

Mission The mission of the Consortium is to develop open source middleware, and to foster a vibrant community and business ecosystem. Our key values are: Openness, Trust, Fairness, Transparency and Independence.

Milestones	Year	Event
	1999	Linux and Free Software Conference, Tokyo: BULL announces JOnAS LinuxWorld, San Francisco: demonstration of Enhydra integrated with JOnAS.
	2001	ObjectWeb 1st conference.
	2002	ObjectWeb Consortium officially announced on January 31 by Bull, France Telecom and INRIA.
	2004	JOnAS Application Server, J2EE1.4 certification. OrientWare is launched in China by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the "863 Plan" experts.
	2005	MoU signed between ObjectWeb and OrientWare.
	2006	ObjectWeb and OrientWare communities decide to merge. December 31, ObjectWeb ends.
	2007	OW2 Consortium is launched on January 1. China Local Chapter launch
	2008	Business Intelligence Initiative Launch. Europe Local Chapter launch.

Activities

Projects: the Consortium's activities for software development are organized into Projects. A Project regroups development actions corresponding to one or more technical software components, or the integration of different technical components in order to build a platform. Top 10 downloads in 2006 include: Lomboz, Sync4j, eXoPlatform, JOnAS, ASM, XWiki, OPS, SpagoBI, Shark, JavaService.

Initiatives: an Initiative is a collaborative activity undertaken to promote a set of technologies from the Consortium and bring them to the mainstream market. Initiatives are the vehicle through which the Consortium makes open source middleware widely used in targeted sectors of activity. Current Initiatives address the integration requirement of domains such as SOA, e-Government, Business Intelligence, Telecommunications and Embedded Software.

Local Chapters: Local Chapters are activities carried out to contribute to the sustainable development of the Consortium's business ecosystems on a given territory, be it geographical, linguistic or cultural, in a business neutral way.

Governance

OW2 operations are carried out by the *Management Office*, a permanent team of professional executives. The *MO* implements the decisions made by the *Board of Directors* which is a representation of the community. The team handles matters regarding general affairs, technology management and ecosystem development.

The *Management Office* and the *Board of Directors* are assisted by three *Councils*: the Ecosystem Council, the Technology Council and the Operations Council.

Membership as of April 2008	Strategic members	Corporate Members		
	Beihang University Bull CVIC-Software Engineering DOCSC Engineering Ingegneria Informatica INRIA Institute of Software, Chinese Academy of Sciences National University of Defense Technology Peking University Red Hat SERPRO Thales Services	Altic Artic Park Arimaan Global Consulting Avane Charles University CUSC EBWebSourcing Edifixio Eteration European Dynamics eXo Platform Experlog Fraunhofer FOKUS	Funambol GET Guangzhou Middleware Research Center HISP Viet Nam Konsultex Informatica LIG Linagora Linalis Min. Interieur Neociclo NJUPT	Obeo Open Wide Orbeon Oxymel Placenetcn Scalagent Serli Sogeti Talend TongTech Ubikis U. of Fortaleza XPertNet

Benefits

OW2 for software developers and systems integrators: For companies in the IT sector, whether their strategy is full open source or not, OW2 is a catalyst for growth. The Consortium improves time-to-market, and provides business opportunities and technology guidance.

OW2 for end-users: OW2 helps end-users implement their open source strategies by significantly reducing their technology, legal and business risks.

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