

Sopra Steria's DigiLab with Red Hat OpenShift gives organisations an environment to more quickly prototype digital applications

Initiative aims to enable organisations to achieve their digital aims in weeks rather than months

Edinburgh, 5 October 2017: Sopra Steria today announced the launch in Scotland of its Sopra Steria DigiLab initiative with Red Hat OpenShift. Sopra Steria and Red Hat, the world's leading provider of open source solutions, have teamed up to provide a platform for innovation and collaboration. This exciting new facility will give organisations access to an environment to help enable them to prototype their digital transformation projects within a matter of weeks rather than months. This is designed to enable organisations to respond more quickly to their needs for digital transformation and the demands of end-users who seek a higher quality of digital services.

The collaboration with Red Hat further helps to reinforce the position of Sopra Steria in Scotland as a leading centre for open source integration and systems innovation. Further to this, Sopra Steria is also expanding its role in the Scottish agile open source community, through access to Red Hat's OPEN partner training and certification programme, utilising development tools, such as Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform. Making the most of its deep level of open source expertise within Sopra Steria in Scotland, the DigiLab initiative provides an accessible location with which to more rapidly build Proofs of Concept (PoCs) for open source cloud applications.

Based on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, Sopra Steria's DigiLab with Red Hat OpenShift is an environment well-suited for agile development projects, enabling customers to build and test applications designed to help turn their digital transformation plans into reality.

The collaboration combines Sopra Steria in Scotland's systems integration expertise with Red Hat's open source developer tools, business automation and data management to showcase the power and flexibility of the OpenShift Platform as a Service (PaaS). Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform offers Sopra Steria developers the ability to more rapidly create applications on-demand for customers. Standard applications can be created with the flexibility to scale, become larger and more complex applications further down the line as customers require more functionality.

Alison McLaughlin, Regional Director, Public Sector at Sopra Steria, said, *"We see open source very much at the centre of some of the best Scottish innovation projects, especially when it comes to developing competitive digital features. Sopra Steria itself is taking the concept of the DigiLab work for an internal cloud, which further highlights how much Scotland acts as a key innovation region for the company.*

"Sopra Steria DigiLab with Red Hat OpenShift has the benefit of aligning with the aims of both businesses and the Government to help enable transformational digital projects, and enable organizations in Scotland to seek a global digital edge. We're pleased to be working with Red Hat, whose open source technologies enable our developers to benefit from tools that we know can be important for success."

Neil Anderson, Principal Architect and Architecture Community Lead at Sopra Steria, added, *"Red Hat OpenShift is a container platform deployed with application 'nodes' set aside purely for development purposes. This allows companies to demonstrate that projects stay on development nodes whilst being*

developed, and cannot 'wander' across into production, without going through approved continuous integration and continuous deployment gateways, be they automated testing ones, or manual checkpoints.

"We are now able to demonstrate that customers can write a standard source code project, or bring a docker container based project, and have it deployed on OpenShift, in a cloud environment; all within a shorter period of time."

Martin Lentle, country manager UK&I at Red Hat, said, *"DigiLab is a great vehicle to help showcase the benefits of open source, and in particular Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, which empowers developers to more rapidly and easily create, host and scale traditional and cloud-native applications across many environments. Sopra Steria is an innovator, helping to lead the way in promoting container technologies, and by extension, the wider use of open source practices."*

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