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When I think of open source software Microsoft is rarely the first word that comes to mind. Actually it's not even on of the first ten words. However, there are probably more Microsoft Windows users using open source software than on any other operating system. Despite this Microsoft's stance on open source is changing evidenced by recent initiatives into open source software development.

Today Aras a provider of product lifecycle management (PLM) software for companies that develop products announced the release of Version 9 of the Aras Innovator® suite. Version 9 delivers the first model-based service-oriented architecture (SOA) for PLM and includes single-instance multi-language capabilities and support for the latest Microsoft platform products; Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Microsoft Windows Server 2008, and Microsoft Visual Studio 2008. Aras is the first Microsoft Gold Partner to offer an open source solution.

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