



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are more and more opportunities for folks interested in OSGi technology to learn more, discuss interests and issues, and become more engaged. That's the main message I would like convey in this column. Some recent events supporting this statement include the announcement that we will have a DevCon Europe event this year; after two years of taking place in Europe, the Community Event will occur in North America (Sept. 22-23 in the California Bay Area); and the establishment of several new OSGi Users Forums/Groups (e.g., United Kingdom, Sweden, Belgium) for a total of nine, and there are still several more Users Forums in process of formation. All these opportunities enable many more members of the OSGi technology ecosystem to become involved in the creation and adoption processes. These opportunities for more and better are beneficial to both the OSGi Alliance and the participants for at least a couple of reasons:

- Through interactions, individuals can provide feedback on features and capabilities required in the OSGi service platform (i.e., requirements) so that the platform can evolve and better meet the needs of those using it.
- By sharing best practices for using the OSGi service platform, people can become better educated on how to use the platform more efficiently and effectively,

OSGi TECHNOLOGY MAKES HEADLINES

Submit your story now! Only two case studies left for 2009

Share your OSGi technology success with the entire OSGi technology community of interest. There are only two case studies still open for submission this year. Submit your story by June 1 to claim the next spotlight.

Case studies are posted to the OSGi Alliance Web site, distributed to media and analysts, and shared with the entire OSGi Alliance community.

Eligibility criteria are full or adopter associate alliance membership and a shipping member product/offering.

Please note that you do not have to submit a written study. You must submit your plan to participate with responses to the following bullets. The alliance will write the study with your contributions.

The key points that must be submitted to the alliance are as follows:

- Explain how the general OSGi technology benefits were utilized in your product/service (e.g. hot pluggability);
- Product's competitive position (e.g. industry leaders all use OSGi technology or you're the first/only leader to use it or use it in this way);
- Explain why the market needs this product/solution and how you selected OSGi technology to help deliver it;
- Provide a primary contact at your company to liaison with the alliance on the background/writing process.

Send your submission or questions to Alisa Hicks at ahicks@inventures.com.

OSGi DevCon Europe 2009:

OSGi DevCon Europe is being co-located with [Jazoon](#) - The International Conference on Java Technology. If you attend the full Jazoon conference your entry to OSGi DevCon Europe is included in the conference price.

As an OSGi Alliance member you will get a **20% discount** off the Jazoon conference price. Contact registration@jazoon.com to obtain your discount code. This applies to all OSGi Alliance membership tiers. If you are not a member already of the OSGi Alliance this is a good time to sign up!

Please contact us by email at devconeurope2009@osgi.org for any questions.

Hold the Dates for the OSGi Community Event 2009:

We are pleased to announce the **OSGi Community Event** will be held September 22-23, 2009 in Redwood City, CA. This is the first time the Community Event is located in the USA, so we are excited to introduce

OSGi ALLIANCE ON THE ROAD

Telematics Detroit 2009

June 2-3, 2009

The Rock Financial Showplace,
Novi, MI USA

JavaOne

June 2-5, 2009

San Francisco, CA USA

OSGi DevCon Europe

co-located with [Jazoon](#)

June 22-25, 2009

Zurich, Switzerland

OSGi Community Event 2009

September 22-23, 2009

Redwood City, CA USA

which increases the chances of success for the technology using the platform and increases the rate of adoption of the technology for the Alliance

I am very happy to see the continued spread of the use of OSGi technology and am optimistic that it will continue to grow based on increasing number of forums and organizations that support the interactions necessary for a technology to succeed.

this conference to a new audience.

The conference [Call for Papers](#) is now open. This year the event will focus on 'The Business of OSGi' and explore how organizations are implementing and benefiting from using OSGi-based architectures in their IT infrastructures. We are particularly interested in having case studies from IT organizations that have deployed OSGi-based architectures.

More details about the Call for Papers are available online [here](#).
Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2009.

Registration for the conference will open in June. If your organization is interested in sponsoring the event, please contact myself or [Rolf Bienert](#).

Recent OSGi Alliance News:

Feb. 12, 2009 - OSGi ALLIANCE MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH 100 MEMBERS AND MILLIONS OF DEPLOYMENTS

http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/News/2009_02_12_100Members.pdf

Feb. 24, 2009 – OSGi TECHNOLOGY EMERGING AS PLATFORM OF CHOICE FOR ESB PROVIDERS

http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/News/2009_02_24_OSGi_Emerging.pdf

March 16, 2009 – OSGiDevCon at EclipseCon 2009 Presents Diverse Program for Developers, Decision-Makers

http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/News/2009_03_16_MediaAdvisory.pdf

Expert Group Updates and Latest Happenings

Mobile Expert Group

MEG is working on the eRCP Standardization. The project is ongoing and the timeline is aligned with the next release of eRCP in Eclipse, which will be the reference implementation of the standard. The existing eRCP test suite is being extended to a complete TCK. The current API specifications of eRCP are reviewed and extended where needed.

Additionally, MEG is preparing for the forthcoming release of the Compendium by fixing a number of open issues in the MEG components

Core Platform Expert Group

CPEG is working to complete the Core and Compendium 4.2 specifications. We are in the process of closing down all issues assigned to 4.2, preparation and review of the specification, updating the reference implementations and compliance tests for a summer release.

Enterprise Expert Group

We are getting close to the dates for the final release of a significant part of specification updates to meet enterprise requirements. An early draft of the specification was released in time for EclipseCon / OSGi Dev Con, along with updates to and new design documents (i.e. RFCs). A BOF at the Dev Con was organized specifically around the enterprise

capabilities of the upcoming release, and we continue to seek feedback and input on the effort through presentations, blogs, articles, and so on. So far the feedback seems to indicate that we are mostly on the right track, with some gaps identified especially around application development lifecycle metadata and tooling. We will be trying to close these gaps during the remainder of the year while we also work to complete the important work of defining how to map various parts of Java EE onto the OSGi framework – including Web apps, persistence, transactions, security, directory services, and management. As always, the OSGi specification activity focuses on reusing and adapting functionality that already exists instead of inventing something new.

The July release is scheduled to include the new Blueprint Service component model, derived from the Spring Framework, and Distributed OSGi, which extends the OSGi service model to use existing distribution software system types (such as RMI, Web services, or JMS) and connect services deployed across different JVMs. The EEG expects the Blueprint Service and Distributed OSGi to be used in combination to meet a variety of enterprise use cases, and will continue working to map Java EE components that meet additional enterprise use cases. The EEG also intends to complete work before the end of 2009 on a specification for an OSGi Bundle Repository and additional metadata to fill the gap over development lifecycle metadata.

Residential Expert Group

The Residential Expert Group had a meeting on April 1 and 2 in Cologne. REG continued to work on the RFCs, reference implementation, TCKs and also started to collect new requirements. A public draft specification of the REG RFCs is scheduled for mid. June. The White Paper about the Residential Reference Architecture is almost completed and should be ready in the beginning of May.

In addition the Residential Expert Group further explores possible liaisons with other initiatives like Home Gate Initiative and the UPnP-Forum. On April 27 members of the Residential Expert Group and the Home Gateway Initiative are planning to have a conference call.

The next meetings are planned in May (together with the Bundlefest in Montpellier) and in July in Dublin

OSGi Technology in the News

For a complete listing of the latest news please visit www.osgi.org

[Red Hat cranks up JBoss rollouts engine](#)

The Register

[WSO2 launches platform built on OSGi spec](#)

SD Times

[Open Service Gateway: 10 years of the OSGi Alliance](#)

H-Online, Feb. 16, 2009

[Java a Steep Climb? Carbon will get you to the Peak](#)

InformationWeek

[SpringSource's Tentacles are Everywhere](#)

JavaWorld, Jan. 16, 2009

