

Developing Smart Home Systems by using OSGi and Plug Computers

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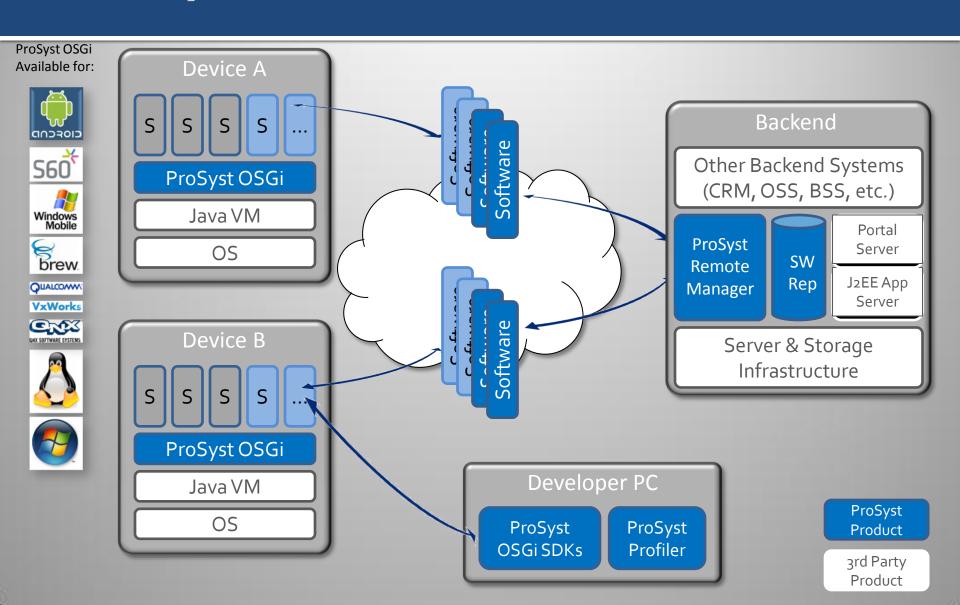
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Introduction ProSyst

- ProSyst is a leading company for end-to-end embedded software and OSGi solutions
- Founded 1997 in Cologne, Germany
- OSGi member since its foundation in 1999
- 120+ engineers employed



ProSyst E2E Products



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Introduction OSGi

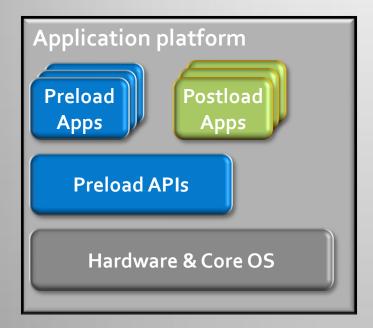
- The OSGi Alliance is an independent non-profit corporation founded in 1999
- OSGi is a module system and service platform for the Java
- It defines also the life-cycle management of applications and components
- OSGi specification is currently used in various vertical areas such as residential, mobile, automotive, enterprise, etc.
- More information at http://www.osgi.org

Technical Benefits of OSGi

- Portability of applications & services (Java)
- Dynamic <u>discovery of services & APIs</u>
- Modularization of the platform and apps
- Higher degree of <u>code re-use</u>
- Lots of off-the-shelf components available
- Platform, applications and services are remotely manageable: deployment, monitoring, diagnostics, lifecycle, configuration, etc.

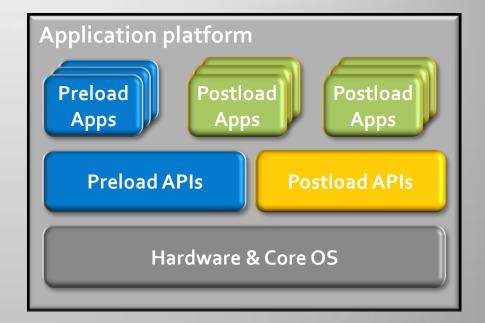
Concept: Platform Openness

Traditional Concept

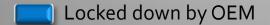


- Applications are limited to locked down set of APIs
- No platform innovation possible

New Concept



- "Soft Platform": New Features & APIs loadable at any time
- Open for Operators and 3rd parties
- Caters for rapid platform Innovation



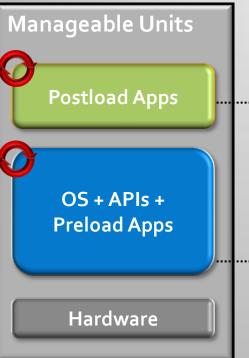




Open for 3rd Parties New Layer, Open for 3rd Parties

Concept: Lifecycle management

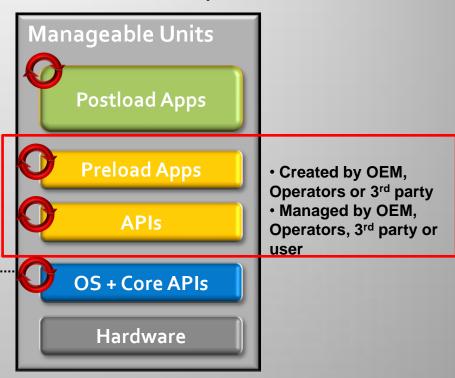
Traditional Concept



- Created by 3rd party
- Managed by User

- Created by OEM
- Firmware Updates

New Concept



- Coarse grained management model
- No platform innovation possible

- Fine grained management model
- Innovation possible on all levels
- Open for Operators and 3rd parties

Residential OSGi

- The residential area is currently one of the most promising application fields of OSGi because of:
 - There are several well synchronized specification efforts based on OSGi
 - Many useful services/protocols needed in residential boxes are well specified and implemented
 - SDKs and other convenient tools widely available

Plug Computers

- A plug computer is a small form factor network-attached server for use in the home.
 In effect, a plug computer is a network appliance that is fully enclosed in an AC power plug or AC adapter.
- Plug computers are equipped with hardware interfaces like USB 2.0, SD, Gigabit Network, JTAG mini USB, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi
- Software includes Linux, JVM and even OSGi

Plug Computers by Example SheevaPlug

Manufacturer: Marvell

Release date: March 2009

Operating system: Ubuntu

Power: 2.3w idle no attached devices,
 7.ow running at 100% CPU utilization

CPU: 1.2 GHz ARM Marvell Kirkwood 88F6281

Storage capacity: External hard drive/ SDIO card/flash disk

Memory: 512 MB SDRAM, 512 MB Flash

Connectivity: USB 2.0, SD, Gigabit Network, JTAG mini USB



Plug Computers by Example GuruPlug Server Plus

- Successor of SheevaPlug
- Add 2x Gb Ethernet, 2 x USB 2.0, 1x eSATA @
 3Gb/s SATAII, 1x MicroSD Slot
- Wi-Fi and Bluetooth support (using external dongle)



GuruPlug server The Power To Connect

Linux Kernel 2.6.32 Marvell Kirkwood 6281-1.2GZ 512MB 16bit DDR2 800MHz NAND Flash: 512MB Bluetooth: 2.1 + EDR

Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g

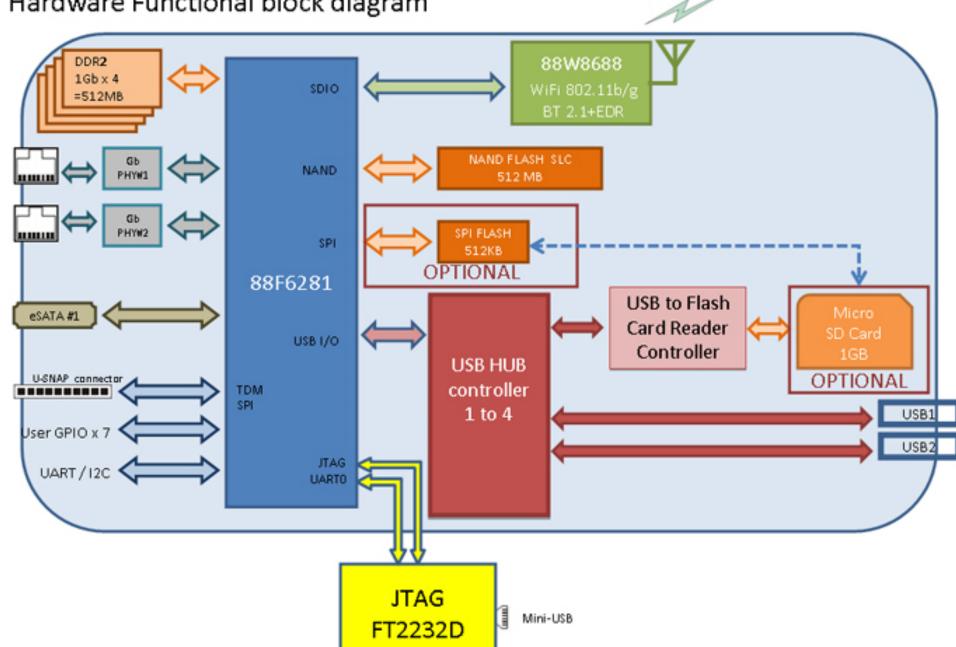
Standard

(1) Gigsbit Ethernet Port

Server Plus

- 2) Gigabit Ethernet Ports
- 1) eSATA @ 3Gb/s BATAII
- (2) USB 2.0
- 1) Micro SD Sla

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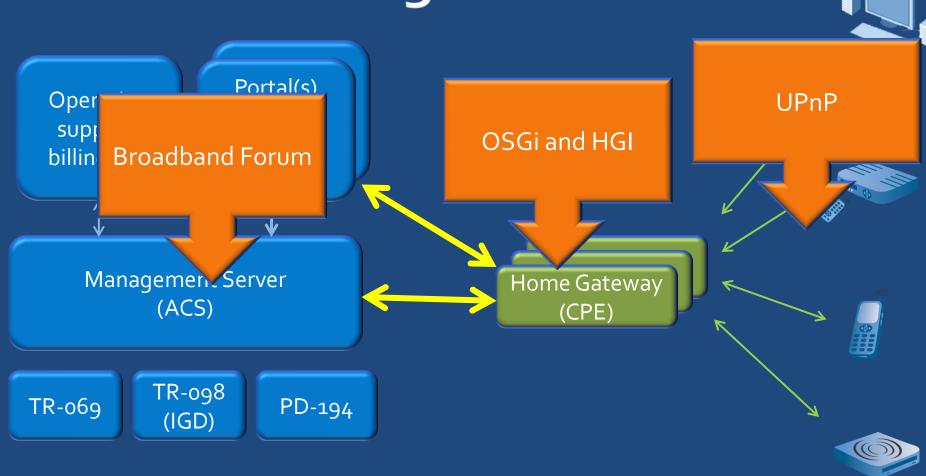


Benefits of Plug Computers

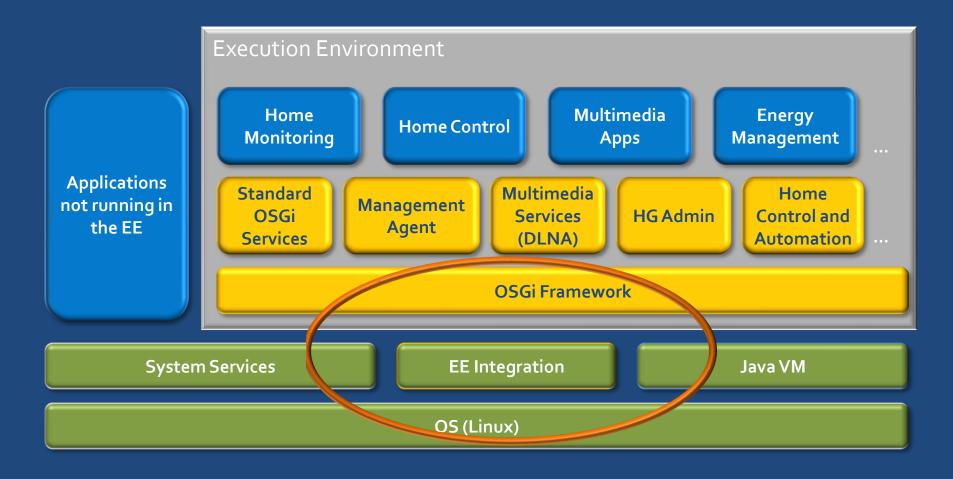
- Power consumption. drawing under 5 Watts of power, this powerhouse can handle all your biggest tasks while still saving about 96% on energy costs when compared to the average 175 Watt desktop computer.
- Customization you can customize your Plug to work in almost any industry - Home Automation, Security/Survellance, Medical Monitoring, Industrial Automation, Smart Grid Electrical, Mesh and Grid Computing.
- Connectivity.

OSGi Smart Home Architecture

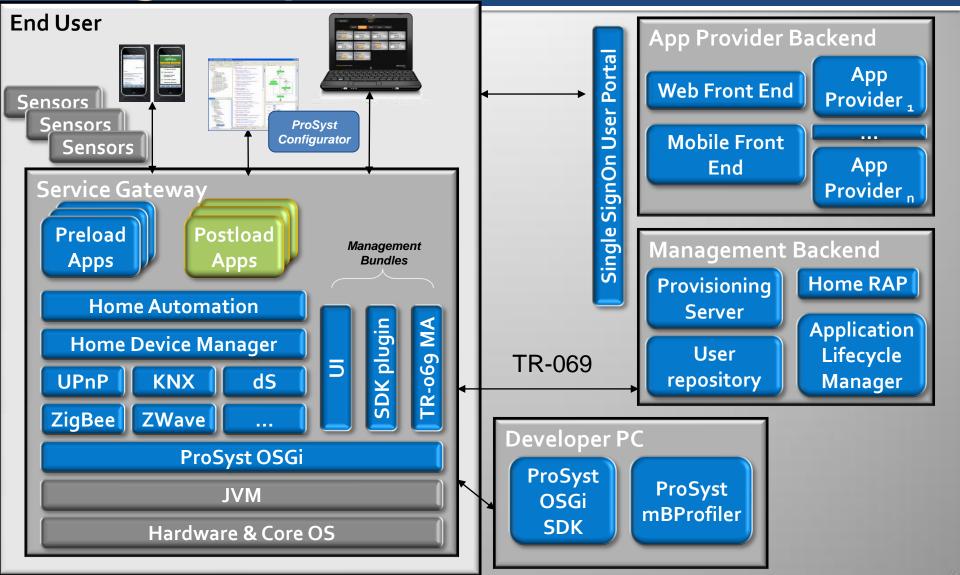
The E2E Management Picture



Using OSGi as EE in Home Gateways

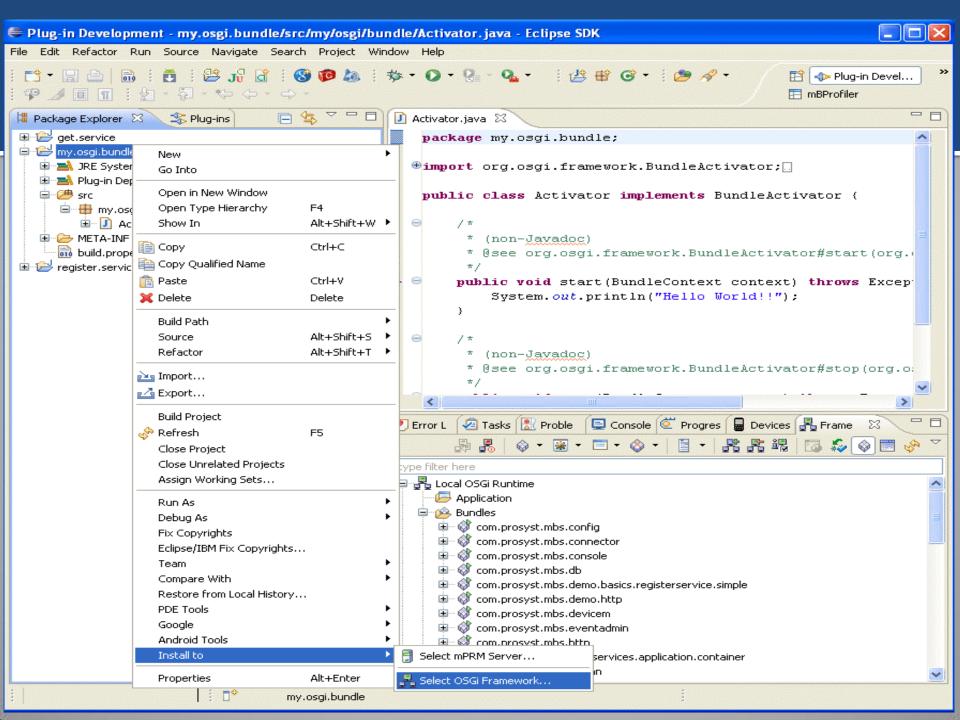


Home Automation System with Plug Computer



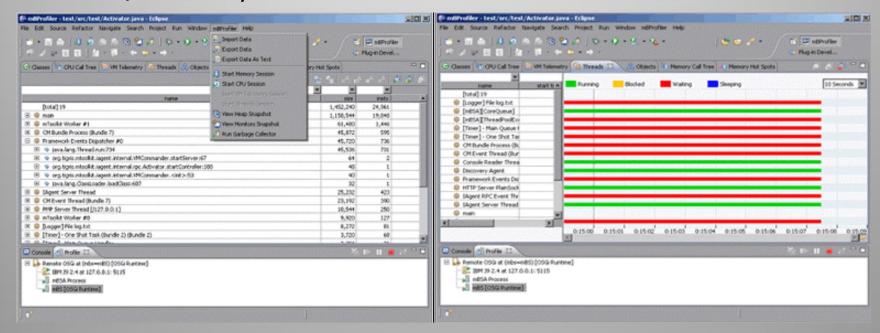
OSGi Development for Plug Computer

- mBS SH SDK is a collection of convenient tools for deployment and management of OSGi-compliant bundles on OSGi Runtimes straight from within the Eclipse Workbench.
- Developers can use a set of Eclipse plug-ins to perform the following tasks:
 - Model and build OSGi Runtime images that best fit the requirements of the target device platform.
 - Debug or profile a remote OSGi Runtime in order to test its performance or the behavior of specific bundles being developed.



mBProfiler

 mBProfiler assists developers in improving the efficiency of applications. It is focused on testing and exploring different aspects of the performance of a Java program, associated with JVM's consumption of the available platform resources (CPU, memory and threads).



mBS SH SDK Specific Plug-ins

- J9 JRE Plug-in Installs in Eclipse a J9 2.4 JVM fully compliant with the J2ME CDC Personal Profile 1.1
- Target Platforms Store Adds to the Eclipse PDE a bunch of target platforms holding the APIs and services available in the OSGi Runtime.
- Target Image Descriptors Represent a set of predefined OSGi Runtime images containing the functional components for the most typical production use cases. Developers can use the image descriptors to generate a ready runtime and deploy it on devices or to design own images.

Live Demo with UPnP

- Demonstrate a simple OSGi service registered in UPnP network
- The service can be personalized
- Demo can be debugged and profiled directly on the device



OSGi + JVM Add-on for SheevaPlug Dev Kit on SD-Card

 The Add-on contains everything that is needed to get an OSGi-based setup started.

- It includes:
 - OSGi Framework
 - JVM
 - Development tools
 - Useful demo applications running on top of the OSGi layer.
- The Add-on is supplied on a SD-card (fits into card slot of SheevaPlug)
- Source: http://www.globalscaletechnologies.com



Conclusions

OSGi and Plug Computers fits perfectly for use in Smart Home solutions

The existing OSGi based COTS products can accelerate and facilitate the development of residential products enormously

ProSyst offers ready OSGi runtimes for many hardware platforms including Plug Computers

ProSyst provides SDKs for box manufactures, system integrators, operators and application developers

For more info visit: http://www.prosyst.com

Thanks!

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