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## The birth of NOSIG: the Netherlands Open Solaris Interest Group

By user9135656 on Jan 21, 2011

For reasons explained [here](#), the [Netherlands OpenSolaris User Group](#) was discontinued on Nov 4th 2010. At our final meeting we also decided to continue as a new group with a slightly different charter.

Well... here we are! Please meet **NOSIG: Netherlands Open Solaris Interest Group**.

NOSIG is an existing abbreviation used mostly in Meteorology & Aviation. It there stands for: **NO SIGNificant** change. Us choosing this abbreviation as our name is no coincidence... ☺

The audience attending NLOSUG meetings were most of the time people working with Solaris in their day jobs. They came to NLOSUG (where we specifically aimed at *OpenSolaris*) to hear what "the next Solaris" would be like and to meet other people also interested in Solaris. So their interest was not so much *OpenSolaris* perse, it much more was Solaris in general. Doing the *OpenSpace* in our final meeting, it quickly became clear that this group is still interested in some form of "Solaris User Group". And that should such a group exist, they would attend meetings, participate and help make it live.

With this, the decision to pull together a new group was made easily. After some internal discussions the name **NOSIG** came up which perfectly matches the goal of the new group: be an informal get-together of people interested in Solaris not a big change from how NLOSUG operated.

Apart from the "No Significant change" meaning, NOSIG stands for *Netherlands Open Solaris Interest Group*. Note the space between "Open" and "Solaris"! We are an Open group: anyone sharing our interest can join and participate. We are Open to new technologies, new paths, new versions, new ideas. We love Open standards. We aim to be Open (some people call it "candid" ☺) amongst ourselves. What binds us is Solaris.

Having said this, it should be clear that *all* Solaris-es will fit in our area of interest:

- Solaris 2.x[y] (2.0 upto 2.5.1, and 2.6 - yep, these are still in use in some places!)
- Solaris 7, 8 and 9
- [Oracle Solaris 10](#)
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- [SchilliX Benelux](#) ...
- Solaris 11 (nope, no preview available)
- ...

Also, we are **NOT** a formal group with a board, membership fees, fixed agenda or funding. We completely rely on the time and work of volunteers and the generosity of companies (for instance making locations available for get-togethers, or delivering presentations with speakers, or sponsoring foods and drinks, or...).

We do however have a solid base because we are established as a Technical Community of the Netherlands Unix Users Group ([NLUUG](#)). This means that we are embedded within NLUUG on one side, allowing access to the NLUUG members, infrastructure (mailing lists, mail archives, FTP server), receiving support from the NLUUG buru; at the same time NLUUG expects us to operate as a stand-alone group. In other words: NLUUG will facilitate but not lead. Another valuable advantage of this setup is that NLUUG can act as a "legal representative" when needed, for instance in the planned engagement of NOSIG and the Oracle Benelux Users Group ([OBUG](#)). (And last but not least, the setup chosen allows for Oracle employees to be active inside the NOSIG ☺)

Having said all this, the next steps to be taken are the "freeze" of the NLOSUG presence on the web, the dismantling of NLOSUG -related groups on social media like Twitter, FaceBook etc, the move of current NLOSUG infrastructure like aliases, webpages etc onto the NLUUG-hosted servers... lots to do.

Oh, and of course NOSIG will be planning its Inaugural Meeting for which you will all be invited! Stay tuned on this channel - as things look now this meeting will be planned in March 2011.

Solaris rocks!!

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Bart, thanks for all your efforts, looks like this can be successful with all the info you provided above. I like the final choice of the name.

Posted by [Aschwin Marsman](#) on January 23, 2011 at 01:17 AM CET #

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