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### Background

Founded in 1999, Gatespace is a result of a three-year joint research project between Ericsson and the Swedish high-end research and consulting firm CR&T; (Carlstedt Research & Technology) - a project which also resulted in Ericsson's launch of the e-box in 1999.

Gatespace products are designed to be fully compliant with the OSGi (Open Services Gateway initiative) specification. We support full interoperability between content/application service providers, network operators, and service gateway and device manufacturers. This provides for secure and reliable end-to-end services.

Gatespace is a member of the OSGi and was selected to provide core portions of the reference implementation of the OSGi's first specification. When OSGi released OSGi specification 1.0 in May 2000, Gatespace was one of the first companies to launch a product designed to comply with the OSGi specification.

Committed to being the primary driver of this emerging market, Gatespace was also the first company to create additional services on top of the OSGi framework and to launch a developer's community for programmers to support and encourage the development of OSGi enabled services. Today, Gatespace is participating in the world's first commercial deployment of OSGi-based distributed service platforms, led by ComHem, Telia's cable TV operation, and Ericsson.

While initially focusing on the residential segment in the US and the automotive segment in Europe, Gatespace is ultimately targeting a horizontal position within the industry, providing solutions to the residential, telematics and broadband segments, among others.

Ericsson, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Fuqua Venture Partners, European Equity Partners, Pythagoras Participations, T-bolaget, Bure Equity and CR&T; privately fund Gatespace. The company has offices in Palo Alto, CA and Göteborg, Sweden.

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