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President's Message

As 2013 draws to a close, we celebrate three important OSGi Alliance milestones that defined the year and strengthened the Alliance as an organization, a resource to developers and a community.



This summer, the Alliance implemented a transparent specification development process that allows non-members real-time visibility into Request for Comments and Requests for Proposal updates. Increased transparency should promote third-party validation of OSGi specs and encourage OSGi adoption. The transparency policy was predicated on the 2011 Alliance restructuring and a new IPR policy that were years in the making.

Another 2013 milestone gives a boost to OSGi developers and makes the Alliance not only a development body, but also a developer's resource. The newly initiated OSGi Application Framework, led by Peter Kriens, will show OSGi developers, and developers exploring OSGi, how to architect an OSGi application. In an effort to make deploying OSGi modularity easier, the framework will provide developers with a complete solution based on best practices. This important initiative is still young so watch for more

EXPERT GROUP UPDATES

Core Platform Expert Group

CPEG is currently making good progress on the work for Core R6 and Compendium R6. We have a number of core design documents that are now design complete and we are still working to close the design work for updates to the Http Service and Declarative Services specifications. Planned updates to the Core specification for R6 include Data Transfer Objects, Native Namespace, Weaving Hook enhancements, Service Scopes, documentary annotations for packages and types, clarification of the behavior of hooks for the system bundle and the addition of activators for framework extension bundles.

Our current plan is to complete the specification work and be far along with the reference implementation and compliance test development in early 2014 to publish the Core R6 and Compendium R6 specifications in the first half of 2014.

Enterprise Expert Group

The EEG is working towards the Enterprise R6

can promote their organizations' OSGi related news at www.osgi.org.

EnOcean Becomes Member of the OSGi Alliance

HGI Hosts Demonstration of Smart Home Gateway Bridging Different Wireless Standards at Broadband World Forum

New Cloud-based Remote Management for OSGi Gateways and M2M Devices available - ProSyst releases mPRM Cloud Service

New OSGi Value Proposition Page



The Alliance updated the value proposition for OSGi, creating an OSGi technology presentation as well as presentations targeted at developers, service providers, and system and network architects.

The **value propositions** educate website visitors and can be used by members and developers to promote OSGi within their organizations or for their own speaking engagements.

OSGi Community Event 2013

The **OSGi Community**

information in the coming months.

Interest in deploying OSGi is high and that interest was underscored at the OSGi Community Event 2013, our third milestone achievement in 2013. The OSGi Tutorial session sold out, so we rented a larger room, and it sold out again! Nearly 600 people attended the joint event, which was co-located with EclipseCon Europe 2013. Gathering to share and learn the business and technical value of OSGi showcases the broader OSGi ecosystem, encourages and fosters OSGi adoption, and creates business opportunities for the community. The annual event is a powerful resource and community builder for OSGi developer, business and member stakeholders.

Even as we review our 2013 successes, we are gearing up for 2014. On a technical front, we'll see the OSGi Application Framework unfold and the release of Core Release 6, Compendium Release 6, Enterprise Release 6 and the next release of the OSGi Residential Specification document, as well as development of a standardized device abstraction layer for embedded systems. The OSGi DevCon and OSGi Community Events will present new opportunities in 2014 and more information will follow early next year. We will continue our efforts to increase membership and grow the OSGi ecosystem.

Congratulations to the OSGi community for a very successful 2013 and best wishes for sustained momentum and continued success in 2014.

Best Regards,
Dan Bandera
President
OSGi Alliance

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release. New and updated specifications planned for this release can be found in this **table**.

David Bosschaert, EEG co-chairman, and Carsten Ziegeler presented the high-level technical direction for Enterprise at OSGi Community Event 2013, co-located with EclipseCon Europe. **View** the presentation.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee has been working hard to reach all of the set goals by end of this year. The goals include content updates regarding OSGi messaging and the value proposition, a survey for business value, success stories and press releases. Over the next two months we will finish two success stories on Software AG and Deutsche Telekom, review the survey for business value for further messaging input, and begin work on the OSGi DevCon and OSGi Community Event 2014.

Stay tuned. We are living in interesting times with a thriving OSGi ecosystem! If you or one of your colleagues is interested in getting involved in marketing activities and would like to benefit from helping to shape OSGi content or OSGi events, please contact Alisa Pfeil (apfeil@inventures.com) or Susan Schwarze (s.schwarze@prosyst.com).

Residential Expert Group

REG members welcome EnOcean GmbH as the newest member of the Residential Expert Group. The work on REG RFCs is

Event was very successful. Co-located with EclipseCon Europe and drawing nearly 600 people, attendees participated and networked, provided ideas at the OSGi BoF, and exchanged information on technical work as well as OSGi business use cases.

The **OSGi tutorial** sold out even after the Alliance expanded the tutorial's capacity and its content was rated highly valuable. There was great turnout for the event and our thanks goes to those of you who joined us and, of course, the speakers. Presentations and videos are available [here](#).



The Business Argument for OSGi

The OSGi Alliance is updating the business argument for OSGi and we want your help.

We are interested in all community perspectives, both members and non-members of the OSGi Alliance, and those who have and have not deployed OSGi in their organizations.

Please complete **this 10-minute survey** by Jan. 20, 2014, to help us further our business case.

progressing well and REG hopes to start working on the specifications soon.

In October, OSGi Alliance and HGI organized another workshop in Heidelberg, hosted by NEC Laboratories Europe. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the current standardization activities with respect to the device abstraction layer as well as to align the ongoing work. One goal of this initiative is to work on a common template among SDOs for the definition of device profiles that can be used in different environments.

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