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OW2 Consortium launches its web platform in China

*A key milestone in the development of the OW2 Community and open source in China.
OW2 China website is at www.ow2.org.cn*

Paris, France, and Changsha, China, December 1, 2008 – The OW2 Consortium, an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source middleware today announced the launch of its Chinese web platform.

OW2 members, including leading IT research institutes in China such as Peking University, Academy of Science, Beihang University and National University of Defense Technology have joined their strengths in an effort sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China to further cooperation between China and Europe in the open source middleware technologies. The launch of the OW2 Chinese site marks the first key milestone of this joint effort.

“We are proud to be launching the OW2 Chinese web platform which shows our commitment to develop the open source community in China. Moreover, this platform will be an essential tool in integrating China into the global open source community.” say Professor WANG Huaimin, of NUDT and lead of OW2’s China Local Chapter.

“Launching the OW2 platform in Chinese is an important milestone in the development of our global community,” says OW2 CEO Cedric Thomas, “it will help the OW2 community grow faster in China. We look forward to welcoming more Universities, Software Vendors, Systems Integrators, End-Users and Individual developers in the OW2 community.”

The platform will soon provide a mirror of the OW2 code base freely accessible by Chinese developers. Beside allowing Chinese developers to easily download open source middleware, OW2 offers them a fully-fledged infrastructure and a mature governance framework to grow their open source projects in a global community.

The platform is hosted by OW2 Strategic Member CVIC-SE in Changsha and is run by Chinese members of the Management Office, a global team running the day-to-day operations of the Consortium.

OW2 Members participating in the China Local Chapter include world-class universities such as Peking University, Beihang University, Institute of Software-Chinese Academy of Science, National University of Defense Technology, prominent IT companies such as CVIC-SE, TongTech and Intervision and DOCSO an open source community from the north of China.

About OW2

Founded in January 2007 as a result of the merger of ObjectWeb and OrientWare communities, OW2 is an independent industry consortium dedicated to developing open source code middleware and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. Building on the legacy of ObjectWeb and OrientWare, OW2 federates more than one hundred organizations and 6000 IT Professionals in Europe, Asia and the Americas. As a leading global open-source organization, OW2 aims to bring together grassroots communities across all continents through Local Chapters.

To find out more about OW2, visit www.ow2.org Visit www.ow2.org and www.ow2.org.cn

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