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OW2 Unveils the Program of its First Open Cloud Forum, February 26-27 at Cloud Expo Europe in London.

At Cloud Expo Europe 2014, the first Open Cloud Forum organized by the OW2 open source community will showcase ten open cloud computing european projects, nine hours of hands-on tutorials on the main open IaaS platforms including OpenStack, CloudStack and OpenNebula, and a panel.

Paris, February 14, 2014 – OW2, the global community for open source infrastructure software, announces the program of the first of its Open Cloud Forum Series, organized at Cloud Expo Europe in London on February 26-27. The Open Cloud Forum at Cloud Expo Europe 2014 is the first event in Europe exclusively dedicated to explore the trends shaping the future of open cloud.

The Open Cloud Forum Series are events dedicated to promoting open source cloud projects and market offerings as well as awareness for interoperability in the cloud. The Open Cloud Forum Series leverage OW2's open source expertise and its support for many open cloud projects. The next two events in 2014 will be organized in Paris and in Brussels.

The Open Cloud Forum at Cloud Expo Europe 2014 is designed for technical attendees and project managers. They will acquire technical knowledge on the main open IaaS platforms and discover and learn about major open cloud technologies, including European Commission-supported collaborative projects and cloud initiatives from the OW2 community.

Open Cloud Forum Hands-on Tutorials

Three tutorials of three hours each will be proposed to participants, enabling them to improve their basic technical knowledge and skills on how to build and use a cloud with the OpenStack, CloudStack and OpenNebula IaaS platforms.

European Commission-supported cloud projects and initiatives from the OW2 Community

The “Open Cloud European Who's Who R&D Projects” session proposed by the OCEAN project will showcase state-of-the-art open cloud technologies:

- HARNESS: Hardware- and Network-Enhanced Software Systems for Cloud Computing
- ClouT: Cloud of Things for Empowering Citizen Clouds in Smart Cities
- Improving the agility of Cloud Ecosystems with MODAClouds
- OPTIMIS: Cloud but Better
- ARTIST: a General Approach to Cloudify Applications

OW2 community flagship open cloud projects and initiatives will be presented:

- Learn about OW2 community's flagship open cloud projects and initiatives:
- Uforge, Application Automation and Marketplace Platform: Cooperation with the OW2 community, by UShareSoft.
- Emerginov, A Telco Web PaaS for African Cloud, by Orange.
- Why an Open Cloud Broker? by CompatibleOne.
- Use-IT Cloud Market Place, by Prologue.

Open Source and Cloud Service Providers round table

Panelists representing hosting service providers with Rackspace and Cloudwatt and the cloud federation community with the Oxford eResearch Centre, will discuss the role of open source software in the cloud computing market and its challenges for the future. The panel will be moderated by OW2 CEO Cédric Thomas.

“The Open Cloud Forums are a unique series of event dedicated to the world of open cloud technologies,” says OW2 CEO Cedric Thomas, OW2 CEO, “we help make open cloud a reality,” he adds.

“Cloud Expo Europe is proud to be working with OW2 on the Open Cloud Forum,” says Thomas Standley, Cloud Expo Europe Event Director, “Open source is an important part of cloud's ecosystem, both for service providers and enterprise alike. Our relationship with OW2 marks the start of enhanced content on open source platforms, collaborative open cloud projects and cloud interoperability at this year's Cloud Expo Europe and at future events; with increased content themes for developers, architects, system admins and a wider IT audience developing and deploying cloud infrastructures, platforms and applications,” he adds.

Registration is open and free through the Cloud Expo Europe online registration system at: http://www.cloudexpoeurope.com/Content/Open-Cloud-Forum/3_46/

On the exhibition floor OW2 community and its projects OpenCloudware and OCEAN can be found at booth #520, together with its partners CompatibleOne, Prologue and Cloudwatt.

About OW2

OW2 is an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source code infrastructure (middleware and generic applications) and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. The OW2 Consortium hosts some one hundred technology projects, including ASM, Bonita, CHOReOS, CLIF, CompatibleOne, CONTRAIL, eXo Platform, JOnAS, JORAM, Petals ESB, ProActive, SpagoBI, SugarCRM, Talend Studio, WebLab and XWiki. Visit www.ow2.org

About Cloud Expo Europe

Cloud Expo Europe is EMEA's leading event for senior IT decision makers in client side organisations and the cloud industry. The two-day event boasts a tightly focused exhibition space and an action-packed conference programme which offers more than 100 hours of high quality content across 10 dedicated theatres. The Open Cloud Forum is one of co-located shows of Cloud Expo Europe. Visit www.cloudexpoeurope.com

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