The Home Gateway Initiative: from service support to service awareness

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Why the HGI ?

➢ Telcos are providing not only a broadband pipe, but an integrated set of services (IPTV, communication, Fixed-Mobile convergence) and an ecosystem of interoperable devices

➢ Unavailability of <u>Home Gateways</u> providing full support to the telecom operators' requirements for triple play services

The Home Gateway is not seen as a generic advanced modem-router, but a **service enabler device** and an **added value** for both the customer and the service provider
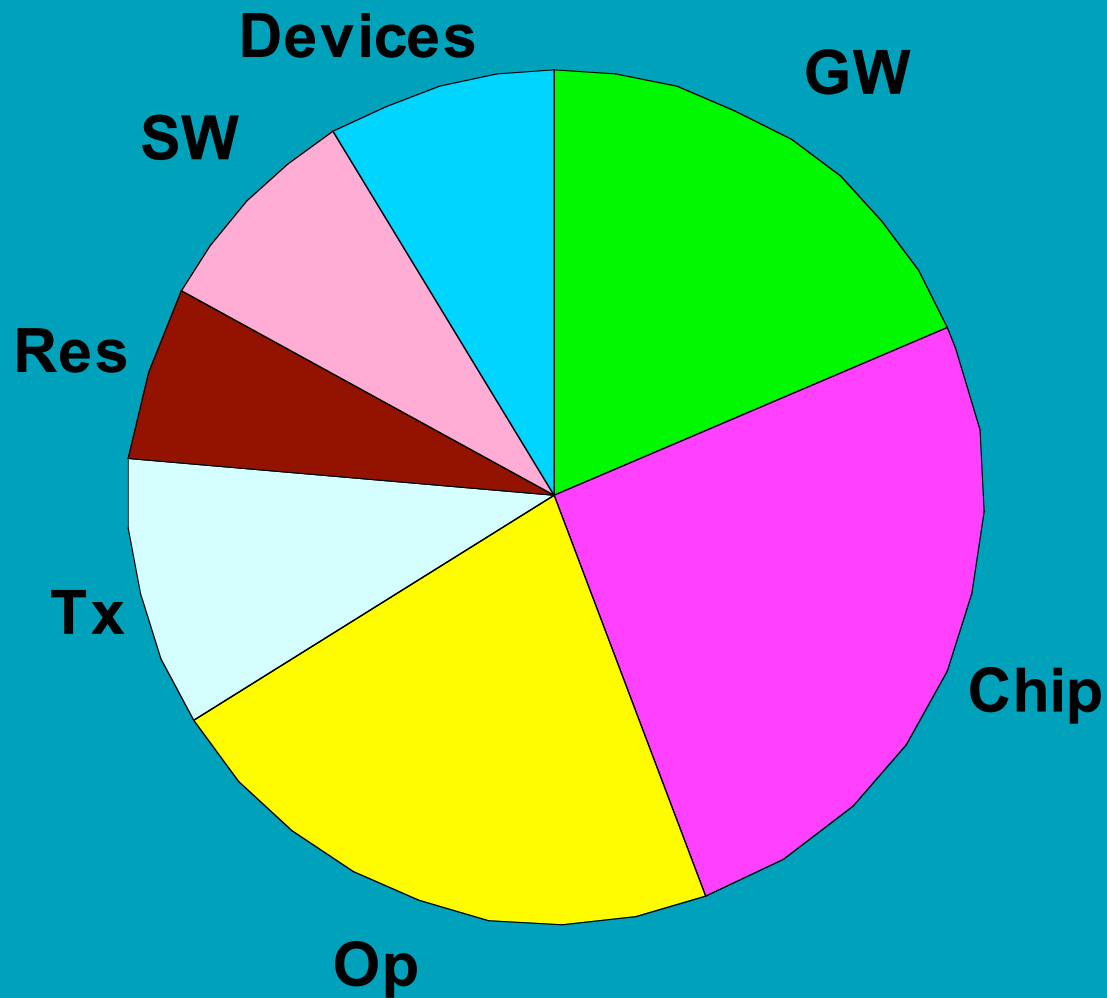
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History and timeline

➢ December 15th 2004, founded by 9 members

➢ March 2nd 2005: press release and website opening

➢ April 13-14 2005: kickoff meeting, 130 participants and 34 member companies

➢ 60 members as of Dec 31st

➢ Next plenary meeting: Montreal, 20-23 March, 2006

➢ Release 1 specs: 1Q-2Q 06

➢ Plugfest: 2H 2006

➢ First products by mid 2006

➢ Additional technical specifications (rel. 2): 4Q06-1Q07

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Members pie chart

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HGI organisation and working method

Business Groups

Manufacturers Feedback and Input Group

Operators Requirements Group

Technical Groups

HGW **HNA** **QOS** **RODF**

Reference Architecture Task Force

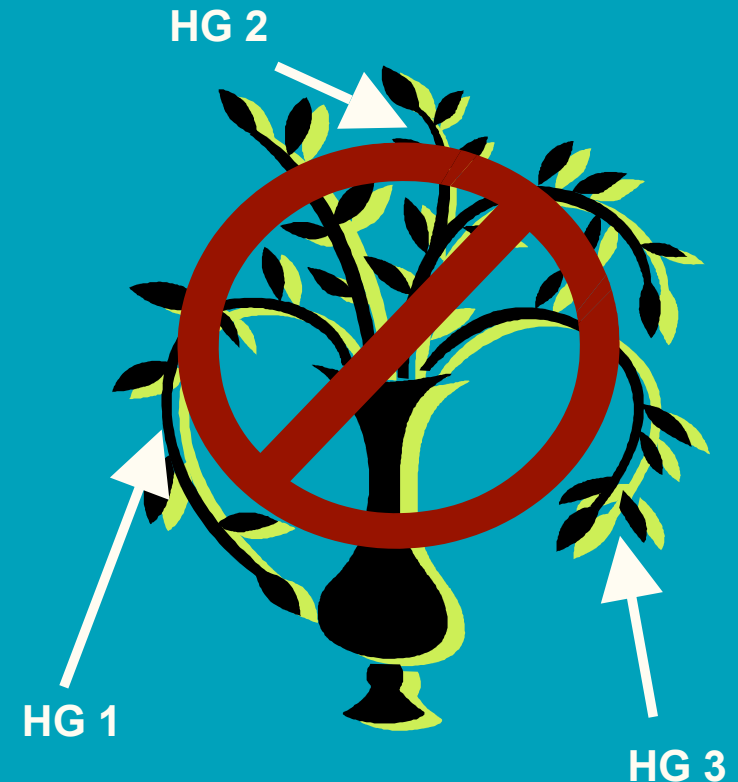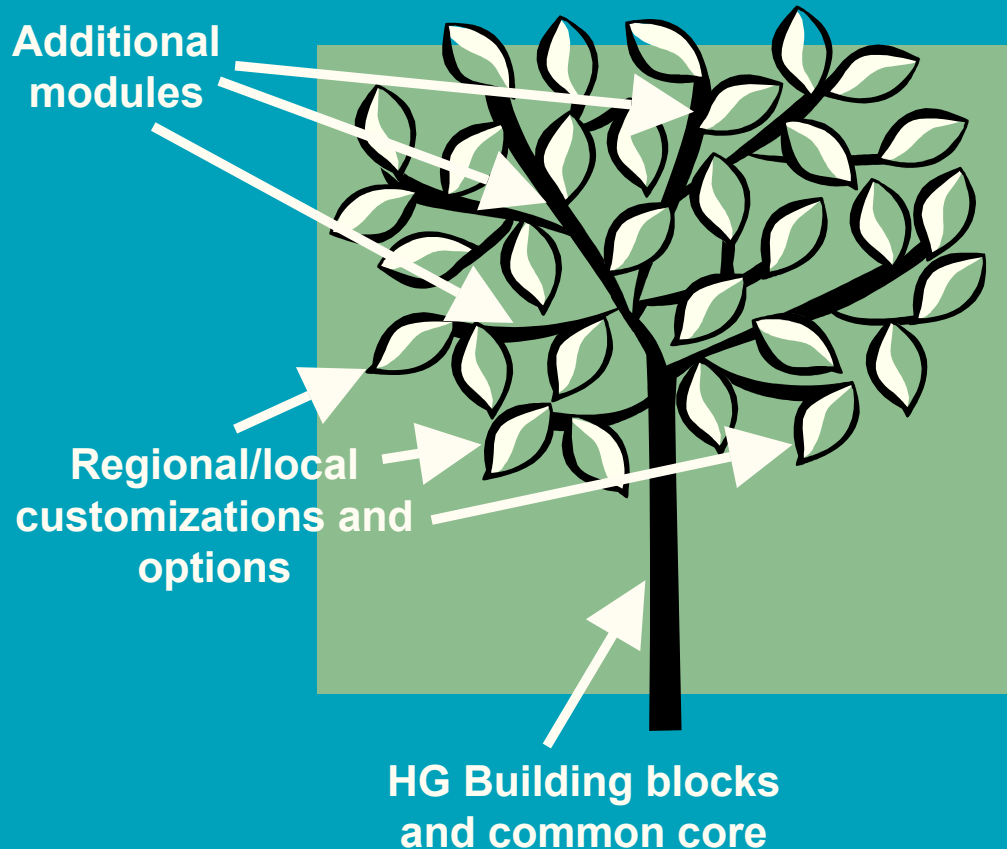HGI Home Gateway Initiative

HGI Successful Working Method

➢ Fast answers to urgent needs (top management roadmaps of the Telcos in the HGI)

➢ Short-mid term vision (no R&D or visionary perspective)

➢ Highly positive feedback from industries and SDO's demonstrates we have chosen the right approach until now

➢ Several MUSTs and a few SHOULD make our documents more usable in procurement and tenders

➢ Regional/local markets options and features will be allowed as add-ons to the main core of the HG

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Some of the HGI targets

➢ Not just a powerful broadband modem/router, but an added value for the provider, the customer and the vendors of IP devices

➢ Not a closed box, but supporting CE devices, gaming consoles and other IP enabled "domains"

➢ Putting together the critical mass for reaching a price point that will make the Home Gateway a real commodity

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A tree not a flower vase

Additional modules

Regional/local customizations and options

HG Building blocks and common core

HG 2

HG 1

HG 3

A tree is expected to last more than a bunch of flowers
Reaching a <u>critical mass</u> is the success of the HGI

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From service support to service awareness

➢ Service support: e.g. flexible NAPT, VoIP codecs, ALG, firewall, WAN-LAN QoS mapping (NOW)

➢ Advanced service support: e.g.,IGMPv2-3, UPnP modules, integrated management, end to end QoS control, support to external and heterogeneous service gateways (during 2006)

➢ Service awareness: the HG is a repository, control and distribution point for services (next phase)

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Service awareness

➢ Knowing what ? And why ?

➢ Interactions among all the available management platforms to exchange information and data

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Service awareness of the GW

- ➢ Network status (WAN & LAN)
- ➢ IP Ports used
- ➢ Physical I/F
- ➢ Traffic profile (Upstream/downstream/intra-LAN)
- ➢ Active devices
- ➢ Advanced management features (preassurance, provisioning, troubleshooting at all the OSI layers)
- ➢ Service deployment
- ➢ QoS (CAC, etc)
- ➢ Security policies
- ➢ ALGs
- ➢ Session awareness
- ➢ Authentication per MAC/user/application/IP/etc

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Conclusions

➢ Telcos worldwide are no more only broadband providers but integrated (services + devices) providers

➢ The service support in the HG is rapidly increasing to give the user a better experience and usability of this heterogenous environment and to open opportunities to service providers

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