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"codeBeamer is an easy to use and cost effective enterprise class collaborative software development platform that supports the needs of a distributed team. It is a system that is easy to maintain, and its metrics reporting capabilities provide us the kind of visibility we need to manage our project effectively"

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Continental Customer Success Story

The Continental Corporation is one of the world's leading automotive industry suppliers offering comprehensive know-how in tire and brake technology, vehicle dynamics control, electronics and sensor systems with the aim of making individual mobility safer and more comfortable.

A small project team in the Tire IT department at Continental AG began to research ways to work more effectively with external partners and a distributed development staff outside of Continental AG's headquarters in Hannover, Germany. This shift towards a mixed in-house and outsourced development model began a few years ago. It represented Continental AG's strategy to achieve and sustain its operational efficiency and competitive edge. With the help of an external consultant, the project team began to investigate the optimization of collaborative software development. The group brainstormed and defined its needs and summarized its technical requirements that included the need for a common source code repository, a robust document management system, a task manager, etc.

Beside CodeBeamer two other alternatives were considered: the enterprise edition of another commercial collaborative software development solution and a set of standalone tools including a separate Enterprise Content Manager and a commercial Issue Tracker.

All systems were evaluated over a 6-month period in a live production environment. Beside functional requirements, security, cost performance benefits, VPN accessibility, and the ease of administration were some of the key evaluation criteria considered. In addition, the project team needed the collaboration solution to integrate with their existing infrastructure that used CVS and Eclipse.

As a result of this evaluation the other commercial collaborative development solution taken into account was eliminated after a few weeks, because of weak support.

The set of standalone tools were eliminated, because they were difficult to install and maintain. There was no single point of contact for the support of all the products, and collectively, these tools provided more functionality than required. This and the issue of overlapping functionality of those disparate tools make an useful integration a very complex task.

After 6 months of rigorous evaluation, CodeBeamer was selected, because it fulfilled most of the requirements defined by the team. It was easy to maintain, and Intland's support staff in Stuttgart were local, accessible and responsive.

Best of all, CodeBeamer provided an effective platform for people to share information, tasks, source code, and know-how across different IT projects and multiple geographies.