The Open Source Initiative becomes OW2 Associate Member

Both non-profit organizations to work more closely together, establishing sustainable trust between open source developers, corporate, education and government users.

Palo Alto (California), Paris (France), June 26, 2017 - OW2, the global community for open source infrastructure software and application platforms, and the Open Source Initiative (OSI), the global steward of the Open Source Definition, are announcing today at OW2con’17 that OSI is becoming an associate member of OW2.

While the annual conference of OW2 is opening today, in Paris Châtillon Orange Gardens R&D building, the cooperation to promote innovative and free software between OSI and OW2 is already tangible:

• OW2con’17 central theme is “New Challenges of Mainstream Open Source Software”. It focuses on open source software as a viable and a mature option for corporate and government end-users. OW2 and OSI joining efforts will contribute to overcome the fear of open source software and to educate more decision makers.

• Simon Phipps, pro-bono Director of the Open Source Initiative, is providing a keynote speech about Open Source: the Third Decade, from 11:00am to 11:30am today, Monday June 26, 2017: OSI was established in 1998, and with it the term "open source" to describe software licensed to enable collaboration around free software. 2018 consequently sees the start of the third decade of open source. What changes will we see? What principles can guide us?

• Cedric Thomas, CEO of OW2 says: “As OW2 is celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Open Source Initiative is about to start its third decade. I’m looking forward to see our teams, members and communities working more closely. Together, we can address more market needs while developing new synergies”.

• Patrick Masson, Director and General Manager of the Open Source Initiative, acknowledges: “If indeed, as many now say, “open source has won”, then we all should thank OW2 for playing their part over the past 10 years as a visionary, innovator and leader. All the best for the next ter!

This partnership will bring OSI and OW2 members the benefits of a greater technical alignment of the two organizations, joint workshops and community events. For the latest opportunities, please visit our websites.

About the Open Source Initiative
The Open Source Initiative (OSI) is a California public benefit corporation, with 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, founded in 1998. The OSI is the stewards of the Open Source Definition (OSD) and the community-recognized body for reviewing and approving licenses as OSD-conformant and is also actively involved in Open Source community-building, education, and public advocacy to promote awareness and the importance of non-proprietary software. OSI Board members frequently travel the world to attend Open Source conferences and events, meet with open source developers and users, and to discuss with executives from the public and private sectors about how Open Source technologies, licenses, and models of development can provide economic and strategic advantages. You can learn more about the OSI at www.opensource.org or by emailing, osi@opensource.org

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, Chameleon, CLIF, DocDoku, Easybeans, Emerginov, Fractal, FusionDirectory, JOnAS, JORAM, JOTM, LemonLDAP:NG, Lutece, PetalsESB, Prelude, ProActive, SAT4J, Spagic, Spago4Q, SpagoBI, Talend Studio, Telosys, WebLab, XWiki. Visit www.ow2.org

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