

Evolution of EPIC Working Group Report

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- Good ecosystem representation
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 - 2 Solutions Members
 - 2 Committer Members
 - 2 Foundation Employees

Initial Topics

- UI and Infrastructure
 - Modernization of infrastructure for security and maintainability
 - UI enhancements for improved user experience
- Deployment technology and p2
 - Modernize catalog listings to support p2 usage
- Discussion of an “Eclipse Store”
 - Beneficial or detrimental?

Findings

- EPIC is built on an old, insecure infrastructure and the UI is showing its age
- EPIC listings are often erroneous, incomplete, out of date, or dead
- EPIC is ignored by the large strategic members
- All work on EPIC is done by Foundation staff
- All changes to EPIC should add value to the ecosystem, not compete with it
- This will be a lot of work at any level

Recommendations

- Rebuild EPIC on a modern, secure infrastructure emphasizing ease of use
- Allow the Foundation to perform the rework directly without an open source project
 - As long as visibility into direction, requirements and use cases is maintained for the ecosystem
- Catalog becomes a resource for the ecosystem
 - Complete, validated, p2-compatible listings
 - Taggable and searchable
 - Easily consumable to enable multiple ecosystem distribution systems, stores, etc but not a Foundation store or distribution system

Questions / Comments?

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