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OSCC Newsletter covers the latest issues and updates related to Open Source Software in Malaysia. OSCC Newsletter is developed by Open Source Competency Centre, MAMPU. MAMPU, is the central agency responsible for leading change and modernisation in the public service. MAMPU's Open Source Competency Centre is first and single point of reference for support and guidance in the implementation of Open Source Software in the Public Sector. For more information visit <http://www.oscc.org.my> or [contact@oscc.org.my](mailto:contact@oscc.org.my)

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## Bringing All Together

**Putrajaya 1 August 2009.** MAMPU is preparing to stage its most ambitious and spectacular Open Source Software event yet, "The Malaysian Government Open Source Software Conference" (MyGOSSCON 2009). The conference is planned to be officiated by Y.Bhg Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

MyGOSSCON 2009 is organised to showcase the benefits of Open Source Software (OSS). One of its aims is to exhort and hasten further OSS deployment and development to bring about the transformation of the entire ICT Industry in support of the Malaysian Public Sector OSS Master Plan. While MyGOSSCON 2009 is directed primarily at Government of Malaysia (GOM) agencies, attendance is open to participants from outside the Public Sector.

This year's conference theme, "Leveraging OSS To Ride The Economic Wave" is especially pertinent at a time of global economic uncertainty. MyGOSSCON 2009 will re-emphasise GOM's desired direction for ICT development in the Public and Private Sectors. Malaysia's Government remains steadfast in its OSS direction. As one of the early leaders in establishing and implementing OSS initiatives, Malaysia is undeniably at the global forefront of OSS adoption and usage. Governments in many other countries have been influenced to follow in its OSS footsteps.

Leading by example, GOM continues to spearhead a paradigm shift for the local ICT Industry which is reflected by a more integrated and improved Public Sector Delivery System and a strong business proposition with value and knowledge based user groups.



**OSS Case Study Awards**



**Participants of MyGOSSCON 08**

This conference will highlight various aspects of open source software, including its widespread global applications and manifold benefits to dispel myths and misconceptions that exist about it. In addition to this OSS showcase exhibition, the conference will also feature a Code Sprint challenge and an awards ceremony for the best OSS Case Studies by

## Upcoming Training

**August 5 - 7, 2009**

Linux Desktop &  
OpenOffice.org

**August 19, 2009**

Using MyMeeting

To register, please visit:

<http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/9/15/>

## Highlights

### OSSRA

Open Source Software  
Reference Architecture is  
available for download from  
OSCC Portal.

For more information, please  
visit [http://www.oscc.org.my/  
content/view/201/243/](http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/201/243/)

### WAG

Web Application Guidelines  
is available for download  
from OSCC Portal.

For more information, please  
visit [http://www.oscc.org.my/  
content/view/202/246/](http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/202/246/)

## OSS Adoption Support/Update

For support and update,  
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Alternatively, please  
download and send in the  
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For more info, Please visit  
[http://www.oscc.org.my/  
content/view/227/139/](http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/227/139/)

Government agencies and Institutions of Higher Learning, and OpenOffice.org Competition for primary school students.

The conference also provides an excellent forum for participants to hear firsthand from industry experts and to interact with their peers. And not to be overlooked will be the extensive networking opportunities for CIOs & IT Directors, as well as management, planning and legal staff.

The Call For Papers is now open! Proposals for conference papers will be accepted until Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The selected papers will be announced, followed by the final programme content and the registration process.

A broad and diverse variety of papers is anticipated, e.g. basic research, novel applications and industrial experience, with different criteria for each category. Real life experiences and case studies are particularly sought.

Please visit <http://mygossccon.oscc.org.my> for announcements in the coming weeks and months as the conference details become finalised.

### Important deadlines

15 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Deadline for submission of papers
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Notification of acceptance to authors
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Submission of full presentation material
4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	MyGOSSCON 2009

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## Revised Workshop Schedule

The continuous increase and growth in OSS adoption amongst the Public Sector has prompted OSCC MAMPU to reduce the number of "OSS Opportunity Workshop" to just ten in 2009.

To date, five "OSS Opportunity Workshop" were conducted with favourable comments and feedback received from participating agencies. The "OSS Opportunity Workshop" is specifically organised for Public Sector agencies yet to implement any OSS to enable them with their preparations to implement OSS.

The workshop is conducted not only to help Public Sector agencies to clearly understand OSS opportunities, but to better prepare them to face and overcome the challenges and barriers which may occur during OSS implementation.

## Resources

### OSS Implementation Guidelines

OSS Implementation Guidelines is available for download from OSCC portal.

<http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/25/208/>

### OSCC Mailing list

To stay abreast of latest OSS news and to receive email notification, please subscribe to our mailing lists at:

<http://lists.oscc.org.my/mailman/listinfo>

### e-Marketplace

Government agencies can now post service requests and find service providers with the new e-Marketplace.

<http://knowledge.oscc.org.my/e-marketplace>

### Knowledge Bank

Open Source Competency Centre, MAMPU's Knowledge Bank is a public Community of Practice area for Open Source Software Implementors.

For further information and to be part of the community, please visit

<http://knowledge.oscc.org.my>

Encouragingly, all Public Sector agencies attending the first two workshops implemented OSS after a thorough follow-up by OSCC MAMPU. Agencies from the third and fourth workshops are expected to provide feedback to OSCC MAMPU on their OSS implementation by 31 August 2009.

No.	Workshop	Date	Status
1	Workshop 1	17 Mar. 2009	DONE
2	Workshop 2	13 Apr. 2009	DONE
3	Workshop 3	18 Jun. 2009	DONE
4	Workshop 4	2 Jul. 2009	DONE
5	Workshop 5	29 Jul. 2009	DONE
6	Workshop 6	20 Aug. 2009	Open for Registration
7	Workshop 7	7 Sep. 2009	Open for Registration
8	Workshop 8	1 Oct. 2009	Open for Registration
9	Workshop 9	24 Nov. 2009	Open for Registration
10	Workshop 10	1 Dec. 2009	Open for Registration

OSCC MAMPU is inviting Public Sector agencies without OSS implementation to register for the "OSS Opportunity Workshop". Registration is also open to agencies who have implemented OSS although their places are subject to availability. For registration and enquiries, please contact [marketing@oscc.org.my](mailto:marketing@oscc.org.my) or call 03-83191200. Please register early to avoid disappointment as only 24 participants can be accommodated for each workshop and registration is on "first come, first served" basis.

## Be OSS Certified And Recognised

OSCC MAMPU has contributed significantly to the development of OSS competency by offering free OSS "Train the Trainers" courses to Public Sector agencies. These training courses are specifically designed to equip agency IT staff (Grade F) with the necessary and adequate skills to prepare them to assist their agencies for immediate OSS adoption or migration.

Now, OSCC MAMPU raises the bar with the introduction of its Certificate of Competency (CoC) programme. Public Sector IT staff successfully completing the OSS CoC training and assessment will be awarded the Certificate of Competency by OSCC MAMPU Certification Body. OSCC MAMPU is currently conducting the following three certification programmes for OSS Network Administrators and OSS users.

## Upcoming Events

### OSS Case Study Awards 2009

Please submit your OSS Case Study for the 2009 National OSS Case Study Awards which will be held in conjunction with MyGOSSCON 2009 on November 09. For submission and enquiry, please visit <http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/194/128/>

### OSS Opportunity Workshops

Registration is now open for agencies not implementing any OSS. A series of 10 Workshops will be held monthly until December 09.

To register, please call 03-83191200 or email [marketing@oscc.org.my](mailto:marketing@oscc.org.my)

### MyGOSSCON 2009

This comprehensive Open Source Conference organised by MAMPU will be back this year in November 2009.

For further information, please visit: <http://mygossccon.oscc.org.my>

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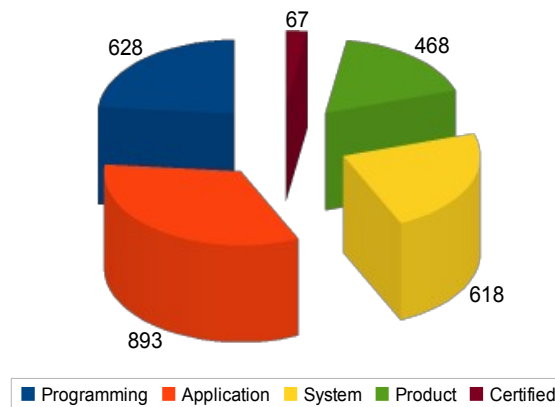
1. Certified Linux Administrator Level 1 (CLA 01)
2. Certified Linux Administrator Level 2 (CLA 02)
3. Certified OpenOffice.org/Linux (COOL)

All eligible Public Sector IT staff are encouraged to obtain OSCC MAMPU competency certifications not only to drive and accelerate OSS adoption, but also to acquire up-to-date, relevant OSS skills that can assist with a more fulfilling career.

Agencies are welcome to join in the discussions by subscribing to the OSCC-Discuss or OSCC-Training mailing lists. A complete list of available mailing lists for subscription are available at <http://lists.oscc.org.my>. Subscriptions to mailing lists are absolutely free.

To date, 4,643 public sector staff have received training at OSCC MAMPU. It is also estimated that 30,000 Public Sector staff have been trained from OSS projects in Malaysia. The breakdown of participants into training categories is depicted below:

No. of Training participants by the Training categories



Full details on training courses are available at: <http://training.oscc.org.my>

## Product Automation

Following exhaustive research and testing, the Research and Development Department of OSCC MAMPU has successfully devised and developed a solution to simplify the installation process for its products. This much simpler product installation process is also referred to as "Product Automation".

Using "Product Automation", users only need to run a single command to

setup and install the entire software suite. The automated configurations are based on feedback and requirements from the agencies. In short, users only perform a simple installation process which requires less configuration.

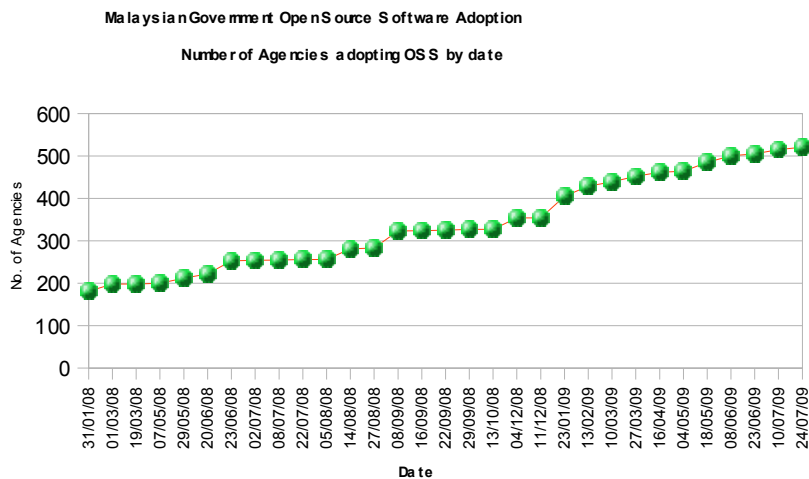
Currently, OSCC MAMPU has customised and developed five products for use by all Public Sector agencies. These 5 products are MyWorkSpace, MySpamGuard, MyNetWatch, MySurfGuard and MySurveillance. All the products have their own unique functions, which are essential for agencies. For instance, MyWorkSpace is not only an email system, but is also bundled with address book, calendar, notes and tasks.

## Upward Trend in OSS adoption

Latest statistics show that 521 agencies or over 71.9% of the Public Sector are adopting OSS. A total of 1,687 OSS implementation with total known licensing savings of approximately RM 52.2 million are recorded.

OSCC MAMPU continues to support government agencies through seminars, new initiatives, workshops and conferences.

This upward trend in OSS adoption is depicted below:



All Public Sector agencies are invited to visit <http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/227/139/> to verify their OSS solution recorded by MAMPU. Public Sector agencies not implementing any OSS are encouraged to contact OSCC MAMPU for support and assistance in their OSS implementation.



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