

Verizon Joins the ONOS Project Partnership

Open source SDN and NFV platforms and solutions advanced through community collaboration

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MENLO PARK, Calif., Jan. 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Verizon has joined the ONOS project, the open source SDN Network Operating System (ONOS) for service providers and mission-critical networks and a Linux Foundation Collaborative Project. The ONOS partnership welcomes the addition of one of the largest U.S. communications service providers to its community of service providers, vendors and collaborative partners. Verizon joins other leading service provider partners in ONOS' mission to accelerate adoption of open source SDN and NFV solutions.

As part of ONOS, Verizon has committed to collaborating with other service and solutions providers to drive innovative ONOS and ONOS-based solutions and requirements to solve the challenges of developing scalable, high-available SDN architectures.

"Verizon recognizes the potential of ONOS as an open source SDN platform and the service provider solutions it enables, as well as the promise it holds to transform the networking industry," said Brian Higgins, Vice President of Network Planning at Verizon. "By joining the partnership, we hope to advance open source SDN and NFV solutions based on ONOS and to help shape the future of this ecosystem."

ON.Lab and ONOS' community including leading global service providers, such as AT&T, China Unicom, NTT Communications, SK Telecom and vendor partners, welcome Verizon and are delighted to have the company's contribution to the ONOS initiative.

"Verizon's participation, along with other service providers, strengthens the ONOS partnership and the ecosystem," said Guru Parulkar, Executive Director and Board Member at ON.Lab's ONOS project. "Verizon brings value to the ONOS partnership in terms of new requirements, possible use cases and insights that will shape ONOS today and in the future. We look forward to working with Verizon on the solutions that include CORD, M-CORD and packet-optical convergence."

ONOS is a carrier-grade SDN network operating system architected to provide high availability, scalability, performance, and rich northbound and southbound abstractions. The ONOS project recently joined the Linux Foundation as a Collaborative Project and its community works to provide best-in-class open source SDN platforms and NFV tools that accelerate production deployments and use cases. By listening closely to service providers, ONOS will be able to rapidly develop the apps and use cases carriers want, working through proofs of concept, lab trials and market trials to full production deployments using feedback and input from the entire ONOS community.

"We're pleased to welcome Verizon to the ONOS community and look forward to many positive contributions from them and others," said John Donovan, Senior Executive Vice President, AT&T Technology & Operations. "We're big believers in using open source platforms and software to build the next generation of cloud-based connectivity services and capabilities for our customers, and we're glad to collaborate with Verizon in this vision."

"We are delighted to have Verizon as a member of the ONOS partnership," said Alex Jinsung Choi, CTO and Executive Vice President at SK Telecom. "We share a vision for building 5G mobile networks using open networking technologies. We look forward to collaborating with Verizon and other partners to accelerate adoption of 5G with open source SDN and NFV solutions using ONOS."

To download, contribute to and build upon ONOS, or to find out more about partnerships, features and use cases visit this link www.onosproject.org. For further information on ON.Lab or to learn more about becoming a partner, collaborator or member of the open source community visit <http://onlab.us/> or email us at info@onlab.us.

About the ONOS project

ONOS is the open source SDN networking operating system for Service Provider networks architected for high performance, scale and availability. ONOS' ecosystem comprises ON.Lab and organizations that are funding and contributing to the ONOS initiative as well as non-funding collaborators that contribute code and other resources. Partners that are funding and contributing to ONOS include AT&T, NTT Communications, SK Telecom, China Unicom, Alcatel-Lucent, Ciena, Cisco, Ericsson, Fujitsu, Huawei, Intel, NEC and Verizon. Non-funding members who are collaborating and contributing to ONOS include ONF, Infoblox, SRI, Internet2, Happiest Minds, KISTI, KAIST, Kreonet, NAIM, CNIT, Black Duck, Create-Net, Criterion Networks, ETRI, ADARA Networks, ClearPath Networks, ECI, BUPT FNL, Radisys Corporation and the broader ONOS community. Learn how you can get involved with ONOS at onosproject.org.

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