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## DMTF, ETSI, OASIS, OCEAN, OGF, OW2 and SNIA Announce
## Cloud Interoperability Week

*Standards organizations and open source communities join forces to promote standards-compliant interoperable cloud solutions at first Cloud Interoperability Week*

**Paris, France, May 15, 2013** – Standards organizations and open source communities DMTF (Distributed Management Task Force), ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute), OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards), the FP7 OCEAN (Open Cloud for Europe, JApan and beyoNd) project, OGF (Open Grid Forum), the OW2 global open source community and SNIA (Storage Networking Industry Association) announce today they are joining forces to organize the first Cloud Interoperability Week in Madrid, Spain, and Santa Clara, CA, USA the week of 16-20 September 2013.

The Cloud Interoperability Week will combine workshops, conferences, demonstrations and testing sessions to explore and extend the level of interoperability of different solutions with regards to existing standards, such as OCCI[1], CDMI[2], CIMI[3], OVF[4], and CAMP[5]. This event continues the series of Cloud Plugfests launched in 2011 by SNIA and OGF and since joined by several other major organizations. The series is dedicated to the promotion of interoperability efforts for cloud standards-based software, services, frameworks, products and projects.

Standardization is the key enabler of interoperable cloud solutions. The Cloud Interoperability Week events will bring together developers and application communities to co-operate on approaches that enable interoperation. Both open source and commercial cloud projects are invited to take part in the workshop and testing sessions of Cloud Interoperability Week. Registration is free and open to any organization, with participation in testing subject to the terms of the participation agreement.

Cloud Interoperability Week will provide a unique insight into the current state of cloud standards implementations and use cases. This event is intended to accelerate the level of interoperability of different solutions and showcase how cloud standards work together.

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[1] OGF Open Cloud Computing Interface: http://occi-wg.org
[2] SNIA Cloud Data Management Interface:
http://www.snia.org/tech_activities/standards/curr_standards/cdmi
[3] DMTF Cloud Infrastructure Management Interface: http://dmtf.org/standards/cloud
[4] DMTF Open Virtualization Format: http://dmtf.org/standards/ovf
[5] OASIS Cloud Application Management for Platforms: https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=camp

Cloud Interoperability Week will be part of the SNIA Storage Developer Conference plugfest program held 16-19 September in Santa Clara, CA, and include events co-located with the European Grid Infrastructure Technical Forum and the 39th Open Grid Forum meeting 18-20 September at the  Hotel Melia Castilla, in Madrid, Spain. The Cloud Interoperability Week is supported by the European Commission and by the participating organizations.

Developers interested in taking part in this challenging event can visit the Cloud Plugfest website at: http://www.cloudplugfest.org/cloud-interoperability-week

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**About DMTF**

DMTF enables more effective management of millions of IT systems worldwide by bringing the IT industry together to collaborate on the development, validation and promotion of systems management standards. The group spans the industry with 160 member companies and organizations, and more than 4,000 active participants crossing 43 countries. The DMTF board of directors is led by 17 innovative, industry-leading technology companies. They include Advanced Micro Devices (AMD); Broadcom Corporation; CA Technologies.; Cisco; Citrix Systems, Inc.; EMC; Fujitsu; HP; Huawei; IBM; Intel Corporation; Microsoft Corporation; NetApp; Oracle; Red Hat; SunGard Availability Services and VMware, Inc. With this deep and broad reach, DMTF creates standards that enable interoperable IT management. DMTF management standards are critical to enabling management interoperability among multi-vendor systems, tools and solutions within the enterprise. Information about DMTF technologies and activities can be found at http://www.dmtf.org.

**About ETSI**

ETSI produces globally-applicable standards for Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), including fixed, mobile, radio, converged, aeronautical, broadcast and internet technologies and is officially recognized by the European Union as a European Standards Organization. ETSI is an independent, not-for-profit association whose more than 750 member companies and organizations, drawn from 62 countries across 5 continents worldwide, determine its work programme and participate directly in its work. At the request of the European Commission, ETSI has launched a Cloud Standards Coordination project (http://csc.etsi.org) to coordinate with stakeholders in the cloud standards ecosystems and devise standards roadmaps in support of European Union policy. For more information please visit: www.etsi.org

**About OASIS**

**OASIS** (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) is a non-profit consortium that drives the development, convergence and adoption of open standards for the global information society. OASIS promotes industry consensus and produces worldwide standards for security, Cloud computing, SOA, Web services, the Smart Grid, electronic publishing, emergency management, and other areas. OASIS open standards offer the potential to lower cost, stimulate innovation, grow global markets, and protect the right of free choice of technology. OASIS members broadly represent the marketplace of public and private sector technology leaders, users and influencers. The consortium has more than 5,000 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in 100 countries. For further information, visit http://www.oasis-open.org

**About OCEAN**

The goal of OCEAN project is to foster the emergence of a sustainable open source cloud ecosystem in Europe, by generating greater efficiency among collaborative research projects on open source cloud computing. OCEAN develops an online directory of FLOSS outcomes of cloud projects as one-stop-shop directory for the growing community of Open Cloud projects builders, integrators and users. OCEAN will provide a functional mapping of these outcomes, in relation with key standards and reference models from leading standardization organizations such as NIST, ETSI, DMTF, OGF, in what we call an Open Cloud Interoperability Framework and Roadmap. OCEAN services will also contribute to build, test and check the quality and the interoperablity of important cloud assets. OCEAN is a project funded in part by the FP7 Programme of the European Commission. For more information, please visit: www.ocean-project.eu

**About OGF**

Open Grid Forum (OGF) is a leading standards development organization operating in the areas of grid, cloud and related forms of advanced distributed computing. The OGF community pursues these topics through an open process for development, creation and promotion of relevant specifications and use cases.  OGF's extensive experience in advanced data-intensive scaled distributed computing, networking and storage has enabled implementations built on these architectures to become essential components of a wide variety of flexible, efficient and utility-like global infrastructures. OGF also pursues a variety of cooperative arrangements with other standards organizations to deliver best practices and methods to its constituent communities. For more information and contacts, please visit http://www.ogf.org

**About OW2**

Founded in January 2007, OW2 is an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source infrastructure software (middleware and generic applications) and to fostering a vibrant business ecosystem. The OW2 Consortium hosts some one hundred technology projects, including ASM, Bonita, CHOReOS, CLIF, CompatibleOne, CONTRAIL, eXo Platform, JOnAS, JORAM, Orbeon Forms, Petals ESB, ProActive, SpagoBI, SugarCRM, Talend Studio, WebLab and XWiki. Visit www.ow2.org

**About SNIA**

The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) is a not–for–profit global organization, made up of some 400 member companies spanning virtually the entire storage industry. SNIA's mission is to lead the storage industry worldwide in developing and promoting standards, technologies, and educational services to empower organizations in the management of information. As a regional affiliate, SNIA Europe supports this mission by driving the evolution and adoption of storage technologies and standards, educating the market and influencing relevant EU and national polices, and representing  storage product and solutions manufacturers and the channel community across EMEA. For additional information, visit the SNIA web site at http://www.snia.org or http://www.snia.org/international for a list of more International Affiliates. For specific information about SNIA Europe, visit the SNIA Europe web site at http://www.snia-europe.org

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