

AllSeen Alliance

TSC Minutes

November 11, 2014

3:15pm PDT

via Face-2-Face (AllSeen Summit) + WebEx

Brett Preston agreed to take minutes.

Antitrust Compliance Notice

Greg reminded the TSC of its antitrust compliance notice.

Greg introduced the Agenda for the meeting:

- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- TSC Introduction
- Workgroups & projects
- Interface review board proposal
- Home Appliances & Entertainment proposal
- Hackfests & developer outreach
- Roadmap & Priorities
- Open Discussion

Approve minutes from the last call

Greg called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Moved, seconded, than unanimously approved by TSC.

TSC Introduction

Greg provided an introduction to the technical steering committee, noting the TSC mission is to support the technical implementation of the strategy set out by the board.

Introductions from each of the TSC members followed.

Workgroups & projects

Greg provided introduction to projects and Working Groups, noting code contributions are organized into projects. Greg noted anyone (member or non-member) can contribute to a project, but that only members can be committers. Greg added that the maintainer is the individual responsible for the project.

Greg noted that over 2,700 contributions have come in from 13 companies. Greg noted the desire to increase the number of companies contributing.

Greg noted there is clear interest in formation of new projects and working groups. Greg added single company working groups do not work as well.

Discussion ensued and it was concluded that an onboarding package for new working groups would be useful, included a defined process and documentation.

Additional discussion ensued around having a shared architectural vision of where the Alliance is going.

Interface review board proposal

Dominique noted the most important output of the Working Groups are the interface definitions.

Dominique added that C&C takes quality of the interface as a given, but warned that not all interfaces are created equal. Dominique added the need for stylistic homogeneity.

Dominique proposed the Interface Review Board as a committee that oversees the various interfaces that are designed in the Working Groups. Dominique noted the first job of this review board would be to lay down the ground rules and conventions for interface design. Dominique added the IRB would assist WGs in defining their interfaces, and in evolving them over time. Dominique noted the IRB must have a deciding vote in whether an interface definition is ready for standardization.

Home Appliances & Entertainment proposal

Greg noted a home appliances & entertainment proposal was submitted to the TSC on November 7. Greg added the proposal defines the standard device interfaces for Home Appliances and Entertainment devices. Greg noted a detailed presentation to the TSC will be scheduled for an upcoming TSC call, and that a vote to approve would follow one week after presentation.

Greg noted comments on the proposal should be sent to the TSC mailing list.

Hackfests & developer outreach

Greg recapped three hackfests that occurred in 2014: San Francisco, Phoenix, and Las Vegas.

Moving forward, it was agreed that a better job of developer outreach is needed.

Greg noted ideas included focused AllSeen events, a broader range of hardware available, reducing the curve for new developers, leveraging local maker and hacker meetups, and the need to have venues/events in Europe and Asia.

Discussion ensued and it was concluded to create a subcommittee to focus on developer outreach. Dino volunteered to drive subcommittee.

Roadmap & Priorities

Greg opened discussion around focus for 15.10 and beyond. Greg brought up ideas around transports (Thread, Zigbee, Z-Wave, BT-LE), Industrial and enterprise scalability, API improvements, and possible working group priorities (Media Streaming, Smart-energy, etc.)

Open Discussion

Greg opened the floor to open topics.

Question was raised around the certification & compliance committee, and what the consensus was around considering certifying software/apps. It was confirmed that the C&C is looking into the potential to certify apps.

Additional point of discussion was around ensuring all working groups have committers from beyond one company.

Greg closed meeting + call