



Gatespace Increases Flexibility For Billing of OSGi Services

New Developers Toolkit reduces time-to-market for new services

Las Vegas, Nev. – Consumer Electronics Show (CES) – Jan 6, 2001 – Gatespace, a provider of open standards based distributed service platforms for designing, developing, and delivering network based services, announced today the new version of its powerful development toolkit, SGADK (Service Gateway Application Developers Toolkit) 2.3. Gatespace's toolkit offers application/content providers, network operators, and service gateway manufacturers sophisticated functions for developing flexible charging models interfaced to billing systems, allowing them to apply the most efficient and accurate business model when charging for services.

To illustrate how Gatespace brings flexibility to charging and billing, Gatespace is demonstrating an Internet "Pay-Per-Music" Service at CES 2001 in Las Vegas as one example of the ubiquitous network based services that can be developed using the SGADK 2.3. The Pay-Per-Music service runs on an OSGi (Open Services Gateway Initiative) residential gateway based on Gatespace's Distributed Service Platform. This services gives service providers the ability to charge for example in the following ways:

- Pay per play
- Pay once for a specific selection
- Pay on a subscription basis

"Gatespace's developers kit will significantly reduce time-to-market for new services, such as the Pay-Per-Music, and inspire service providers to generate additional revenue streams and attract new customers with a wider service offering," said Staffan Truvé, CEO of Gatespace. "The Pay-Per-Music is just one example of how they can benefit from the openness of our open standards based Distributed Service Platform for developing value-added services."

The SGADK 2.3 enables developers and operators of network based services to quickly develop, test and implement end-to-end services. In addition to the payment functionality, Gatespace offers functionality that substantially enhance efficiency, security and dependability of services, as well as capabilities for remote management of both the platform and the services running on it.

As with all other Gatespace products, the SGADK 2.3 is designed to fully comply with the OSGi Specification 1.0. Being based on standard Java™ compilers, it is extremely portable, and can run on operating systems such as UNIX/Linux, Solaris, Windows and a number of RTOSs. The SGADK 2.3 supports JVMs such as J9 from OTI/IBM, JVM 1.3 on Linux, Java 2 Micro Edition, etc. Through the OSGi device access model, it can also support a variety of existing and emerging technologies for local networks, e.g. UPnP, Jini, LONWorks, X-10, CeBus, ShareWave, HAVi, HomeRF, HomePNA and Bluetooth.

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About Gatespace

Gatespace provides open standards based distributed service platforms for designing, developing, and delivering network based services. Gatespace products are designed to be compliant with OSGi (Open Services Gateway Initiative), and support full interoperability between service providers, network operators, and service gateway manufacturers. This provides for secure and reliable end-to-end services for consumers on the residential markets, among others. Gatespace was founded jointly by Ericsson and the Swedish research company CR&T, and is privately funded by Ericsson, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Fuqua Venture Partners and others. The company is based in Menlo Park, CA with its European headquarters in Gothenburg, Sweden. Visit www.gatespace.com for more information.

About OSGi

The OSGi is a non-profit corporation formed to provide a forum for the creation of open specifications for the delivery of multiple services over wide-area networks to local networks and devices, and to accelerate the demand for products and services based on these specifications worldwide through the sponsorship of market and user education programs. The San Ramon, California, USA-based consortium comprises more than 80 member organizations from around the globe. Membership is open to any interested party, including Internet Service Providers, Network Operators, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Independent Software Vendors, end users, academic institutions, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. The consortium's Web site address is <http://www.osgi.org>.

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