Abridged Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Eclipse Foundation, Inc.
June 27 & 28, 2006

Attendees

Michael Bechauf (SAP)
Ed Cobb (BEA)
Mark Coggins (Actuate)
Paul Czarnik (Compuware)
Richard Gronback (Borland)
Andi Gutmans (Zend)
John Kellerman (representing Dave Thomson, IBM)
Jonathan Khazam (Intel)
Heikki Koivu (Nokia)
Jochen Krause (Add-in Provider Representative)
Howard H. Lewis (Add-in Provider Representative)
Scott Lewis (Committer Representative)
Kai-Uwe Maetzel (Committer Representative)
Jeff McAffer (Committer Representative)
Eric Newcomer (IONA)
Kevin Parker (Serena)
Mike Taylor (Add-in Provider Representative)
David Tong (Sybase)
Tim Wagner (Committer Representative)
Todd Williams (Add-in Provider Representative)

Janet Campbell (Secretary)
Mike Milinkovich (Executive Director)

Location: Hotel Allegro, Chicago, Illinois.

Administrative Items:

A number of resolutions were reviewed and approved by the Board. These resolutions included:

- The minutes of previous meetings were approved.
- A policy on Interacting with Specification Organizations was unanimously approved and is attached below as Appendix A to these abridged minutes.
- In June 2005, the Board passed a resolution directing the Executive Director to not approve the creation of projects *"…which are focused on creating run time frameworks that are "plumbing" or "middleware".* This resolution was rescinded and the Board instructed the Executive Director to approve those projects consistent with the Purposes as stated in the Corporation's Bylaws.
- The Board unanimously instructed the Eclipse Management Organization (EMO) to provide the Membership with preferred access to future release trains as soon as they are available.
- The Board unanimously instructed the EMO to prepare a revised version of the Eclipse Development Process for future review and approval by the Board.
- The Foundation's outside counsel Jeffrey Neuburger of the firm Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP provided the Board with a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of Board members.
- The Board welcomed Christy Wyatt as Motorola's representative to the Board of Directors. Motorola joined the Eclipse Foundation as a Strategic Developer member.

- The Board unanimously approved the Q2 financial forecast as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Revenue:	$5.6M
Expense:	$5.7M

Management Action Items:

There was unanimous consent to instruct the EMO to take the following actions to address community needs in each of the following areas:

Promoting the Ecosystem:

1. The EMO will invest resources to better promote the ecosystem via the www.eclipse.org website, especially through continuous improvement to the Eclipse Plugin Central portal site, and tighter integration of that component with the rest of the website.
2. The EMO will investigate alternatives for increasing the visibility of Eclipse-based products and technologies on www.eclipse.org (which for clarity includes the Eclipse Plugin Central portal site).
3. The Board will pass a resolution at a future date directing the EMO to draft a policy for its approval allowing projects to include corporate logos on the project website from their key contributors if they so desire.
4. The EMO will work with the Membership Committee to accumulate and document best practices in Eclipse open source business models.
5. The Board will instruct the EMO to develop strategies to increase the awareness and engagement with the community of the Add-In Provider members.

Ease of Use

1. The Board will pass a resolution at a future date encouraging all Eclipse projects to enhance the usability of their tools, while remaining true to the stated Purposes of Eclipse of "...supplying frameworks and exemplary, extensible tools". This resolution will be communicated by the EMO to the project leaders.
2. The Board instructs the EMO to facilitate the creation of a User Interface Architecture Working Group. Each Strategic Developer member will make a good faith effort to find a resource within their firm to contribute to the working group, one of whom will act as the chair. Other members may also contribute. The mandate of the group will be to address usability across projects. A specific deliverable will be to update the Eclipse User Interface Guidelines in time to be of value for the Eclipse Europa release train.
3. The EMO will add conformance to the UI Guidelines as a Release Review exit criterion.

Out of Box Experience

1. The Board will pass a resolution at a future date stating its desire to see improved out of box experience for consumers by the Eclipse open source project community. This resolution will be communicated by the EMO to the project leaders.
2. The EMO will work to focus community resources on improving the out of box experience and will work with Innoopract in support of their proposed project to address packaging. This project will focus on creating user-oriented packages for Eclipse adopters.
3. The EMO will ensure that packaging, installation and a better out-of-the-box experience are all communicated to the three Councils as important objectives for the 2007 Eclipse release train.

Web Site

1. The Board instructs the EMO to invest resources in making the www.eclipse.org website easier to use and navigate for newcomers to Eclipse and for consumers of Eclipse open source projects. Note that this should be tied to the packaging solutions in the sense that ideally the scenarios and solutions supported by the available packages be the same ones supported by the website.
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3. The EMO will investigate alternatives for increasing the visibility of Eclipse-based products and technologies on www.eclipse.org (which for clarity includes the Eclipse Plugin Central portal site).
4. The Board will pass a resolution at a future date directing the EMO to draft a policy for its approval allowing projects to include corporate logos from their key contributors if they so desire.
5. The Board will pass a resolution at a future date instructing the EMO to ensure that each project's website conforms to some user interface guidelines to make user navigation of our project sites less painful. Included in this would be forced compliance with the Incubator branding.
6. There are also a number of specific enhancements to the website that will be looked at by the Phoenix project. One example is to look at showing a "members plug-in of the day" on our homepage.

Committer Issues and Update:

Kai-Uwe Maetzel provided an update from the Committer Community perspective. It was noted that the community has seen significant improvement over the last year and on average the community is generally pleased with the progress. Several areas for continued improvement with respect to infrastructure and process were identified.

Committer Value Prop (unchanged)

- Committers are among Eclipse's best advocates

- No progress in quality improvement or infrastructure improvement demotivating

- Any decrease of momentum or enthusiasm will hamper the development of the Eclipse brand

- We need to sustain quality and infrastructure at levels that motivate and encourage committers and attract more committers and 'fans'.

IT Infrastructure

- Considerable improvements in the course of the last year
  - Availability
  - Services
  - EMO support and responsiveness
  - Callisto support
  - ➢ On average: Committers are happy

IT Infrastructure Issues

- Improve availability, shorten response time
  - RC2, RC3 downtime issues
  - Align responsiveness to Callisto lock down

- Support bug triage
  - 'End user' comprehensible initial structure of products and components
    - e.g., TPTP has 76 components
  - Identify incomplete bug reports
  - Search attachments (within the framework given by the Board)

- Promote services from "best effort" to "officially supported"
  - e.g., build services

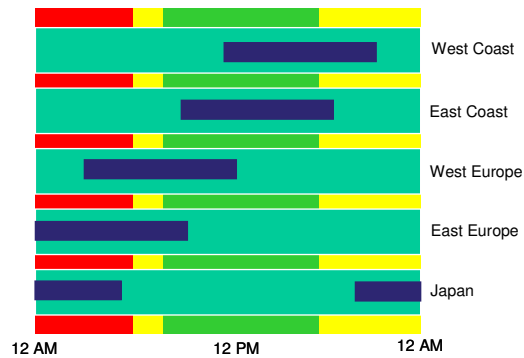- "Health of Mirrors"

- Web site (look and feel)

Process Issues

- **Community contribution process needs streamlining**
    - **Small contribution should remain simple and fast**

- **Key open source components are hard to depend on**
    - **Especially small projects suffer**

Service Downtime / Time Zones

- Callisto: Canada, US, Finland, Turkey, China, France, Russia, Czech Republic, India, Switzerland, Germany, and Austria

Marketing Update

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the Marketing status and upcoming plans.

Press Releases in Q1

- Eclipse Continues Momentum in Device and Embedded Software Development

- Eclipse Launches Community Portal to Promote the Eclipse Ecosystem

- New Top-Level Eclipse Project Encourages Adoption of Open Standards for Model-Based Development\

- Callisto Release

Eclipse at Embedded System Conference

- Press outreach to major embedded and device magazines; interview with 9 editors

- Eclipse Booth at ESC focused on demonstrating the relevant Eclipse projects
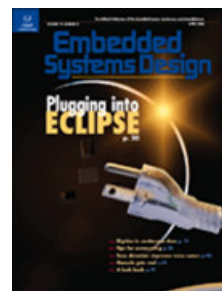
Eclipse at JavaOne

- Featured 10 different Eclipse projects in booth

- 15 members participated in Eclipse passport game
  - Actuate, Adobe, Agitar, BEA, Borland, Business Objects, Codign, Compuware, Exadel, Fawcette, IBM, Ivis, Serena, Sybase, Nokia, Instantiations, Oracle
  - Collected 600 leads for the sponsors

- Eclipse Party at JavaOne

Callisto

- Webinars

- Podcasts on EclipseZone

- Article placements with JDJ and OnJava

- Press outreach

Other Activities in Q2

- SD Times Webinar – 'Creating Commercial-Quality Eclipse Plug-ins'
    - Over 400 people in attendance

- Podcast Series focus on business value of using Eclipse
    - Series of 3 podcasts with Dana Gardner
    - Episode #1 with Brent Williams, Senior Analyst with KeyBanc Capital Markets
        - http://blogs.zdnet.com/Gardner/?p=2309

- Market Research Working Group
    - Agreement in place with Evans Data to survey the Eclipse user community
    - Sponsored by Genuitec, Instantiations, Exadel, Fawcette, Serena, Sybase, Compuware, IBM and Business Objects

ACM Queue Eclipse Supplement

- Eclipse Supplement in September Issue of Queue Magazine

- Deadline for participation is July 10, 2006

- Contact Ginny Pohlman
    - gpohlman@acmqueue.com

Eclipse World

- September 6-8 in Boston

- Focus is on the IT developers; users of the tools

- Projected attendance: 800

- Exhibitor contact: desposito@bzmedia.com

Q3 Activities

- Webinars

- Marketing Symposium in Dallas Sept. 20-21

- RCP Case Studies

- Trade shows
    - OSCON
    - Linux World

Membership Update:
Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the Membership of the Eclipse Foundation.

2006 Membership Summary

Number of new organizations joining Eclipse Foundation   24
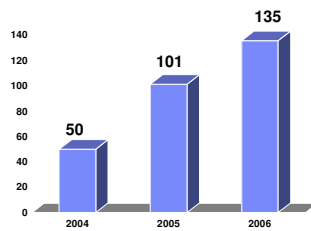
Current Membership Profile
- Strategic Members   16
- Add-In-Provider   102
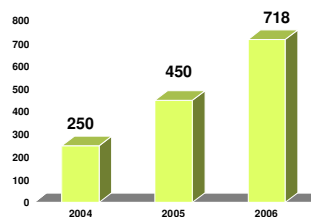- Associate   17

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Eclipse Momentum

Members

Committers

New Members so far in 2006

Q1 2006
- EADS
- iMEDIC GmbH
- MicroDot
- Kyoto Microcomputer Co
- Fortify Software
- Codign Software
- Perforce
- ST Microelectronics
- SalesForce.Com
- MedicalBanking Project (Associatre)
- Software & Support Veriag (Associate)
- Software AG
- SugarCRM
- Krugle, Inc
- MySQL
- NexB
- Juluna
- I-Logix

Q2 2006
- TNI-software
- TransMend
- MontaVista
- Technological Education Institution of West Macedonia (Associate)
- Metallect
- Intervoice
- Inetsoft
- Vector Consulting

Change in Membership Status

Organization	Reason for change
ITG	Did not renew
JBOSS	Acquired by Red Hat

Project Update:
Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the projects of the Eclipse Foundation.

Project Changes (Proposed)

- DTP ◆ Enablement Project
- Technology ◆ ECM Rich Client Platform (Apogee)
- Technology ◆ Enterprise Component Framework
- Technology ◆ The Eclipse on Linux (Linux Distro) Project
- Technology ◆ Rich Server Platform - User Interface
- Technology ◆ Rich AJAX Platform (RAP)

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Project Changes (Created)

- Modeling Top-Level

- DSDP ◆ Native Application Builder (eWideStudio)
- Tools ◆ Eclipse PHP Integrated Development Environment
- WTP ◆ AJAX Toolkit Framework (ATF)
- Technology ◆ Tools Services Framework (Corona)
- Technology ◆ Supplement Widgets for SWT (Nebula)

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Project Changes (Other)

- Releases
  - DTP - 0.7
  - Technology ◆ VTP - Voice Tools Project - 1.0
  - Callisto
- Archived
  - Technology ◆ Lepido, Tools for Apache Cocoon
- Moved
  - Technology ⇒ WTP ◆ Dali

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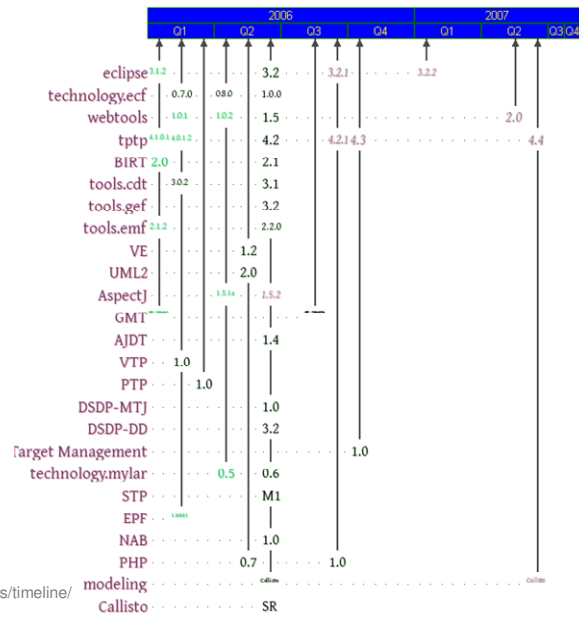

Proposals

Proposal	Current State
Dynamic Languages Toolkit	gathering community
ECM Rich Client Platform (Apogee)	gathering community
Enterprise Component Framework	creation review Wed, 21 Jun 2006 at 1500 UTC (slides 📄)
Java Workflow Toolbox	gathering community
Rich AJAX Platform (RAP)	creation review Wed, 21 Jun 2006 at 1500 UTC
Rich Server Platform - User Interface	gathering community
The DTP Enablement Project	gathering community
The Eclipse on Linux (Linux Distro) Project	gathering community

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Releases

http://www.eclipse.org/projects/timeline/

Appendix A: Interacting With Specification Organizations

Effective Date: June 27, 2006

Definitions:

1. "*Specification*" shall mean the materials produced by recognized specification-setting organizations including without limitation the formal standards bodies and industry consortia.

Policy:

It is in the interests of the Eclipse community to engage with and support open Specifications wherever possible. To that end, the Eclipse Management Organization (EMO) is instructed by the Board of Directors as follows:

- Unless otherwise approved pursuant to the Eclipse IP Policy, if an Eclipse project implements a Specification, then the Eclipse project must implement only those Specifications whose implementation can be made available under the Eclipse Public License (EPL). The Board hereby instructs the EMO to ensure compliance with this policy by all Eclipse projects. Any exceptions require prior approval pursuant to the procedures of the Eclipse IP Policy...

- If an Eclipse project implements a Specification, then the Eclipse project is encouraged to base its implementation on a Specification that has been developed by an independent, open and transparent organization.
    1. The Specification must be generally available at zero or nominal cost. Any exceptions require prior approval by the EMO.
    2. If a Technology Compatibility Kit (TCK) is required to support a project implementation, then the TCK must be generally available at zero or nominal cost, or the EMO must secure a license to the TCKs sufficient for all Eclipse committers with a need to run them. If gaining access to the TCK will add an obligation to Eclipse (financial or otherwise), prior EMO approval is required.

- Upon request by one or more projects, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the documents required to join a specification organization under the following conditions:

    1. All pertinent documents and agreements have been reviewed and approved by counsel to ensure that they do not conflict with the Eclipse Foundation Bylaws, Membership Agreement, IP Policy, and/or Anti-Trust Policy. Further, the licensing terms for the Specifications released by the organization must allow for implementations to be made available under the EPL.
    2. Participation in the specification organization has a clear benefit to one or more projects at Eclipse. In other words, participation in specification organizations must be based on tangible need
    3. Participation in the specification organization will not require participation of personnel (including committers) from any member company without prior written consent of the member company. (e.g. any staffing of expert groups must come from EMO staff or be previously approved by the staffing member companies
    4. Any costs associated with such membership greater than $20,000 are either previously budgeted or approved in writing by the Finance Committee

5. The EMO is instructed by the Board to work diligently to keep costs at a minimum by utilizing reciprocal membership arrangements or other mechanisms which result in low or zero cost participation by the Eclipse Foundation
6. A minimum of fifteen days notification is given to the membership-at-large prior to execution of the agreements.

The Eclipse Foundation is willing to work with specification organizations on special agreements to join, as for many specification organizations having a .org join is a new, but important, experience. The preference would be to help the specification organization evolve their membership criteria such that other .orgs can join, rather than Eclipse being a special case.

- Participation in any specification process under the auspices of the Eclipse Foundation (whether by EMO staff or member employees as envisaged in #3 above), must be conducted in an open and transparent manner. This implies, for example, that the Eclipse Foundation is restricted to direct participation in only those specification processes which allow for transparent development of Specifications. Note that this allows the case where the Eclipse Foundation is a member of a specification organization but does not participate in the specification process of that organization.

- The EMO is directed to not participate in any specification process where confidentiality provisions are required. Any exceptions require prior approval by the Board.

- It is recognized that many member companies participate in specification organizations in order to represent their own interests. Member companies or their employees cannot represent (e.g. vote on behalf of) the Eclipse Foundation without the prior written consent of the Eclipse Foundation. However, individuals who have committer or project leader status at Eclipse may make that affiliation known to anyone, and can in good faith represent the interests of that project.

- The Eclipse Foundation cannot represent the position of any member company within a specification process without the prior written consent of such member company.

- The Eclipse Foundation cannot contribute the intellectual property of any member company within a specification process without the prior written consent of such member company, such written approval to include any license grants required to make such contributions.