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OSGi ALLIANCE RESTRUCTURES MEMBERSHIP, PROMOTES BROADER TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION

New membership levels and tiered pricing for leadership privileges increase membership viability and value for more stakeholders

SAN RAMON, Calif. – Nov. 16, 2011 – A new membership structure announced today by the OSGi™ Alliance prompts more organizations to participate in the technical development and evolution of OSGi technology. Tiered pricing for leadership privileges and more options for technical involvement make it easier for organizations to influence the OSGi Service Platform, the dynamic module system for Java™, and leverage new royalty-free intellectual property rights to OSGi specifications in their products and services.

Restructured Alliance levels are Strategic and Principal Members, and Contributing Associates. Principal level pricing is tiered for companies with 250 or more employees and companies with fewer than 250 employees. The Contributing Associates level introduces a new technically focused option for more organizations to actively contribute to OSGi specifications and technology.

“OSGi technology is deployed in Fortune Global 500 companies, small and medium enterprises, and open source communities. Restructuring our membership agreements should make the Alliance better and stronger for millions of direct and indirect OSGi users, expanding technical involvement to a broader community more representative of the diverse environments in which the OSGi Service Platform is deployed,” said Richard Nicholson, president of the OSGi Alliance.

“It provides more options – including for current members who have been vital in developing and successfully deploying OSGi technology worldwide – to participate in both leadership and technical roles within the Alliance, strengthening the open industry standard and benefiting from its growing value.”

Since OSGi is an open standard, much of the Alliance’s work, including released specifications, input to requirements documents and many reference implementations, is available to millions of OSGi users as well as the general public. Alliance membership offers privileges beyond access and input to a larger pool of potential members under the new structure.

All three levels include privileges to direct and contribute to specifications through expert groups and committees and participate in the development of draft and final specifications. Principal Members can lead expert groups and committees, run for an Alliance officer position, and commercially license OSGi Alliance Compliance Tests at no additional cost. Board governance is a privilege reserved for Strategic Members through eligibility for the Board of Directors.

Visit the OSGi Alliance web site to review the complete list of membership benefits.

Membership pricing is $5,000 annually for Contributing Associates, $20,000 annually for Principal Members, or $10,000 for Principal Members with fewer than 250 employees, and $25,000 annually for Strategic Members. The Alliance also offers a free Supporter level to organizations that want to promote the Alliance and its technology.
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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 that use Java technology.

The OSGi Service Platform enables the componentization of applications into well-defined software modules, and ensures interoperability of applications and services over a variety of networked devices. OSGi technology is shipping in millions of units worldwide, and is deployed by Fortune Global 500 companies in enterprise, desktop, and embedded home and telematics markets.

About the OSGi Alliance

The OSGi Alliance is a worldwide consortium of technology innovators that advances a proven and mature process to assure interoperability of applications and services based on its component integration platform. The Alliance provides specifications, reference implementations, test suites and certification to foster a valuable cross-industry ecosystem. OSGi technology is delivered in many Fortune Global 500 company products and services. 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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