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**JA-SIG's uPortal Receives Prestigious EDUCAUSE Catalyst Award
for Innovation and Initiatives in Higher Education**

*Open Source Organization Sets Industry Standard for Groundbreaking Technological
Solutions, Market Adoption, and Community Participation*

Princeton, NJ – June 25, 2007 – JA-SIG, the non-profit organization responsible for the technological and community growth of the uPortal community source enterprise portal, today announced that uPortal has received the prestigious EDUCAUSE Catalyst Award for its innovations and initiatives centered on information technologies that provide groundbreaking solutions to major challenges in higher education. uPortal is a free, downloadable enterprise portal that was built by educational institutions, for the educational community. uPortal continues to evolve technologically through developmental contributions from its global community and is supported by resources, grants, donations, and memberships fees from academic institutions, commercial affiliates, and non-profit foundations. Membership information can be found at: www.JA-SIG.org/membership and the uPortal software can be downloaded at: <http://uportal.org/release/allReleases.html>.

"It is an honor for uPortal to be recognized and receive the EDUCAUSE Catalyst Award. This award is particularly meaningful because it reflects the robust health and size of our community, as well as the maturity of the uPortal enterprise technology platform," stated Jonathan Markow, Chairman of JA-SIG, the non-profit organization responsible for uPortal. "We are extremely appreciative to all of our active and participating member organizations, commercial affiliates, and contributors from around the world that have made uPortal the success it is today."

Excerpts from EDUCASE Catalyst Award Description for uPortal

"The uPortal project is arguably the most successful portal framework in higher education, with hundreds of active installations and over 400 commercial licenses sold."

"uPortal helped provide legitimacy to the approach before it became clear that portals represent the electronic equivalent of a "one-stop shop" that has led to many service improvements across our institutions."



“The uPortal project is an exemplar of community source in higher education, demonstrating that by working together in a structured, managed way, using open standards, and designing for generic flexible use, we can create applications tailored to higher education and make them available at a cost that lowers barriers to even the smaller institutions. It has been an inspiration for many important projects that are now maturing, including Sakai, OSP, Quali, and others.”

Recipients of the EDUCAUSE Catalyst Award are selected by the [EDUCAUSE Recognition Committee](#).

About EDUCAUSE

EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology. The current membership comprises more than 2,100 colleges, universities, and educational organizations, including 200 corporations, with 16,500 active members. EDUCAUSE has offices in Boulder, Colorado, and Washington, D.C. Learn more about EDUCAUSE at www.educause.edu.

About uPortal

From the Java Architectures Special Interest Group (JA-SIG), uPortal is a free, downloadable, sharable, open source enterprise portal collaboratively developed by higher-education, for higher-education. Utilizing Java, Extensible Markup Language (XML), JavaServer Pages Technology (JSP) and Java 2 Platform Enterprise Edition (J2EE) technologies, the uPortal framework enables easy, standards-based integration with authentication and security applications, single sign on secure access, and end user customization. uPortal is one of the most widely deployed open source enterprise portal frameworks, having been developed by and for higher education and adopted by hundreds of institutions and the eResearch community in over twenty countries.

About JA-SIG.

JA-SIG, Inc., is a non-profit (501(c)3), international consortium of educational institutions and commercial affiliates supporting open source software development and promoting open computing architectures for higher education. JA-SIG has been in operation for over six years, holding bi-annual conferences and sponsoring open source software applications like uPortal, the enterprise-grade portal solution; CAS, a flexible Central Authentication Service deployed for single sign-on; and HyperContent, lightweight but powerful web content management. For more information, visit the JA-SIG website at www.ja-sig.org.

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