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OW2 Unveils the RISCOSS Methodology Designed to Facilitate Integration of Open Source Code Into Mainstream Products and Services

RISCOSS, the European project developing open source decision support tools based on risk management methodologies, is showcased on the OW2 booth at OSCON.

OSCON, Portland, OR, July 24, 2013 - OW2, the global open source community for open source infrastructure software and applications platforms, today unveils the RISCOSS project at the O'Reilly OSCON Open Source Convention. A European project, RISCOSS develops a risk management-based methodology to facilitate the adoption of open source code into mainstream products and services.

The RISCOSS project was initiated to address issues raised by communication equipment manufacturers looking to integrate open source code into their products. They needed a comprehensive approach that would integrate the whole decision-making chain, from technology criteria to strategic concerns. RISCOSS develops both a methodology and a decision-making platform. The platform, developed as an application integrated in OW2 project XWiki, will be an open source project freely available to all.

While leveraging recent advances in statistics, the RISCOSS platform is designed to cover the real-requirements provided by five use-cases. OW2 will leverage RISCOSS to complement its SQuAT (Software Quality Assurance and Trustworthiness) quality program. Telecommunications provider Ericsson Italia will use RISCOSS in the risk management program it is implementing to support its migration to a full open source paradigm. Spain's Cenatic will test RISCOSS in enabling the dissemination of open source solutions in the public sector. XWiki and Moodbile.org, two open source projects, will leverage RISCOSS to enhance the consistency of their user- and community-driven feature roadmaps, and put the focus on reliability, stability and support for backward compatibility.

The objective of RISCOSS is to assist conventional companies in overcoming the fear of adopting open source software. Understanding the possible risks and the possible solutions can help with addressing the inherent uncertainty that they tend, rightly or not, to expect with this type of software.

RISCOSS is a three-year project coordinated by Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya and partially funded by the European Commission within the framework of its FP7 program. The project is conducted by eight partners from five European countries, including Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya (Spain), Universitat Maastricht (Netherlands), Ericsson Telecommunicazioni (Italy), Fondazione Bruno Kessler (Italy), Cenatic (Spain), KPA (Israel), XWIki (France) and OW2. Launched in November 2012, the project will deliver the first release of its decision-support platform early in 2014.

More information at: http://www.riscoss.eu

About OW2
OW2 is an independent global industry community dedicated to developing open source code infrastructure (middleware and generic applications) and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. A non-profit organization, 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

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