Open Source Software
Experiences, Opportunities and Challenges

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The Open Source Software Journey....

Ernest Shackleton's expeditions to Antarctica

The “Ernest Shackleton’s” of OSS have had successes!
Example of Open Source Software Proliferation

Android Over 80% Market Share In Global Smartphone Shipments

- Note: Apple has 57 percent of all smart phone profits according to Strategy Analytics (http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-05-16/google-makes-android-but-samsung-makes-all-the-money)
Utility OSS successes that are growing in use with strong user and support communities

• **OpenDSS** - Open Distribution System Simulator  
  EPRI (2004)  
  – Over 17,000 downloads with robust support from EPRI  
  – Contributions from education & software vendors

• **GridLab-D** – Developed by PNNL (2009)  
  Power distribution system simulation and analysis tool for users who design and operate distribution systems

• **OpenADR** – Initiated by LBNL in 2002, International  
  – Standardized Messaging for DR/DER Pricing & Events  
  – OpenADR Alliance – Certification Testing  
  – EPRI Open Source VTN & VEN 2 weeks ago

**Niche or Emerging Applications for Electric Power Industry**

**Acceleration & Evaluation of Standards**

**Users/Adopters Benefit through Collaboration**
Additional EPRI OSS Emergent Successes …

• EPRI Trending Towards More Use of OSS
  – Mobile Integrated Data Access System  
    http://sourceforge.net/projects/midas-ffdv/
  – OpenETran – transient simulator  
    http://sourceforge.net/projects/epri-openetrans/
  – Open PQ Dashboard – a new application to aggregate and display power quality information

Development of OSS for Electric Industry meshes well with EPRI Collaborative R&D Model
The Power of the Plug & Socket

What new products have been invented that utilize this “interface”? (Patent issued in 1903)

How could I design a new device without knowing the standard plug specification?

Consider the opposite
How can I design a specification without having to know what products will use it?

Standards for communication devices can be developed without knowing what will interface with it in the future.
PNNL Future Power Grid Initiative

GridOPTICS™

• Architecture to simplify IT systems to support complex collection of physical systems interacting with the electric grid
• Built from open components - emphasis on interfaces to support analytics
• Designed to handle synchrophasor data velocity and volume
• Currently being tested and refined. Open source release 2014.

http://gridoptics.pnnl.gov/fpgws13
Open Automated Demand Response (OpenADR) 
DR & DER Messaging

Growing as most prominent standard for Integrating DR & DER
DR & DER Signal Types in OpenADR 2.0b

Applies to:
- **Loads**: Air Conditioning, Water Heaters, Thermostats, Electric Vehicles
- **Resources**: Storage, Microgrids, Solar, DG, Buildings
- **Business Models**: ISO’s, Utilities, Aggregators, Device Manufacturers

Recursive Architecture:
- VTN = Virtual Top Node
- VEN = Virtual End Node

**Signal Types**
- ELECTRICITY_, Price
- PRICE, Price, Price
- ELECTRICITY_, priceRelative
- PRICE, PriceRelative
- ELECTRICITY_, priceMultiplier
- PRICE, PriceMultiplier
- ENERGY_PRICE, price
- ENERGY_PRICE, priceRelative
- ENERGY_PRICE, priceMultiplier
- DEMAND_CHARG, price
- DEMAND_CHARG, priceRelative
- DEMAND_CHARG, priceMultiplier
- BIDPRICE, price
- BID_LOAD, setpoint
- BID_ENERGY, setpoint
- CHARGE_STATE, energyXXX
- CHARGE_STATE, energyXXX
- CHARGE_STATE, None
- LOAD_DISPATCH, setpoint
- LOAD_DISPATCH, delta
- LOAD_DISPATCH, multiplier
- LOAD_DISPATCH, level
- LOAD_CONTROL, x-LoadControlCapacity
- LOAD_CONTROL, x-LoadControlLevelOffset
- LOAD_CONTROL, LoadControlSetpoint
- LOAD_CONTROL, x-LoadControlPercentOffset
OpenADR Activities

EPRI Demonstrations
• ISO’s: CAISO and NYISO
• US Utilities: AEP, KCPL, Southern Co
• International Utilities: ESB Networks (Ireland), EdF (France), TEPCO (Japan)

Many More In Progress
• California Utilities
• LBNL
• OpenADR Alliance - ~100 Members

International Adoption
• Now an IEC Publicly Available Specification (PAS)

Virtual Top Node (VTN) - Server
http://sourceforge.net/projects/openadr2vtn/

Virtual End Node (VEN) - Client
https://sourceforge.net/projects/openadr2bven-pull/
GOSSA
Grid Open Source Software Alliance

• **Focus**: Electric energy industry open source software (OSS)

• **Business structure**: Not-for-profit corporation

• **Approach**: Public-private collaboration

• **Initial scope**: Defined with input from EPRI, NERC, NRECA, University of Illinois, DOE, PJM and a variety of electric energy stakeholders

• **Key stakeholders**: Utilities, electric entities, government agencies, universities, suppliers and international participants
GOSSA Value Add

• **Guidelines**
  Develop and maintain Grid OSS development and quality requirements

• **Community Interaction**
  Provide a forum for the grid community to collaborate, to identify the need for, and to develop and improve Grid OSS

• **Grid OSS Inventory Awareness**
  Maintenance of a virtual, one-stop shop for Grid OSS with regular updates provided to the GOSSA community

• **Technology Transfer**
  Support the distribution, utilization and integration of Grid OSS

• **Technical Support Network Development**
  Provide support to Grid OSS developers and users

Collecting input from stakeholders to refine services
Workshop being planned for early Summer 2014
(Tentative Date – May 29th, Charlotte, NC)
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