NEW OSGi SPECIFICATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS INCREASES DEVELOPER COMMUNITY TRANSPARENCY, OPENNESS

Invites more coordination on OSGi specification work, promotes greater public participation and support

SAN RAMON, Calif. – August 7, 2013– The OSGi Alliance has approved a more transparent specification development process, allowing the public to comment immediately on Requests for Comments as well as Requests for Proposals for OSGi specifications. The shift from periodic early draft review to real-time public comment is expected to further increase OSGi adoption and enhance the standardization process.

The new specification development process provides the public with greater insight into OSGi specification activities and allows the Alliance to consider or include comments from developers within specific verticals and communities during the specification development. Actual technical design, including authoring, editing and approving specifications, continues to be done by OSGi Alliance members.

"Increasing transparency in the specification development process will enrich OSGi specifications by directly including interests within and outside of the Alliance. Our expert groups can review, discuss and incorporate non-member comments during technical design work," said Dan Bandera, OSGi Alliance president. "We anticipate a ripple effect in OSGi adoption as more third-party standards organizations reference OSGi specifications in their implementations and the Alliance may include more IP-based comments in its final specifications. It eases Alliance development cooperation with other standards organizations while retaining the decision-making rights of Alliance membership."

The Alliance's repository of active RFCs and RFPs is now mirrored continuously to a world-readable repository at https://github.com/osgi/design, and non-member feedback can be submitted through the public bugzilla system at https://www.osgi.org/bugzilla.

OSGi technology provides a modular architecture and dynamic interoperability across a broad variety of devices for today's large-scale distributed systems as well as small, embedded applications. Building systems from in-house and off-the-shelf modules significantly reduces complexity and thus development and maintenance expenses.

Alliance members develop and facilitate the deployment of OSGi specifications, which serve as the platform for universal middleware in server and embedded environments. Deployment of these open OSGi standards

greatly increases the value of a wide range of computers and devices and enables new business models.

About the OSGi Alliance
The OSGi Alliance is a worldwide consortium of technology innovators that advances a proven and mature process to enable the componentization of applications into well-defined software modules, and ensure interoperability of applications and services over a broad variety of devices. The Alliance provides specifications, reference implementations, test suites and certification to foster a valuable cross-industry ecosystem. OSGi technology is shipping in millions of units worldwide, and is deployed by Fortune Global 500 companies in enterprise, desktop, embedded home and telematics markets. Member companies collaborate within an egalitarian, equitable and transparent environment and promote adoption of OSGi technology through business benefits, user experiences and forums. For more information on the non-profit technology corporation, visit http://www.osgi.org.

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