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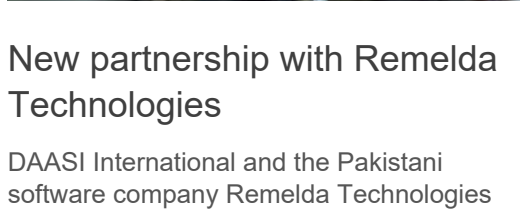
In this newsletter, you can expect interesting news from the world of open source, although not all of it positive. From funding cuts and unachieved goals to legal proceedings – there is plenty of room for improvement.

On the positive side: DAASI International welcomes two new engineers to its team and a new business partner to its side. There is also a new open source study from our neighbours in Switzerland and we would like to draw your attention to upcoming events that are worth attending or following. Interested in a free season ticket for it-sa in October? :)

Enjoy reading and discovering!

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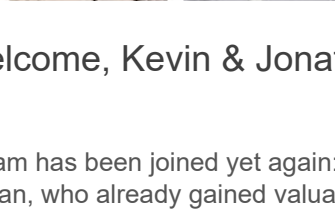
News



New partnership with Remelda Technologies

DAASI International and the Pakistani software company Remelda Technologies have been working closely together on the development of IAM solutions since 2022 and are now officially partners. The aim is to pool resources and expertise and thus further expand each other in order to meet the increasing demand for open IAM solutions.

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♥ Welcome, Kevin & Jonathan!

Our team has been joined yet again: Jonathan, who already gained valuable experience with us as a working student, recently started as a full-time Solutions Engineer. With Kevin, we welcome our new DevOps Engineer, who complements our team with his expertise in process automation. Great to have you with us!

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New case study: InAcademia

Our latest case study describes the result of our successful collaboration with [GÉANT](#) on the InAcademia service. [InAcademia](#) allows for secure, real-time validation of student affiliation, enabling retailers to verify eligibility for special offers in a cost-efficient way while preserving user privacy. InAcademia is already being used in many countries in Europe and beyond. DAASI International worked on the continuous improvement of the code base and supported the further development of the OIDC frontend and various microservices.

More about InAcademia and our contribution in the case study.

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Events

Cybersecurity Meetup at the Stuttgart Exhibition Centre

On **8 October**, Peter Gietz will be giving a presentation on 'Quantum Secure Authentication in Linux' at the Cybersecurity Meetup as part of **Quantum Effects**. Quantum Effects, a fair for application-oriented quantum technologies, will take place this year on 8 and 9 October from 9 am to 5 pm. You can listen to Peter Gietz's presentation in the Stuttgart Region Lounge at the Stuttgart Exhibition Centre.



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Cordial invitation to it-sa - HOME OF SECURITY

DAASI International and business partner [Symas](#) Corporation will jointly present their open source solutions for IAM at this year's **it-sa - Home of IT Security** from **22 - 24 October**. Visitors will find us in **hall 7A** at **booth 326**.

Furthermore: Peter Gietz will be on site to talk about the special rules in the open source ecosystem and demonstrate how these can be used to the benefit of customers using the example of eduMFA. You can attend the [presentation 'Freedom of Forking: Digital Sovereignty with Customised Open Source Solutions'](#) on **22 October in Forum D**. If you are interested in an on-site appointment and/or a free ticket, please contact us!

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Digital Summit 2024

Under the motto 'Germany Digital – Innovative. Sovereign. International.', representatives from the worlds of politics, business and science will be holding discussions in Frankfurt am Main on **21 and 22 October**. The summit promotes dialogue and networking between the players involved in shaping Germany's digital future – which, we believe, needs open source!



"I am delighted that the focus of the next summit will be on digital sovereignty. It will be interesting to see to what extent open source plays a role in the interpretation of this term", says Peter Gietz, CEO of DAASI International.

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TIIME 2025: Save the Date

It's off to the island next year! From **31 March to 3 April 2025**, the IAM community will meet in **Reading, UK**, for TIIME to help shape the future of digital identity management.

The organisation of this unconference with keynotes is in full swing and participants can once again look forward to exciting sessions on IAM topics with experts from all over Europe. A great opportunity to gain insights into current trends, technologies and challenges and the ideal platform to exchange ideas and network with industry colleagues.

TIIME 2025 is organised by STFC, GÉANT, SURF, DeIC and DAASI International. Information about the event and sponsorship packages can be found on the official website.

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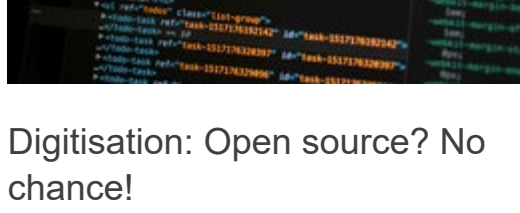
Evolveum: midPoint Partner Series

Evolveum is continuing the 'midPoint Partner Series' this year. The webinar with DAASI International on midPoint & SCIM shows how midPoint can be integrated with connected systems and frontends via the SCIM standard (System for Cross-domain Identity Management) and what advantages result from this. The webinar is free of charge and will take place on **5 December at 2 pm**. Further information and access data can be found on the website of our partner Evolveum.



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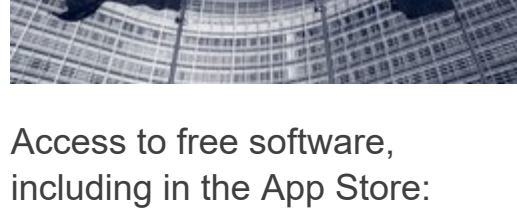
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Digitisation: Open source? No chance!

While the government is pushing ahead with digitisation, the number of open source projects as part of a digitisation strategy aimed at sovereignty is falling well short of the promises made. Apparently only 3% of the software commissioned by the federal government since then should fulfil this criterion. There is now even talk of cancelling funding for 2025. The [Open Source Business Alliance](#), on the other hand, is calling for an increase in the budget for important open source projects. A protest campaign against the planned cuts has been launched. If you would like to participate with an open letter to the members of the German Bundestag, you can find more [information](#) here (German only).

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Access to free software, including in the App Store: FSF joins the fight before the ECJ

The Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE) is intervening in the legal dispute between Apple and the EU Commission before the European Court of Justice. Apple is attempting to circumvent the provisions of the [Digital Markets Act \(DMA\)](#), in particular with regard to the availability of free software in the App Store and the interoperability of its operating system.

The FSFE is committed to protecting free software from monopolistic practices and demands fair competitive conditions.

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Stable usage level, growing importance – a new open source study from Switzerland

The Open Source Study Switzerland 2024, in which our partner [PUZZLE.ITC](#) also participated, provides current data on the use and importance of open source software in Switzerland. It shows that open source solutions are particularly well represented in areas such as infrastructure, development tools and web technologies. Furthermore, well-known advantages such as cost efficiency, flexibility and community support are cited as key reasons for using open source software. A role model for Germany? (German only)

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European Commission cuts funding for free software

Since 2018, the [Next Generation Internet \(NGI\)](#) initiative has been supporting free software projects with the aim of shaping the further development of the Internet into an 'Internet of Trust'. Despite proven successes, the European Commission has decided to cut funding in the current draft of the Horizon Europe 2025 work programme. Critics fear that this could weaken innovation and the further development of free technologies and warn of the negative consequences for digital sovereignty and data protection in Europe.

More on this topic in an [interview](#) with Left Party politician Anke Domscheit-Berg on Deutschlandfunk. (German only)

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Did you know?

In 1996, when the Linux project was already several years old and spreading among developers worldwide, Linus Torvalds decided that the project needed a mascot. The idea of a penguin came to Linus when he thought of a special project from his past. During a holiday in Australia, he had met a penguin in a zoo that bit his hand - an incident that Linus always recounted with humour. This bite left a lasting impression, and so he saw the penguin as the perfect symbol for his project.

A penguin called 'Tux' (derived from T orvalds's U ni X) has represented the values of the Linux community ever since: openness, collaboration and having fun. And so a small, random zoo experience became a symbol that inspires millions of developers and users around the world. (German only)

More informations at: linux-console.net

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