Press release

OPEN WORLD FORUM AND OPEN SOURCE THINK TANK WILL BRING TOGETHER ALL THE KEY PLAYERS FROM THE WORLD OF FREE, LIBRE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE IN PARIS, September 28th - 2nd October, 2009.

Developer communities, business and policy-makers to attend event to ensure that open software plays an active role in the digital recovery.

Paris-San Francisco, 4th June 2009. As the leading global forum for free, libre and open source software (FLOSS) worldwide the second Open World Forum will welcome all the key global players to Paris on 1 and 2 October 2009, in partnership with the Open Source Think Tank. The event will aim to cross-fertilise initiatives around the issue of 'Free, Libre and Open Software at the heart of the Digital Recovery'.

"Computing – along with green technologies – is the key driver for the growth of our economy. Free, Libre and Open Source Software is now its essential foundation and source of innovation," commented **Jean-Noël de Galzain,** Chairman of the Program Committee for the Open World Forum 2009 and CEO of Wallix.

Since early 2008, the founders of the Open World Forum felt that it was necessary to create an event on a global scale where the decision-makers in innovation, community leaders, political leaders, CIOs, and other players from the world of open software could get together. Last year, over 1,200 delegates came to take part in the 17 associated seminars, and hear 160 speakers from 20 different countries. This year, in partnership with the Open Source Think Tank, the Open World Forum will make its mark as the essential global event for Open Source decision-makers. Our aim for 2009? To ensure that Free, Libre and Open Source Software is one of the key drivers of the Digital Recovery.

"We are excited to partner with the Open World Forum and host the Think Tank September 28th – September 30th. As the industry's only by-invitation event for global open source business leaders to gather and discuss the opportunities and challenges facing commercial open source; the Think Tank is a perfect complimentary event to the OWF," **said Andrew Aitken,** Managing Partner of Olliance Group and the founder of the Open Source Think Tank, now in its fifth year.

The aim of the Open World Forum is to bring together players from information technology and Open Source, to share ideas and initiatives, to stimulate competitiveness and innovation, and finally to build business relationships within and through open software.

The forum is an open event, and welcomes new conferences proposals.

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