

**Meeting** OW2 Board meeting – Minutes - Summary

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**Date** 22 November 2011, Physical Meeting in Paris – Issy les Moulinaux and Telephone  
**Location** meeting from other locations

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### **1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks**

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### **2. Introduction of New Directors**

- Bryan Drexler represents JasperSoft, heads professional services and customer success operations in EMEA.
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### **3. Quorum**

With 9 Strategic Members, 9 Corporate Members representatives and 1 Individual Member representative for a total of 19 Board members, 10 members constitutes the quorum.

With 12 members present or represented at this meeting, the quorum is achieved. Super majority of two thirds of members present or represented is at 9.

Attending (and initials if ever used in the rest of the minutes):

1. Bull, Jean-Pierre Laisné (JPL)
2. France Telecom, Valère Robin (VR)
3. INRIA, Patrick Moreau (PR)
4. ISCAS, Wei Wang (WW)
5. PKU, Minghui Zhou (MZ), Junfeng Zhao (JZ)
6. Engineering, Gabriele Ruffatti (VR)
7. Talend, Cedric Carbone (CC)
8. UShareSoft, Alban Richard (AR)
9. Fraunhofer Fokus, Gerd Schürman (GS)
10. Jaspersoft, Brian Drexler (BD)
11. Petals Link, Jean-Pierre Lorré (JPLo)
12. ScalAgent, Serge Lacourte (SL)

Member of the board without voting right: OW2 CEO, Cédric Thomas (CT)  
Attending at the invitation of the board: OW2 CTO Alexandre Lefebvre (AL), Cherry Bian (CB – representing CVIC-SE and NUDT if necessary)  
Excused: CVIC-SE, NUDT  
Absent: BUAA, Neociclo, O-Engine, CSTC, Ingres, Xwiki, IM Representative

(Minutes by AL)

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### **4. Agenda Review and Approval of Agenda**

- The agenda is reviewed and approved
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### **5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- The minutes of the previous meeting was approved without comments
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### **6. Management Office update**

- We might be looking for a marketing coordinator soon (under discussion at the moment, no definite deadline). If anybody on the board has a good recommendation, preferably mother tongue English, it would be appreciated.
  - BerliOS: Fraunhofer would like to transfer the responsibility to a new association, if it is founded.
    - There are discussions starting with SourceForge, who are interested in taking over the BerliOS hosting, with 3 proposed options:
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1. host it as a separate community, in the US with Europe mirror
  2. instanciate a Forge on its own in Europe, based on open source software from Sourceforge
  3. build an association
- Possibility to bring BerliOS projects to OW2.
  - Strategic importance of OW2 helping BerliOS.
  - The BerliOS business model was discussed.
- Update on members: question about members who have left OW2.
  - Need to better look after the members. It's one thing to recruit members, it's another thing to keep them happy.
  - New initiatives to consider in 2012.
    1. Future internet initiative, in preparation, already agreed in principle by the Board, will be launched in Q1 2012, based on the CHOReOS collaborative project (ultra large-scale choreographies of web services). It will include Internet of things, and could aggregate other collaborative projects, with strong technical foundation, lead by INRIA (as strategic member), with involvement of Uni Sao Paolo and Petals Link.
    2. Telco initiative, to be discussed with France Telecom
    3. HPC initiative, around some collaborative projects about to be launched
  - Although it was discussed, there was no formal board decision about the "CHOReOS" initiative
  - Action: Circulate the "future internet initiative" charter before the next board meeting.
  - Risk of dilution of efforts, we need to focus our resources. We are lacking resources on each part of the OW2 activities. We have enough room for progress on existing initiatives, without launching new ones which will add complexity with limited resources.
    - Example of OSCi where we are not able to run conf calls and meetings as we used to, and that there is a lack of persistence on existing initiatives.
    - Example of FP7 proposals, which are currently not progressing due to lack of leadership.
  - The community building plan proposed by OW2 for CHOReOS was well received by the European project officers.
  - This participates in the good perception of OW2 by the European Commission, also exemplified in the contribution of Rainer Zimmermann, Head of EU Software Architecture and Cloud Computing Unit, as an OW2con keynote speaker.

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## **7. TC Update**

- Migration of Talend Open Studio to Mature still pending, requiring Continuous Integration to be on the web (instead of on Talend servers).
  - Action: Remind WebLab about the possibility to migrate to Mature.
  - Discussion about non open source OW2 tools offered to projects (e.g. Atlassian tools), launched by SlapOS. Argument: the development chain has to be 100% open source, if OW2 offered Jira, OW2 would go against its own interests.
  - Note that Apache and other open source organizations use non open source tools, such as Jira.
    - Jira is a good tool, complementing the OW2 tools (especially since the forge is not up-to-date).
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- However, it should be only an option (which is the case, since the forge offers alternatives to Atlassian, though not as user friendly).
  - Why has nobody mentioned Bugzilla? Alternatives exist such as Bugzilla and Redmine.
  - SQuAT: question about what it takes to run those tools, why this testing period with volunteers? Answer: because we must understand how the tools work and precisely what it takes to run them and how we can help projects, before broadscale enforcement to all mature projects.
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### **8. Events Update**

- COSW to be reproduced in 2012.
    - It should be promoted earlier, and not happen straight after the national holiday in China (keep at least a week in between).
    - Idea to combine COSW with event of other communities (CoSoft, CoPu, ...) to get more audience.
  - Action: Enquire with Cosoft, Copu, etc.
  - Cloud IT & Expo was interesting, despite a very limited attendance.
    - The event didn't bring any new contact; maybe not the right place for cloud computing; perhaps attend this kind of event ONLY IF we can organize an OW2 workshop.
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### **9. 2012 Calendar**

- Date for OW2con
    - maybe postpone to December (people are saturated by events in September, October)
    - if December, it must be the first week, not later
    - Option to group OW2con with SolutionsLinux: discussion about the pros (attracting people who are present) and cons (dilutes the audience)
  - Action: Provide the board with an analysis and submit it to the board. With two options: 1. with Solution Linux and 2. Week of 26 Nov or 3 Dec
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### **10. Board Guidance**

- See above "9. 2012 Calendar"
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### **11. Other Business**

- Good financial situation, but current cash will have to last for the first 4 more months of 2012 (due to slow arrival of membership fees). In addition, there will be expenses for a lawyer or administrative services, new recruitment on collaborative projects. The uncertainty on member payments is very disruptive.
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### **12. Planning and organization of next board of directors meetings**

- Action item: Next board meeting: organize a doodle between 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 January
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### **13. Chairperson's concluding comments**

### **14. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm