



"Managing our application development with Visual Studio Team Systems enables us to monitor development work anywhere in the world, and to deliver ever-better service to our customers." – Petri Mahlamäki, Fujitsu

## **Fujitsu boosts application development efficiency by globally harmonising its development tools**

**When developing solutions and applications internationally, it is vital for team communication to be effective across national borders. Following the outstanding trial performance of the tool set in Fujitsu's retail unit, the company is now extending its use to all its European retail units.**

Fujitsu has effectively reformed and harmonised its development project management operations by combining Microsoft's Visual Studio Team System management tool with Ivar Jacobson International's EssUP (Essential Unified Process) application development process. The tools facilitate internal communication within the project team, for example by using a plain language format to enable team members to monitor project progress even in the absence of the relevant project expert.

"We operate internationally, especially on the retail side, so there was a clear need for an effective tool in this area. We delivered the background application of the retail point of sale (POS) system for one of our German customers using the new system. The project was not only executed according to plan and on time, but gave us an insight into how we might introduce the tool in all our European retail units. We are delighted with the results," says **Petri Mahlamäki** of Fujitsu.

### **Savings across the board**

In addition to enhancing project management, the new system also saves on resources. "With our old tools and methods, we had to sit through long, drawn-out telephone meetings every day," says Mahlamäki. "With the new system everyone can see in real time what is going on, which saves a lot of working time. Tasks can also be easily transferred internationally from person to person and work done in other countries can be utilised more effectively. This, also, brings us clear cost savings."

### **Long-term collaboration rewarded with seamless compatibility**

Fujitsu has been working together with Ivar Jacobson International on developing cooperation methods for years. When Fujitsu needed an operations model that would serve both external and in-house projects, Ivar Jacobson International was the natural place to turn to.

"We knew that a method called Fujitsu Apt had been created through the EssUP and Visual Studio Team System synergy, and that the method effectively combined the tools and methods we needed. We wanted to see how it worked in practice in retail. The Visual Studio

Team System was the natural choice to support our work system, because it was so easy to introduce in tandem,” says Mahlamäki.

Ivar Jacobson International is also pleased with the collaboration. “We have during several years implemented many successful projects jointly. We look forward to bringing our expertise into Fujitsu’s use also in the future,” says **Craig Lucia** from Ivar Jacobson International.

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#### **Microsoft products used in the solutions:**

- Microsoft Visual Studio Team System

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