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LeanKit's Features Enabled in Microsoft Visual Studio Online

FRANKLIN, Tenn., Nov. 12, 2014 – LeanKit today announced a collaborative effort with Microsoft Corp. that will enable Microsoft Visual Studio Online customers to achieve better work and workflow visualization, customization and collaboration.

Visual Studio Online is one of the leading development platforms for organizations worldwide, who rely on Microsoft to provide state-of-the-art development technologies. A collection of developer services that runs on Microsoft Azure, Visual Studio Online provides a complete experience for modern application development in the cloud.

LeanKit is a recognized leader in the agile, lean and kanban software development community, providing an intuitive, flexible and visual project management solution that enables teams to collaborate more effectively and identify ways to improve.

Enabling LeanKit's features in Visual Studio Online will give customers greater interoperability between the two systems, creating a more visual and customizable software delivery platform. Development teams will benefit from increased workflow flexibility, greater visual context for work items and multi-level visibility for all stakeholders.

Tommy Norman, Agile Practice Lead at Holland Square Group and Microsoft MVP for Application Lifecycle Management, commented: "Visual Studio Online is a great platform for Application Lifecycle Management (ALM). There is no other tool that encompasses the same amount of functionality with the same level of customization. The integration with LeanKit will enable better agile project management, providing a whole new level of visualization, customization and reporting that supports almost any workflow."

"We are excited to work with Microsoft's Developer Platform group to help teams visually manage and deliver software projects," said Chris Hefley, CEO of LeanKit. "Through the integration with Visual Studio Online, LeanKit will be able to bring the benefits of visual management, lean and agile principles, and frictionless collaboration to more organizations worldwide. It will also enable Visual Studio Online customers to combine data from other enterprise systems, including Microsoft tools such as Microsoft Project Server, creating a shared view of the organization's work in LeanKit."

"Workflow visualization, customization and collaboration offer a great boost to productivity for development teams." said Mitra Azizirad, General Manager, Developer Platform & Sales at Microsoft. "LeanKit offers an intuitive interface blended with Visual Studio Online that help teams manage their development process."

LeanKit will be available to Visual Studio Online customers through Microsoft's Azure Cloud Services platform. The enhanced partnership will enable both companies to offer their solutions to a larger customer base to drive customer adoption and increase revenue.

About LeanKit
LeanKit is helping to change the way organizations work by enabling better work execution and collaboration through visualization. LeanKit makes products that harness the innate human preference for consuming information visually. The intuitive software provides a complete picture of the work and a shared vision across platforms, devices, locations and systems. Founded in 2009, LeanKit serves more than 50,000 teams around the world at companies such as Adobe, Rolls-Royce, Siemens and Spotify. Learn more at leankit.com.

About Microsoft
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