Semantic Big Data Lakes Can Support Better Population Health

From HealthIT Analytics -

As healthcare providers navigate the treacherous transitional waters of Stage 2 and try to predict how future regulations will shape their actions, the need to lay the groundwork for advanced population health management and accountable care is only becoming clearer.

No matter what the outcome of debates about the future course of the EHR Incentive Programs, one thing remains abundantly clear for organizations of all shapes and sizes: advancements in healthcare big data analytics will not be driven solely by rules and mandates, but by the pressing financial need to collect, corral, understand, and leverage information in order to refine and expand population health management techniques.

Developing the underlying architecture for value-based reimbursement, namely a strong framework for population health management, data governance, and big data analytics, is becoming a top priority for a growing number of providers looking to get a head start on the new realities of healthcare reform.

These organizations, like Montefiore Medical Center, are looking for cutting edge analytics tools which won't just help them meet the clinical and financial stresses of today's environment, but will also prepare them for the uncertain paths ahead.

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Making sense of big data: Data projects spur progress

From Managed Healthcare Executive:

The Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York, has partnered with Franz, Inc., Intel, Cloudera, and Cisco to transform statistical databases, such as spreadsheets, into interactive graph databases that can be used to make better informed and predictive healthcare decisions.

Aasman"If you are in a hospital and have millions of patients, you will need to do analytics in many ways—for more personalized medicine, for predictive modeling, and for better business intelligence," says Jans Aasman, PhD, CEO of Franz, Inc., which specializes in semantic web technologies. "This system allows you to get all the data together from these different silos for analytics."

Semantic data lakes (SDLs) enable healthcare providers to use multiple types of data sets congruently to get a more comprehensive picture of population health trends, says Parsa Mirhaji MD, PhD, associate professor of Systems and Computational Biology and director of Clinical Research Informatics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center-Institute for Clinical Translational Research.

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Enterprise Data Modeling Made Easy

From Analytics Week:

Enterprise data modeling has remained an arduous, time-consuming task for myriad reasons, not the least of which is the different levels of modeling required across an organization's various business domains.

Data modelers have to consider conceptual, logical and physical models, in addition to those for individual databases, applications, and a variety of environments such as production and post-production. Oftentimes, the need to integrate new sources or to adapt to changing business or technology requirements exacerbates this process, causing numerous aspects of it to essentially begin all over again.

Enterprise data modeling is rendered much more simply with the incorporation of semantic technologies—particularly when compared to traditional relational ones. Nearly all of the foregoing modeling layers are simplified into an evolving semantic model that utilizes a standards-based approach to harmonize modeling concerns across an organization, its domains, and data environments.

Moreover, the semantic approach incorporates visual aspects that allows modelers to discern relationships between objects and readily identify them with a degree of precision that would require long periods of time with relational technologies.

"Semantics are designed for sharing data," *Franz* CEO Jans Aasman reflected. "Semantic data flows into how people think."

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AllegroGraph Recognized as Best in Semantic Web Technology — USA & Leader in Graph Database Products

Franz's AllegroGraph Fueling Rapid Growth in Graph Database
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OAKLAND, Calif. - February 3, 2016 - Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology has been recognized As "Best in Semantic Web Technology - USA & Leader in Graph Database Products" by Corporate America Software and Technology.

"At Corporate America, it's our priority to showcase prominent professionals who are excelling in their industry and outperforming their competitors," said Hannah Stevenson, Managing Group Editor, AI Global Media. "Franz Inc. have a reputation for innovation, utilizing their expert knowledge to create complex and exciting Graph Database solutions. Franz's unique platforms offer highly scalable technologies for solving complex Big Data challenges."

Corporate America is the definitive magazine for CEOs, top tier management and key decision makers across the US. Created to inform, influence, and shape the corporate conversation across the nation through high quality editorial, in-depth research and an experienced and dedicated network of advisers, Corporate America provides its readership with the most authoritative and current analysis of the major changes effecting the corporate landscape, and the latest deals and

topical issues dominating the corporate universe. A multifaceted program, the awards are focused on rewarding excellence across all areas of the technology and software industries and all nominees are closely scrutinized to ensure that only the most deserving receive Corporate America's prestigious awards.

"We are excited that Graph Databases, like AllegroGraph, have garnered the attention they deserve by Enterprise customers looking to innovate," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO, Franz Inc. "In today's data-driven environments, the ability to quickly analyze data from diverse sources is becoming critical. We are already seeing how Semantic Graph Databases with predictive analytics can help transform healthcare through Precision Medicine and make us safer through Insider Threat Detection."

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"Information has always existed everywhere but has often been isolated, incomplete, unavailable or unintelligible," according to Gartner. "Advances in semantic tools such as graph databases as well as other emerging data classification and information analysis techniques will bring meaning to the often chaotic deluge of information." (Source: Gartner Identifies the Top Strategic Technology Trends for 2016.)

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service. Because graph databases track connections among entities and offer links to get more detailed information, they are well-suited for scenarios in which relationships are important, such as cybersecurity, social network analysis, eCommerce recommendations, dependence analysis, and predictive analytics." (Source: Forrester Research, Market Overview: Graph Databases, May 28, 2015)

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AllegroGraph Recognized Among Top 10 Analytics Solution Providers by Pharma Tech Outlook

Franz's AllegroGraph powers Pharma Analytics for Sophisticated
Decision Insights from Complex, Distributed Big Data

OAKLAND, Calif. – January 28, 2016 – Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology has been named to Pharma Tech Outlook's Top 10 Analytics Solutions Providers for 2016.

"Franz Inc. has been selected as a Top 10 Analytics Solution Provider after careful evaluation across a dozen quantitative and qualitative elements," said Stacey Smith, Editor of Pharma Tech Outlook. "Our selection process takes into consideration a company's experience, industry recognition, technical certifications, market presence and positive client reviews. Franz Inc. and their Semantic Graph Database, AllegroGraph, are clear market leaders for Analytics in the Pharmaceutical Industry."

Pharma Tech Outlook covers the latest developments in the pharmaceutical industry. They provide valuable updates — news, views and trends, expert opinions, studies, discoveries, R&D and clinical trials — essential for decision-makers in the industry. Covering all the novel outcomes, Pharma Tech Outlook aims at contributing to the transformation of innovations into services as well as creating a healthy and productive society.

Pharma Tech Outlook's "Top 10 Analytics Solution Providers" are selected annually by a panel of experts and members of Pharma Tech Outlook's editorial board to recognize and promote technology entrepreneurship.

"Using AllegroGraph, Enterprises can run queries of unprecedented complexity to enable predictive analytics and real time decision-making within a myriad of industries including Healthcare, Life Sciences, Financial Services, and Publishing," said Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. "Integrating databases is a virtually effortless which is particularly valuable if organizations want to tap into the growing number of public datasets to enrich their analytics."

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About Pharma Tech Outlook

Pharma Tech Outlook is an online and a monthly magazine which covers most important and latest developments in the pharmaceutical industry. Through nominations and consultations with industry leaders, its editors choose the best in Pharma domains. Pharma Tech Outlook's December-January Edition is an annual listing of Top 10 Analytics Solution Providers. For more information, visit the website at: http://www.pharmatechoutlook.com/

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Franz's Gruff Produces Dynamic Visual Discovery for Graph Analytics

Gruff and AllegroGraph Power Visual Graph Search and Visual Query Building for Banking, Healthcare, Pharma Discovery and Security Applications

OAKLAND, Calif. — November 2, 2015 — Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology, today announced Gruff v6.0, the industry's leading Graph Visualization software for exploring and discovering connections within data. Gruff provides novice users and graph experts the ability to visually build queries and visualize connections between data without writing code, which speeds discovery and enhances the ability to uncover hidden connections within data.

"Gruff allows for easy viewing of graph style data and provides an easy on-ramp for non-technical users to explore connections in their data," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. "Users can easily create queries visually, without becoming a query language expert, which further empowers the business user for this technology. Power users also benefit by creating ever more detailed queries in order extract knowledge from their data."

Gruff v6.0 produces dynamic data visualizations that organize connections between data in views that are driven by the user.

This visual flexibility can instantly unveil new discoveries and knowledge that turn complex data into actionable business insights. Gruff was developed by Franz to address Graph Search in large data sets and empower users to intelligently explore graphs in multiple views including:

- Graphical View See the shape and density of graph data
- Tabular view Understand objects as a whole
- Outline view Explore the often hierarchical nature of graphs
- Query view Write Prolog or SPARQL queries
- Graphical Query Builder Create queries visually via drag and drop

Franz was recently named by CIOReview as one of the Top 20 Most Promising Database Solutions providers, due in part to the unique discovery capabilities offered by the combination of Gruff and AllegroGraph, Franz's Semantic Graph Database technology.

"Franz has been leading the burgeoning Graph Database revolution with a highly sophisticated, yet elegant Semantic Graph database solution," said Harvi Sachar, Publisher & Founder, CIO Review. "Franz's AllegroGraph continues to break new ground in predictive analytics and visual graph discovery capabilities- benefiting organizations around the globe within Healthcare, Intelligence/National Security, Life Sciences and Financial Services."

The popularity of Graph databases has skyrocketed — growing nearly 500% in the past two years, according to a ranking by DB-Engines. One reason for this growth is interest in using graph databases, rather than relational databases, to store master data. Graph databases offer a 360-degree view of master data and can answer questions about data relationships in real time, providing new, actionable insights from existing data.

A recent Dataversity article by Jelani Harper noted, "There is

a considerable degree of complexity in MDM systems in a business climate impacted by Big Data, especially for systems centered on customer domains. Numerous external sources (including social media and various forms of sentiment analyses) considerably complicate key relationships for products and customers. The deployment of graph databases, such as Franz's AllegroGraph, with MDM can simplify these relationships by visually representing the way that different categories of an organization's core business—based on ontologies—relate to one another."

Gruff and AllegroGraph also play a pivotal role in the Semantic Data Lake for Healthcare. A collaboration with Franz Inc., Montefiore Medical Center (the eighth largest hospital in the U.S.), Intel, Cloudera and Cisco, to provide a scalable and extensible Healthcare platform designed for Accountable Care and Personalized Medicine initiatives.

"Making sense out of big data is a challenge, particularly in the healthcare industry where information comes from a variety of sources and in different forms including structured, unstructured, images, temporal, geo-location and signal data," said Dr. Aasman, "With Gruff as part of the Semantic Data Lake platform, we can perform visual data exploration to discover new relationships between data that can save lives and improve care."

Franz Inc. will host a Webcast on November 18th at 10AM PST, "Enriching the Property Graph with Relationship Objects," which will demonstrate the power of Gruff and AllegroGraph for an online banking application, a fraud detection application for a European tax office, a machine learning application in healthcare and the CrunchBase investment database.

Gruff 6.0 Availability

Gruff 6.0 is available as a free download from the AllegroGraph website. The product runs on Mac OSX, Windows,

Linux and is offered as a standalone application or clientserver for remote users.

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Franz Allegro Common Lisp Meets Demand for High Performance Artificial Intelligence in Big Data Applications

Allegro CL 10 Gains Parallel Memory Management to Power Complex, Mission-critical Applications that are Robust, Extensible and Easy to Evolve

OAKLAND, Calif. - October 7, 2015 - Franz, Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Common Lisp (CL) development tools and Semantic Graph Database technology, today announced Allegro CL 10, which includes key performance enhancements now available within the most effective system for developing and deploying applications to solve the problems in the field of Artificial

Intelligence.

"Demand for faster, more intelligent and scalable applications is increasing with the Big Data onslaught that is impacting applications in traditional AI industries like National Defense, but also in Life Sciences, Manufacturing and Financial Analytics," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. "The complexity of today's software applications and the explosion of data size is pervasive. With Allegro CL 10, machine intelligence developers now have a high performance tool to scale their applications and deliver innovative products to market."

Interest in Artificial Intelligence has surged recently. According to CB Insights data, venture capital investments in companies developing and commercializing AI-related products and technology have exceeded \$2 billion since 2011.

"Common Lisp remains one of the best languages for Artificial Intelligence applications, its flexibility enables rapid experimentation and deployment", said Professor Ken Forbus, Walter P. Murphy Professor of Computer Science at Northwestern University. "Today's Lisp compilers are robust and flexible allowing development entirely within Lisp or in combination with other languages. For example, our CyclePad system for helping engineering students learn thermodynamics is written entirely in Allegro CL. Similarly, our sketch understanding system, CogSketch, which is a novel platform for both cognitive science research and education is primarily written in Allegro CL with two modules in C."

Allegro CL is a powerful, dynamic Artificial Intelligence development system that is especially well-suited for enterprise-wide, machine intelligence development. Now applications with billions of objects are made easy with Allegro CL 10, the industry's leading Common Lisp based development environment. Allegro CL 10 delivers parallel memory management capabilities including parallel garbage

collection and fast memory recycling.

"Allegro CL 10 confirms Franz's commitment to providing a leading Common Lisp platform," said Jason Cornez, CTO, RavenPack. "The upgrade path is completely smooth and the under-the-hood improvements, especially in the garbage collector, make it a worthy successor to what remains one of the best environments for developing and delivering amazing software."

"Financial professionals rely on RavenPack for its speed and accuracy in analyzing large amounts of unstructured content. RavenPack's clients use news analytics to enhance returns, reduce risk or increase efficiency by systematically incorporating the effects of public information in their models or workflows." stated Dr. Aasman. "Allegro CL's new capabilities will continue to facilitate Ravenpack's low latency text and sentiment analysis that they deliver as a real-time data feed."

"Allegro CL 10 with AllegroCache continues to deliver performance improvements that facilitate the success of our products with the U.S. Dept of Defense," said Glenn D. House Sr., President 2Is Inc., "Lisp is the ideal implementation vehicle for our machine learning algorithms and large scale, parallelized stochastic simulation product sets. We are delighted with the Garbage Collection enhancements in Allegro CL 10."

"2Is is the leader in logistics decision support and price analytics enterprise systems that have demonstrated tens of millions of dollars in reduced total cost of inventory ownership for the military and OEM supply chain," added Dr. Aasman. "2Is applications have been repeatedly proven under multiple DOD Test and Evaluation contracts and Allegro CL 10 will continue to facilitate 2Is successful deliveries."

New Key Features and updates in Allegro CL 10:

- Parallel Global Garbage Collection
- New Payback Analysis for optimized Global Garbage Collection
- Precise Garbage Collection of stack slots for fast memory recycling
- Touchscreen and Alpha blending on Windows in Common Graphics
- API generator builds Lisp interface functions from information in Java class libraries
- Various Source Level debugging improvements
- Plus over 700 enhancements and updates, see the Release Notes for the details

About Lisp

Lisp is one of the first high-level programming languages and still in widespread use today. Lisp was originally created as a practical mathematical notation for computer programs and quickly became the favored programming language for artificial intelligence (AI) research. The most widely known general-purpose Lisp dialects are Common Lisp and Scheme. Allegro CL is the Common Lisp language developed and sold by Franz Inc.

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Franz's Vice President of Corporate Development to Keynote at The 8th International Conference on Knowledge Science, Engineering and Management

(KSEM 2015)

OAKLAND, Calif. — August 26, 2015 — Franz Inc.'s Vice President of Corporate Development, Dr. Sheng-Chuan Wu, will be a keynote speaker at The 8th International Conference on Knowledge Science, Engineering and Management (KSEM 2015) this October in Chongqing, China. The aim of this interdisciplinary conference is to provide a forum for researchers in the broad areas of Knowledge Science, Knowledge Engineering, and Knowledge Management to exchange ideas and to report state of the art research results.

Separating the Reality from the Hypes of Big Data

The world is drowning in data. Modern technologies and digital devices have made it very easy to generate, collect and store mammoth data that gives rise to the term, "Big Data". In 2009, Google published Flu Trends based on analyzing gazillions of flu-related searches to detect the spread of flu even before CDC could, demonstrating how to use Big Data to address societal needs. Since then, everyone wants to collect, analyze, invest in and make money from Big Data. Market research firms predict an exciting business opportunity of US\$50 billion by 2017. Industrial experts promise Big Data to solve virtually any problem we encounter.

Is Big Data really what all the market hypes allege to be?

There is no doubt that, by combining the enormous modern and inexpensive computing power and sophisticated Data Mining programs, we are able to process the zettabytes of digital data produced every minute. However, several challenges, namely heterogeneous data sources, convolute data relations and complex queries inherent to predictive analytics besides the sheer size, make it difficult to extract the essential value from big data.

In this talk, Dr. Wu will describe a new analytic

architecture, combining the popular big data Hadoop platform, semantic index and distributed query to extract actionable business insight from big data in nearly real-time. He will show the power of this new architecture with real-world examples in Customer Relation Management (CRM) and Healthcare.

About Dr. Wu

Dr. Sheng-Chuan Wu received his Ph.D. in Scientific Computing and Computer Graphics from Cornell University in the US. He has, since graduation, been involved in several software companies, including the founding of the first integrated CAD/CAM/CAE company. He has in the last 20 years worked as a senior corporate executive at the leading Artificial Intelligence and Semantic Technology company, Franz Inc in Silicon Valley, with responsibility in application development, marketing, consulting and new business development. Dr. Wu has also in many occasions collaborated with Bioinformatics experts from Harvard Medical School, Stanford University and Astra Zeneca, working with massive biological data.

Dr. Wu has been focusing on Semantic Technology over the last 7 years. He has routinely lectured on AI and Semantic Technology at conferences. He has, since 2007, conducted more than 20 week-long workshops on Semantic Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Malaysia, China, India and other Asian countries. Additionally, Dr. Wu has consulted on several Big Data and Semantic Technology projects in the US and Asia.

About Franz Inc.

Franz's semantic technology solutions help bring Web 3.0 ideas to reality. The company is the leading supplier of commercial, persistent and scalable Graph Database products. AllegroGraph is a high-performance database capable of storing and querying billions of RDF statements. The product provides solutions for customers to combine unstructured and structured data using

W3C standard RDF for creating new Web 3.0 applications as well as identifying new opportunities for Business Intelligence in the Enterprise. AllegroGraph's Activity Recognition package provides a powerful means to aggregate and analyze data about individual and organizational behaviors, preferences, relationships, plus spatial and temporal linkages between individuals and groups. Franz customers include Fortune 500 companies in the government, life sciences and telecommunications industries. For more information, visit www.franz.com.

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Franz Delivers First Realtime N-Dimensional Analysis for Big Data

Doors Open to New Life-Saving Applications in Personalized
Medicine and Public Safety

OAKLAND, Calif. - July 13, 2015 - Franz Inc., the leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology, today announced announced that the company has added patented N-dimensional analysis capabilities to its flagship product, AllegroGraph, marking the first time data scientists can answer complex SPARQL queries across multiple dimensions over billions of records in sub-second time. This technologic breakthrough is propelling new applications in areas such as Personalized Medicine, Insider Threat Detection, National Intelligence, Defense, Cyber Security and Law Enforcement.

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"You can capture event data, even multi-dimensional event data, in any data store," stated Robin Bloor, co-founder and Chief Analyst of The Bloor Group. "The real need is to store and manage the data in an intelligent way and to build applications on top of it. This is where AllegroGraph (from Franz Inc.) shines. It is an RDF Graph database — although in my view, it is best thought of as a platform that is particularly suited for building apps that process event data." (Source: Inside Analysis, Events that Change the World, June 8, 2015)

"Expanding the number of dimensions in data also grows the number of interrelationships among data," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO, Franz Inc. "In the past, multi-dimensional analysis has required 'supercomputing' techniques and technologies, which has deterred many important types of analysis in healthcare, public safety, agriculture and other areas. But by leveraging the unique 'many-to-many' attribute of graph database technology with the semantic query capabilities possible with AllegroGraph, we were able to overcome the historic performance issues that have plagued high-dimensional data analysis for event processing."

AllegroGraph is a high performance Semantic Graph Database that enables analytics by leveraging the W3C industry standards and enables businesses to extract sophisticated decision insights and predictive analytics from highly complex, distributed data that cannot be uncovered with conventional databases.

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"Previous technology supported searching and reasoning over two-dimensional geospatial data, whereas more recent technology supports three-dimensional geospatial according to David Frankel, a 30 year technology industry veteran, technical strategist, architect and programmer. "But AllegroGraph can search and reason over an open-ended number of additional dimensions. Thus these new facilities are not merely three-dimensional, because there is no restriction to three dimensions. It is more accurate to use the term Ndimensional to describe the nature of graph databases and applications that use these new facilities." (Source: Datanami, Multidimensional Graph Data Open the Door to New Applications, June 2, 2015)

Franz is working with partners and customers to apply AllegroGraph's N-dimensional analysis in the areas of Personalized Medicine, Insider Threat Detection and National Intelligence/Defense. Given there is no restriction to the number of dimensions, this powerful technology can help predict, prevent and mitigate the impact of high-risk events.

Personalized Medicine

Healthcare generates and processes huge volumes of information. The ability to access all this data interactively and in real-time is key to making Personalized Medicine a reality. Using AllegroGraph Semantic Graph databases that enable N-dimensional graphical analysis over new combinations of data — including individual patient information, genetic data, medical device images, clinical trials, drug information and public health data — will fuel discoveries, significantly improve efficiencies and personalize care.

Insider Threat Detection

There is growing risk that nations, companies and organizations face from insider threats. In most tragedies that involve an insider, there were strong signals that the person was at high risk for erratic or violent behavior beforehand. AllegroGraph's N-dimensional analysis can empower organizations to predict high-risk events or aid in crisis situations by bringing together knowledge dispersed within documents, spreadsheets and relational databases with data from social media posts, online searches, texts and telephony data from company-owned devices.

Intelligence, National Defense & Law Enforcement

National intelligence, defense and law enforcement officers need to stay a step ahead of those who would do great harm by analyzing massive-scale data across geographically dispersed locations, while simultaneously collaborating with diverse disciplines and respecting privacy, civil liberties and data handling policies. AllegroGraph's N-dimensional analysis empowers data analysts to anticipate emerging threats through timely access to highly granular data from disparate systems that contain a broad array of data, such as: unstructured

message data, structured identity data, charts, spreadsheets, telephony data, documents, network data, sensor data, social media posts and images. Analysts can investigate incidents and discover connections between seemingly unrelated events to quickly uncover and predict terrorism threats, cyber attacks, national security threats and other types of hostile attacks.

About Franz Inc.

Franz Inc. is an innovative technology company with expert knowledge in developing and deploying Graph Search solutions. AllegroGraph, Franz's flagship, high-performance, transactional, and scalable Graph Database, provides the solid storage layer for powerful Enterprise grade NoSQL solutions. AllegroGraph's Activity Recognition capabilities provides a powerful means to aggregate and analyze data about individual and organizational behaviors, preferences, relationships, plus spatial and temporal linkages between individuals and groups.

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Franz, an American owned company based in Oakland, California, is committed to market-driven product development, the highest levels of product quality and responsive customer support and service. Franz customers include Fortune 500 companies in the government, life sciences and telecommunications industries. Franz has demonstrated consistent growth and profitability since inception. For more information, visit franz.com.

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Franz's CEO, Jans Aasman to participate on a panel for a "Conversation on Data Privacy in a Rapidly Growing Connected World of Intelligent Machines"

OAKLAND, Calif. – June 1, 2015 – Franz Inc.'s CEO, Dr. Jans Aasman, will participate on a panel for a "Conversation on Data Privacy in a Rapidly Growing Connected World of Intelligent Machines" being organized by the Netherlands Office for Science & Technology (NOST) June 23rd at the offices of the Consulate General of the Netherlands in San Franzicso.

For everyone of us, the implications of sharing private information on social media are pretty much clear cut, be it perhaps for the lack of clarity of the user agreements and privacy statements that go with those social media. What many people don't realize is how much of our data is floating around as we use our devices, ranging from cell phones to cars. And this situation will become more complex rapidly as those devices are becoming more intelligent and interconnected. At the same time, having all this data floating around provides great opportunity, for example for diagnosing illnesses, detecting fraud and making educated

infrastructure decisions. So the timing is right for having a balanced Conversation on Data Privacy.

About NOST

The Network of Science and Technology Attachès (Innovatie Attachè Netwerk in Dutch) was founded in 1952 by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs to provide quality information on technology and scientific developments in key innovation ecosystems around the world to Dutch businesses, knowledge institutes and the government. The Science and Technology Attachès are well informed about local science, technology and innovation developments as well as in the Netherlands. The organization is mandated to establish contacts and foster collaboration between the innovation community in the Netherlands and, in this case, the United States and Canada. The Attachès have developed extensive networks and provide introductions for Dutch businesses and researchers at an appropriate level in a variety of organizations. General technology intelligence is made available regularly to Dutch organizations and science community.

About Dr. Aasman

Jans Aasman started his career as an experimental and cognitive psychologist, earning his PhD in cognitive science with a detailed model of car driver behavior using Lisp and Soar. He has spent most of his professional life in telecommunications research, specializing in intelligent user interfaces and applied artificial intelligence projects. From 1995 to 2004, he was also a part-time professor in the Industrial Design department of the Technical University of Delft. Jans is currently the CEO of Franz Inc., the leading supplier of commercial, persistent, and scalable RDF database products that provide the storage layer for powerful reasoning and ontology modeling capabilities for Semantic Web applications.

Accomplishments:

Dr. Aasman has gained notoriety as a conference speaker at such events as Semantic Technologies Conference, International Semantic Web Conference, Java One, Enterprise Data World, Semantics in Healthcare and Life Sciences, Linked Data Planet, INSA, GeoWeb, AAAI, NoSQLNow, Graph Data Management, RuleML, IEEE conferences, and DEBS to name a few.

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Franz's semantic technology solutions help bring Web 3.0 ideas to reality. The company is the leading supplier of commercial, persistent and scalable Graph Database products. AllegroGraph is a high-performance database capable of storing and querying billions of RDF statements. The product provides solutions for customers to combine unstructured and structured data using W3C standard RDF for creating new Web 3.0 applications as well as identifying new opportunities for Business Intelligence in the Enterprise. AllegroGraph's Activity Recognition package provides a powerful means to aggregate and analyze data about and organizational behaviors, individual preferences, relationships, plus spatial and temporal linkages between individuals and groups. Franz customers include Fortune 500 companies in government, life sciences the telecommunications industries. For information, more visit www.franz.com.

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