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Gatespace Builds Bridge Between Leading Open Standards

UPnP support added to Gatespace's OSGi-based Distributed Service Platform

Seattle, Connections 2001 – May 9, 2001 – Gatespace, a provider of open standards-based distributed service platforms for designing, developing, and delivering network-based services, announced today that the company is adding support for UPnP (Universal Plug and Play) to its portfolio of OSGi (Open Services Gateway Initiative)-based products. Gatespace's Distributed Service Platform now allows service gateways to discover and control UPnP-enabled devices on local networks. At the same time, UPnP devices can now discover and control OSGi-based services executing on a service gateway.

Gatespace's OSGi/UPnP connectivity product, together with its secure messaging and dataflow products, allows service developers to provide distributed services that securely and reliably tie together UPnP devices and OSGi services on different gateways and local networks. This simplifies the development of many services focused on content delivery, network based storage, and remote management, amongst others.

"One of the purposes of OSGi is to enable gateways to act as the intelligent link between local networks and the Internet. With our new product, we connect UPnP enabled devices on a local network with the rich world of OSGi based services," says Staffan Truvé, founder and CEO of Gatespace. "Gatespace's strategy is to provide products based on open standards and to help service, application, and content providers use these standards to develop future-proof end user services. Our OSGi/UPnP connectivity product is a great example of how we add value by building on top of open standards, and help in creating bridges between different, complementary standards."

"Consumers are looking for products that enable an affordable and easy-to-use connected home experience and today's news from Gatespace is further evidence that the industry is progressing to meet this need," said Salim AbiEzzi, chairman of the UPnP Forum and home networking business development manager at Microsoft. "We applaud Gatespace with their new offering that promises to make it easier and faster for developers to build interoperable UPnP devices."

Gatespace has successfully tested its OSGi/UPnP connectivity product together with UPnP implementations from other leading members of the UPnP Forum, including Microsoft, Intel, and Metro Link.

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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, European Equity Partners, Pythagoras Participations, T-bolaget and Bure Equity and CR&T. The company is based in Palo Alto, CA and 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. Visit www.osgi.org for more information.

About UPnP (Universal Plug and Play)

Consumer interest in home networking is increasing as PCs, information appliances and the Internet play a larger role in day-to-day activities such as entertainment, communication, education and shopping. Gatespace is among more than 330 companies driving the development of UPnP, which makes connecting multiple devices easier by building on existing Internet standards and technologies. UPnP is network-media-independent and encompasses all types of networked and traditional peripheral devices, including PCs, home entertainment systems, new smart appliances, home automation systems, networked peripherals and Web-based services, without the need for a centralized server to manage the devices.

The UPnP Forum was formed in October 1999 to help define interconnectivity standards to simplify the networking of intelligent devices. The forum is achieving this goal by defining and publishing UPnP device and service control protocols. Visit www.upnp.org for more information.

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