



**metaphacts**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **metaphacts acquires VISmart and enriches metaphactory with Sputnik, the commercial version of Ontodia**

Walldorf, Germany, September 03, 2019 – [metaphacts](#), creator of the leading knowledge graph platform [metaphactory](#), today announced the acquisition of [VISmart Ltd.](#) VISmart is the company behind Ontodia, an open-source platform for exploration and visualization of graph-based data. Prior to the acquisition, metaphacts integrated [Sputnik](#), the commercial version of Ontodia, into the metaphactory platform. The VISmart team has joined metaphacts to strengthen its software engineering team and to support the expansion of consulting and support services worldwide.

The collaboration between metaphacts and VISmart goes back to 2015. The successful software engineering partnership led to several joint customer projects and was followed by a joint venture, which aimed at extending and commercializing Ontodia to cater to specific customer needs. This resulted in [Sputnik](#), a flexible and extendable software solution for data exploration, data analytics, visual data authoring and knowledge sharing.

Sputnik allows customers to tap into and smoothly interact with all of their graph data. It enables customers to turn raw data into valuable knowledge and make better business decisions by offering precise, contextually rich information, by highlighting patterns, and by showing relations between different pieces of information.

### **Sputnik – an integral part of metaphactory**

Through the VISmart acquisition and the transfer of intellectual property of Sputnik and Ontodia, metaphacts is strategically expanding its metaphactory platform with innovative data exploration, data analytics, data authoring and knowledge sharing functionalities. metaphacts and VISmart customers will benefit from an enhanced portfolio for creating and managing knowledge graphs.

“Sputnik delivers ground-breaking innovations in the area of graph data exploration, visualization and authoring. It has been fully integrated into the metaphactory knowledge graph platform as of the 3.0 release. We are excited about the opportunity to shape the Sputnik component to meet our customers’ demands and offer it as an

integral part of the platform. We are happy to have the VISmart team join forces with metaphacts and drive our solutions further”, commented Dr. Peter Haase, CEO at metaphacts.

Customers interested in learning more about Sputniq can access the demo available on [Wikidata](#) or use the [metaphactory offering on AWS Marketplace](#) to test Sputniq with their own data. metaphactory on AWS Marketplace is available for a free 14-day trial. AWS Service Credits are available upon request at [info@metaphacts.com](mailto:info@metaphacts.com) and will be provided after confirmation of an active trial instance.

## **VISmart team joins metaphacts**

In July 2019, the VISmart team was merged into metaphacts. Yury Emelyanov, CEO of VISmart, and Dmitry Pavlov, CFO of VISmart, have joined the board of directors at metaphacts.

“We have been collaborating successfully with metaphacts over the last few years and we are excited to have become a part of the team. This new setup allows us to better serve our customers worldwide and drive new solutions for knowledge graph management and rapid application development”, commented Yury and Dmitry in a joint statement.

## **Ontodia – going forward**

[Ontodia](#) as an open-source component enjoys a large community of users and contributors and will be continued under metaphacts as an innovation accelerator. This innovation will have a direct impact on Sputniq and will ultimately benefit metaphactory customers.

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## **About metaphacts**

[metaphacts GmbH](#) is a Germany-based company empowering customers to build and manage their own knowledge graphs, and extract the most value out of their data, drive transparency and reach smarter business decisions. metaphacts provides the expertise, products and services to create thematically specialized knowledge graphs in areas such as business, finance, engineering and manufacturing, life sciences, cultural heritage, and more. Built entirely on open standards and technologies, the [metaphactory](#) platform supports knowledge graph management, rapid application development and end-user oriented interaction, and covers the entire lifecycle of dealing with knowledge graphs. For more information about metaphacts and its products and solutions please visit [www.metaphacts.com](http://www.metaphacts.com)

## **About VISmart**

VISmart Ltd. is a team of young professionals in software development with vast experience of product development of various scales and complexity for a number of industries. VISmart developed Ontodia, an open-source platform for exploration and visualization of graph-based data. In collaboration with metaphacts and based on Ontodia, VISmart developed Sputniq, an innovative tool for graph data exploration, analytics, visual graph data authoring, and knowledge sharing. Sputniq is tightly integrated into the metaphactory knowledge graph platform and is delivered to metaphacts customers as part of metaphactory. To learn more about Sputniq please visit [www.metaphacts.com/sputniq](http://www.metaphacts.com/sputniq)

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