

OpenESB Newsletter

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The best integration environment

Editorial

Working for a community is a dissymmetric job. During a large part of your time, you try to communicate with the community members sending information, replying to emails, authoring blog, interacting in the forum. Unfortunately, there is very little feedback from OpenESB users despite the fact that they communicate with the community when they have an issue. Last December, we issued a survey and ask you to reply. We received hundreds of responses and thank you for the people that replied to us. In this survey, we asked question about users profile, projects type and size. In this newsletter, we analyse some of your responses and try to learn a lesson from them.



This month, we are pleased to talk a beautiful country which is also an OpenESB country: the Kazakhstan. Many large companies (bank, telecom...) use OpenESB as backbone application for their platform of services. We are still working very hard to release OpenESB 2.4 standalone edition month. The release is planned for the next quarter. We would also like to thank Pymma our sponsor this month.

Pymma largely contributes to the community's efforts to make "the best open source integration environment on the market". We are always happy to read your comments, so please feel free to contact us here contact@open-esb.net.



OpenESB 2.3.1 download

The new OpenESB Community edition version 2.3.1 can be downloaded on the community website www.open-esb.net. You must be registered and logged on the website to get the binaries. Registration is simple and quick! Please fill in the registration form with accurate data.

Release note can be found here:

http://open-esb.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=73&Itemid=613

Useful links on OpenESB

OpenESB Download and documentation at: <http://www.open-esb.net/>

Open-ESB forum and discussion: <http://openesb-users.794670.n2.nabble.com/>

LinkedIn Group: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=126145&trk=anet_ug_hm

Bugs report: <https://openesb.atlassian.net/secure/Dashboard.jspa>

Contact the community: contact@open-esb.net



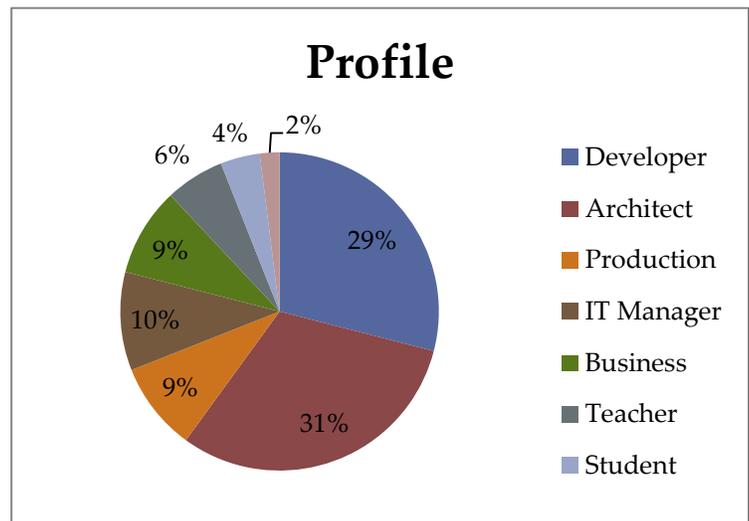
Open-ESB Survey

Few weeks ago, we carried out a survey on OpenESB. Many people replied to us and today we would like to thank them and give you the main lessons from the survey.

We got around 700 answers from all around the world and many activity sectors: bank, utilities, telecom, finance, research, education, government, healthcare and insurance. Let's detail some responses and comment them.

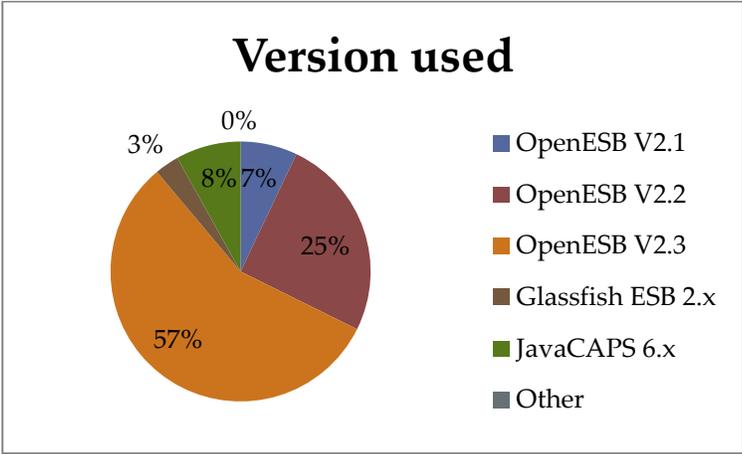
Question: What is your profile?

Architect is the most common profile for OpenESB users. OpenESB structures and organises the architecture of the projects. It is why architects have a key role in OpenESB project design. We are pleased to see that around 10% of the users come from business team. Service oriented development cannot be efficient without a strong collaboration with the business.



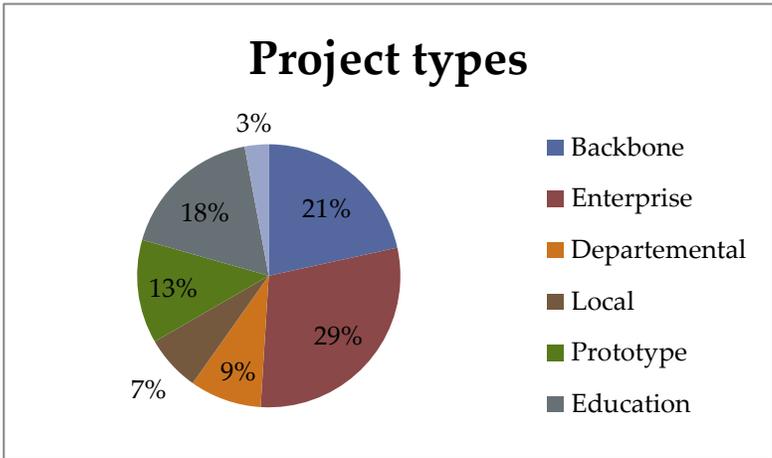
Question: Which OpenESB version are you using?

We note that a majority of user follows OpenESB evolution and more than 50% of OpenESB users work with 2.3.x and a quarter with V.2.2. Note: OpenESB 2.4 was not an option in the survey. We are happy to see the community is following OpenESB progress and is not reluctant to use new versions in production.



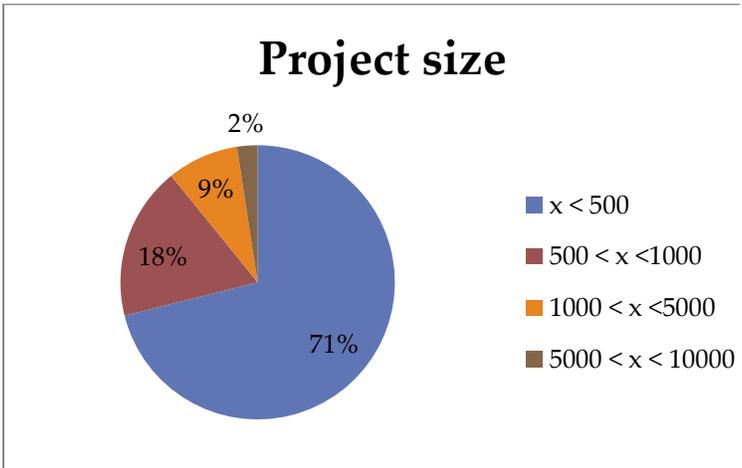
Question: For which project type do you use OpenESB?

OpenESB is an enterprise tool. More than 50% of the projects are evaluate as backbone or Enterprise projects. This evaluation is not far from the feedback we got from the ground. The projects we work on are real enterprise project processing millions of messages between all part of the IT system. We note also the part of education project. OpenESB is one of the favourite tools to teach and learn SOA and ESB.



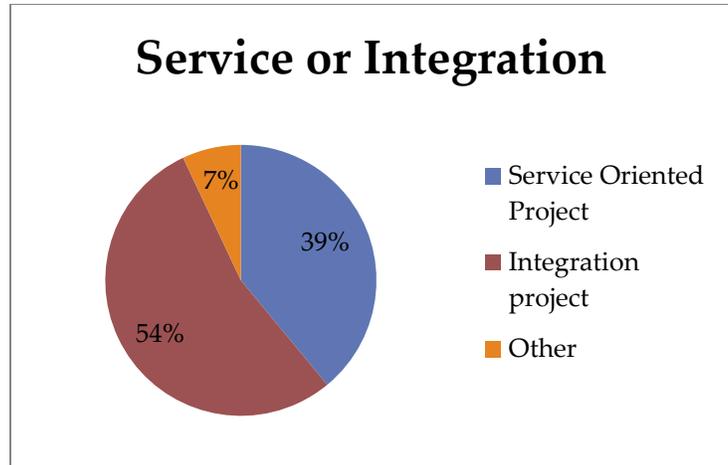
Question: What is the average size of your OpenESB projects in men days?

More than 90 % of the project size is less than 1000 men days. At the first glance, there is a contradiction between project type and project size. Backbone and enterprise projects usually require more than 1000 men days. To solve this contradiction, we have to understand that a service oriented platform is a composition of many small projects (< 1000 md). That is the power of the service oriented development to allow small projects to work together in a larger set without disturbance between them.



Question: Do you consider your OpenESB projects mainly as:

This is the most surprising answer from the survey. A large majority of the users sees their OpenESB projects as integration projects although OpenESB is focused on service oriented development. Service oriented development requires more organisation and communication with the business team and a strong development process. Certainly the community must make an effort to explain and document service oriented development.



OpenESB all around the world: Kazakhstan



We are pleased to inform you that the community has a new correspondent in Almaty in Kazakhstan. His name is Boris Bendyukov. It is one of the first people certified OpenESB. In Kazakhstan, OpenESB has a very special place. Large Kazakhstan companies are using OpenESB as the backbone for their SAAS. (Bank, Telecom, Trade). Boris is one of the most talented OpenESB experts in the world and he recently passed the Pymma's OpenESB certification V2.3. As chief architects, Boris is involved in many high level projects and is an OpenESB driving force in Kazakhstan and Russia.

Boris Bendyukov

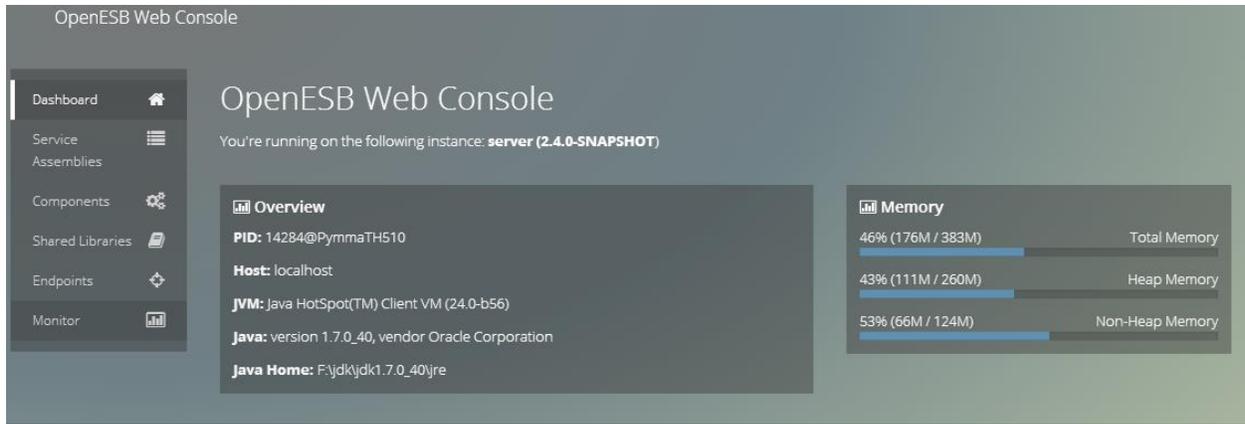
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Have a first look on OpenESB standalone edition

A short video has been made to introduce OpenESB web console. You can see it on Youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcp7eW86_-8



OpenESB standalone edition 2.4 release is planned for the next quarter (14Q2)

Lastest news on OpenESB

OpenESB certification

Congratulations to David Brassely and Boris Bendyukow, who successfully passed Pymma's OpenESB certification. Companies are looking for well-trained and highly experienced specialists to architect and implement their integration systems. This certification provides validation of your SOA and ESB skills. Information available only at contact@open-esb.net



Social events

- To Tanya and Alexander: congratulations on the birth of your lovely baby girl Arina.
- To Deborah and Bessalel: Congratulations on their engagement.

Our sponsor this month:

Pymma has been deeply involved in the OpenESB community for many years and is one of its founders and main sponsors. We invest time and budget to create new infrastructures, get expertise on codes developed by SUN, issue new versions, and promote products. Thanks to budget investments and hard work, we have developed unique skills and an

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expert's network on the market. We offer OpenESB's high-end services: training, consulting, development and support at all stages. By starting a partnership with Pymma, our customers will benefit from this unique platform, available for all projects and development teams. Kick off with OpenESB and take advantage of the best integration tool on the market!

Contact US: contact@pymma.com



Thank you to our English reviewer Stephanie Stahl!