

FACT SHEET

SaaS Incubation Centres (SICs)

Introduction

To ensure that aspiring independent software vendors (ISVs) have access to help in adopting the Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model, SaaS incubation centres (SICs) are needed to render business and technical consultancy services to these ISVs. In so doing, SICs equip industry and consumers with on-demand and pay-per-use access to cloud services to deliver new and innovative business models.

At each SIC, a staging platform is available for aspiring SaaS ISVs to:

- Testing & initial commercialisation for new SaaS providers
- Integration with SaaS provisioning – portal & billing system
- Technology augmentation
- Implementing proof-of-concepts
- Demonstration to end users

The SICs also provide training and hand-holding in SaaS-enablement. Software that have been successfully ported are hosted by the cloud service providers.

Existing SICs

The AxSaaS incubation Centre was appointed by IDA as a SIC in September 2008. This SIC is operated by AkSaaS Pte Ltd, which successfully graduated as an incubatee of Exploit Pte Ltd. As of 1 April 2010, 20 ISVs have been SaaS-enabled at this SIC. These SaaS offerings include: Enterprise resource planning, supply chain, business intelligence, document management, property management, finance, workflow, performance management, inventory, marketing, medical diagnosis, maps and helpdesk.

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Other SICs will be appointed in the near future.