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Dear readers,

There's a lot going on in politics. These days the open source community has a lot to say about what is to be decided on digitisation in Germany and at EU level - and it has to. Not only has the German government recently announced funding cuts in the digital sector, although a change of course at the beginning of the legislative period was promised. At the EU level, the Cyber Resilience Act is still the talk of the town. It is a paper that, if passed in its current form, could cause lasting damage to the open source ecosystem.

In contrast, we are pleased to announce that DAASI International is back in full swing in regards to events. There are going to be very interesting events on important topics such as IT security and IAM, as well as research data. For all these events we, of course, are going to be on site, too.

Enjoy reading,

Jennifer Vosseler
Head of Marketing at DAASI International

News

Halftime Feedback for the German Government

Germany’s current government took office two years ago. At this halftime mark DAASI International teamed up with other organisations in the open source community for a critique. The critique is issued together with several demands which are supported by the likes of the Free Software Foundation (FSFE). (Available in German only)

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New Addition to Portfolio

We are adding Keycloak to our portfolio of supported solutions, and thus are looking forward to supporting you with your Keycloak project. You can find out more about Keycloak itself and the offered services from DAASI International in the blog post.

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Events

it-sa 2023 – DAASI International is back

After a few years break due to the pandemic, the **it-sa – Home of Security** will also be the short term home of DAASI International **10th - 12th October**. The trade fair offers a comprehensive platform for industry-specific IT security solutions, and we will showcase such solutions there as open-source versions.

You can find the booth of DAASI International in **hall 7A** at **7A-521**. CEO Peter Gietz will attend the event as well, and will even give a presentation at forum E about IAM open-source software.

Come visit us in Nuremberg, we’re looking forward to seeing you!

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Final Sprint to FORGE – the Conference on Research Data in Humanities

Only a couple weeks left until the FORGE. This year the conference will take place in Tübingen with the motto “Anything goes?! Research data in humanities critically contemplated.”

Deadline for registrations is 26 September. You can find out more about the programme here: https://forge23.uni-tuebingen.de/#programm.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

(Website available in German only)

Partner Network

Good Reasons to Upgrade Your midPoint Implementation

In a blog entry Richard Richter via Evolveum explains why upgrading an existing midPoint implementation is not only sensible but also important especially considering the release of the new midPoint version which is scheduled to be released at the end of this year.

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Low-Code for Even “Smarter” Cities

The very concept of the smart city demands fast development techniques to match its innovative character. Most usual development methods only barely, if at all, meet this demand. Low-code platforms do not only offer the necessary fast-paced development but are also very user-friendly and versatile in their application.

More Information

Industry

OSBA Statement Regarding the Cyber Reslience Act

Recently the Open Source Business Alliance (OSBA) released an official statement regarding the for many reasons problematic phrasings in the original draft of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA), which would especially hurt the open source ecosystem. A new, and improved, draft will be released soon. We'll keep an eye on the situation.

Read Statement

Making OpenLDAP Even More Secure

In order to make hashing of passwords and similarly sensitive information in OpenLDAP more secure our partners at Puzzle ITC swear on the hashing algorithm argon2. How the algorithm can be integrated and what exactly the benefits are, you can read a blog entry by Puzzle ITC.

More Information

Did you know?

Back in the early days computer viruses were rather harmless. *Creeper*, a computer virus often considered to be the first of its kind, merely opened a window that read:
"I'M THE CREEPER. CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!"
It was developed in 1971 by programmer Bob Thomas and was intended to test the security of ARPANET (U.S. Department of Defense's Advanced Research Projects Agency Network). Once Creeper had infected a computer, it removed itself from its host right away. So instead of multiplying, it moved from one computer onto the next.
This not only let Creeper become one of the first computer viruses, but also led to the creation of the first anti-virus: *Reaper*.

You miss being addressed personally?

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