solutions is concerned, TietoEnator has found that Rational Unified Process is an excellent production model that enables, in a short time, the development of competitive solutions for the company's customers.

- Rational Unified Process in combination with PPS will mean great advantages for our customers, says Mikael Mechler, Partner Manager at TietoEnator Objectec AB. Thanks to the integration of the methods the project participants will have total control over their obligations, everything from the introductory phase with motivation and clear responsibilities for the project participants to the complete final product.

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Rational Software helps companies to bridge the problems with "the e-software paradox". That is to say that Rational Software offers tools, services and methods to make system development more effective so that companies can develop systems in the shortest possible time with higher quality.

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