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
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

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

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

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 beginnig 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