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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

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Over 1,000 Participants Expected to Attend MyGOSSCON 2009

Putrajaya 7 October 2009. The upcoming Malaysian Government OSS Conference (MyGOSSCON 2009), to be held at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) from 4 – 6 November is expected to draw more than 1,000 participants from public and private sectors.

The three-day event will be officiated by Y.Bhg Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon on 5 November and attended by some high-profile Government officials including the Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia, as well as C-level executives from private sector organisations.

In its efforts to enhance participant satisfaction, MAMPU is making this conference more comprehensive and encouraging greater participant interaction compared to previous conferences. MyGOSSCON 2009 includes the following events:

Conference activities

- Keynote and track sessions
- OSS Showcase exhibition
- Lightning Talks
- Birds of a Feather Cocktail
- Appreciation dinner and awards ceremony

Competitions

- Best Exhibitor Award
- OSS Case Study Awards
- 24-Hour OSS WebDev Contest
- OpenOffice.org Competition



Participants of MyGOSSCON 2008 at Putrajaya International Convention Centre

Upcoming Training

October 19 - 23, 2009

Certified Linux Administrator
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October 20 - 22, 2009

Introduction To CMS with
Joomla!

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,
please contact 03- 83191200
or marketing@oscc.org.my.
Alternatively, please
download and submit the
completed feedback form via
email/fax 03- 83193206.

For more info, Please visit
[http://www.oscc.org.my/
content/view/227/139/](http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/227/139/)

It is intended for MyGOSSCON 2009 to act as a catalyst for the local OSS industry by providing a forum that offers ample scope for Public Sector agencies and private sector organisations to interact as a single OSS community to discuss and leverage opportunities during this economic slowdown.

Admission is free for Government agencies. Participants from outside the Public Sector will pay a registration fee of RM 350. However, an early bird discount of 50% will be offered to participants who register and pay before 9th October.

The first 50 students registering for the conference will enjoy a special admission price of RM 50.

Everyone attending MyGOSSCON 2009 may register early by using mygosscon@oscc.org.my.

Prominent local and international speakers have already submitted their papers for talks at the conference. In addition to keynote and track sessions, there will be 40 OSS showcase exhibition booths for participants to visit.

Private sector organisations interested in exhibiting at MyGOSSCON 2009, should submit applications to PIKOM via email mygosscon@pikom.org.my or fax to 603-79552933 before the end of the business day, 18 October 2009.

For further exhibition details, please visit <http://mygosscon.oscc.org.my/2009/exhibition/>

Speakers, exhibitors and participants, including Public Sector staff, policy formulators, I.T practitioners, industry players, researchers and academicians are expected at the conference offering ample networking opportunities.

MyGOSSCON 2009 is co-organised by Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (MdeC) and the National ICT Association of Malaysia (PIKOM) in cooperation with the Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia (MCCM), the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM), and the Malaysian Associated Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MAICCI).

It is also supported by the Malaysian Open Source Community.

For complete information on MyGOSSCON 2009, please visit <http://mygosscon.oscc.org.my>.

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>

Federal Department of Town and Country Planning Recommends Ubuntu

Adapted from an article by En. Abbas Abdul Wahab, Principal Assistant Director, National Physical Plan Division, Federal Department of Town and Country Planning

Encik Abbas Abdul Wahab, Principal Assistant Director of the Federal Department of Town and Country Planning, highly recommends Ubuntu Operating System in his second paper submitted to MAMPU entitled "Ubuntu as the De facto Desktop Operating System For the Public Sector"

In his paper, he unveiled and shared his experience in using Ubuntu Operating System from the day he installed the system in 2008. He felt it was comparatively better than the Red Hat Linux version he previously experienced in 2003.

He urged Public Sector agencies not to be complacent with their current proprietary system, but to make an effort to try out this powerful yet free operating system.

"The proof is in the pudding and there is no better way to experience the gains until one personally carries out a comparative test on the same computer used to run a proprietary operating system", Encik Abbas was quoted as saying.

He claimed that Ubuntu is the better operating system as highlighted by the following features:

- Everything is much faster than before although the same hardware is used;
- Scrolling an article with many pages is instantaneous;
- The cursor can always catch up with typing even when one types fast;
- Buffering lag rarely occurs especially when viewing short internet videos clips;
- Surfing the internet is so responsive, it is fun even to play internet games;
- Start ups and shutdowns are really fast;
- No anti-virus and anti-spyware solution required;
- Less maintenance needed;
- OpenOffice.org runs noticeably faster in Ubuntu;
- Ubuntu is difficult to crash;
- Many attractive and interesting applications;
- Easy to acquire and the user manual is comprehensive;
- Many peripherals are plug and play.

The Malaysian Ubuntu community is actively communicating in English and Malay in a forum at <http://www.ubuntu.com.my>. Likewise, the global forum at <http://www.ubuntu.com> is very helpful indeed.

Upcoming Events

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

MyGOSSCON 2009

This premier Open Source Conference organised by MAMPU is back this year at PICC from 4-6 November 2009.

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

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He further commended Ubuntu for its simple installation which can be completed in less than 10 easy steps.

Encik Abbas emphasised the importance of using Ubuntu desktop operating system in support of the Malaysian Government OSS Master Plan.

The proper utilisation of the substantial savings in ICT for the government is a matter which should not be taken lightly. For example, ICT savings can be directed to other public services such as medical aid and educational facilities for impoverished groups.

Exemplary Move to OSS

The Solid Waste & Public Cleansing Corporation (Perbadanan Pengurusan Sisa Pepejal Dan Pembersihan Awam - PPSPPA) is setting a fine example for all Public Sector agencies with their OSS implementation.

PPSPPA started using OSS in its entire ICT facilities since the beginning of 2009. In line with its OSS implementation policy, it has extensively deployed OSS at its headquarters and all state branches. Some examples of OSS implementations at PPSPPA are MySQL, PHP, OpenOffice.org, Ubuntu, servers running Red Hat Linux Operating systems, Endian Firewall, etc.

Despite having implemented OSS on such a large scale, PPSPPA recently paid their second visit to OSCC MAMPU on 9th September 2009 in conjunction with their ICT month. The purpose of the visit:

- To accommodate the needs of their staff to better understand OSS
- To learn how OSS can increase efficiency in their work and communication processes towards implementing paperless environment
- To implement OSS in accordance with the policy and guidelines of the Malaysian Government Public Sector OSS Master Plan

Over 20-fold Increase in OSS Adoption

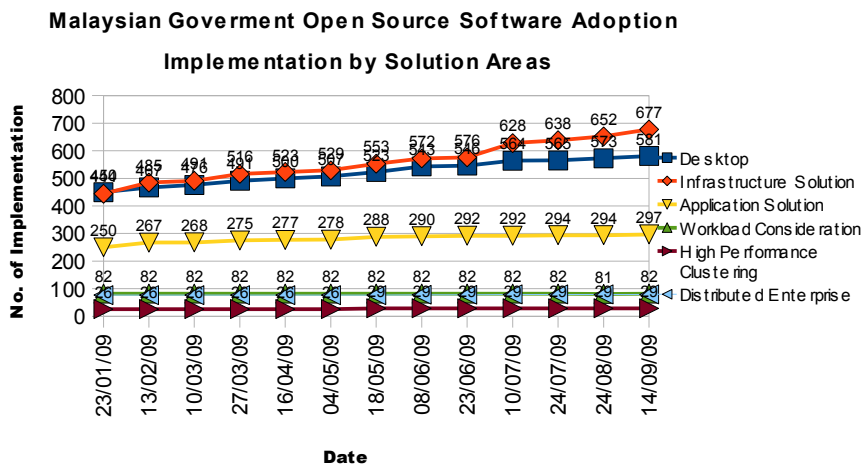
OSCC MAMPU has achieved remarkable success in encouraging and leading Public Sector agencies in OSS adoption and implementation. It has assisted many Government agencies to enjoy OSS benefits, particularly cost savings.

This is underscored by the exponential increase in OSS adoption, i.e. approx. 546 Public Sector agencies have adopted OSS, a figure marking nearly a 20-fold increase since 2003.

OSS implementation is defined within six (6) solution areas under the Malaysian Public Sector OSS Master Plan:

- Desktop
- Infrastructure
- Application
- Workload Consideration
- High Performance Clustering
- Distributed Enterprise

The upward trend in OSS implementation by solution area is shown below:



Source: MAMPU OSS Adoption Statistics dated 14 September 2009

All Public Sector agencies are asked to visit <http://www.oscc.org.my/content/view/227/139/> to verify their OSS adoption status and solutions. Public Sector agencies without any OSS implementations are strongly encouraged to contact OSCC MAMPU for OSS planning support and assistance.

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