OSGi™ Alliance Names Peter Kriens Invited Researcher

SAN RAMON, Calif. – April 19, 2012 – The OSGi™ Alliance has named OSGi Fellow Peter Kriens an Invited Researcher, honoring 14 years of leadership and development of OSGi technology. As the former evangelist and technical director for the Alliance, Kriens articulated and promoted the vision and the benefits of modular software for developers and software users from the onset of the OSGi Alliance.

“Peter has been a guiding light for the OSGi Alliance throughout its formative years. Under Peter’s stewardship, OSGi specifications have grown and evolved but crucially always maintained focus on architectural simplicity and elegance. To my mind, this is almost unique in an industry that seems increasingly dominated by the latest fashions and buzzwords,” said Richard Nicholson, president of the OSGi Alliance. “Thanks to Peter's contributions -- from the smart home to cloud computing -- OSGi technology is increasingly seen as a fundamental enabler.”

"To leave a job that you enjoyed so much for so long is not without emotion. In my lifelong quest to find a better way to develop software the OSGi Alliance has giving me a tremendous opportunity to participate in building a healthy organization, a solid set of specifications, and a quickly growing community. However, sometimes one is driven to take the next step and that time has come for me," Kriens said. “I'd like to express my deep gratitude for the confidence that the OSGi Alliance and community has placed in me. These have been truly interesting and worthwhile years."

Alliance members develop and facilitate the deployment of OSGi specifications, which serve as the platform for universal middleware in server and embedded environments. The OSGi expert groups continue to develop OSGi specifications to meet industry needs and are currently at work on future specifications. A joint OSGi expert group meeting, discussing further work on cloud computing and other topics, will take place in Paris, France, April 25-26, 2012. Deployment of these open OSGi standards greatly increases the value of a wide range of computers and devices that use Java technology.

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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