Open and big data enabler Listpoint named "Cool Vendor" by Leading Analyst Firm

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Listpoint, the open platform for managing reference data, today announces that it has been included in the list of "Cool Vendors" in the new Information Governance and Master Data Management report by Gartner Inc.

This latest Cool Vendors report from Gartner identifies how smaller vendors are innovating in unique ways as information governance and MDM programmes become more complex.

Listpoint is the largest, open reference data platform holding data standards and code lists. Its application includes underpinning the UK's Police National Database which makes more than 200 different criminal intelligence systems interoperable to give the police a single national 'view of the criminal'.

"This Gartner Cool Vendor report recognises that industry is waking up to the fact that it is quicker and easier to interpret meanings in different datasets by mapping competing data standards, and that smarter ways of managing reference data are needed to reduce costs and increase interoperability," said Listpoint director David Mitton.

"Listpoint supports the data transformation process by mapping competing code lists together and in doing so reduces the time and cost to deliver projects. Rather than having to enforce a top down data standard, Listpoint embraces all code lists and allows you to quickly map them together, providing an output for the data transformation process. Using this approach significantly reduces the cost of data integration projects.

In addition to many private and secure projects held on Listpoint, it also holds over 4000 publicly available code lists including national, international and government standards on its free-to-use repository.

Listpoint's capabilities include:

· finding code lists that are publicly available from the repository
· loading and validating code lists
· auto-mapping of code lists as part of the data transformation process
· grouping of proprietary and/or publicly available lists into private "contexts"
· data download options XML, spreadsheet and SKOS
· full versioning control
· governance via email and web services change alerts

Notes: Gartner "Cool Vendors in Information Governance and MDM 2013" by Bill O'Kane, Andrew White, Alan Dayley, Eric Thoo, April 25 2013.

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