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# Industry Working Groups



## *Eclipse Working Groups*

- An attempt to formalize what is happening in the community
  - Requests for Embedded, Marketing Research, etc.
  - Loosely modeled after <http://groups.osdl.org/workgroups>
- Rules:
  - Any member can request the creation of a working group
  - The EMO will facilitate the request where and as possible (e.g. we may have resource constraints)
  - Upon the request of the initiating Member(s) the EMO will host the phone calls or other meetings
  - Each WG must have a defined scope and purpose
  - All meetings must be documented with abridged minutes and minutes are to be made available to any interested Member
  - The membership of any WG must be open to all Members and their employees, etc.
  - WG's are not empowered to act for the Foundation or to speak on its behalf without the permission of the EMO
  - WG's must comply with the Foundation's Bylaws and policies (including IP and anti-trust)
  - WG's can refer to themselves as "Eclipse Working Group for XXX" or "XXX Working Group"

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# Motivation

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- Grow our membership
- Make Eclipse participation appealing to enterprises and industry verticals
- Concrete implementation of how to create innovation networks and ecosystems at Eclipse
- Provide a framework to attract new consortia to the Eclipse ecosystem

# Industry Working Groups

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Industry Working Groups (IWG) allow organizations to collaborate and innovate on the creation of technology, specifications and best practices for a specific industry or market.

Industry WG provide:

- The legal agreements to share intellectual property rights.
- The ability to pool resources to create new technology and standards.
- IT infrastructure to facilitate collaboration between a distributed team.
- A governance model and process to ensure a level playing field
- A technology platform

# What can be accomplished in an IWG

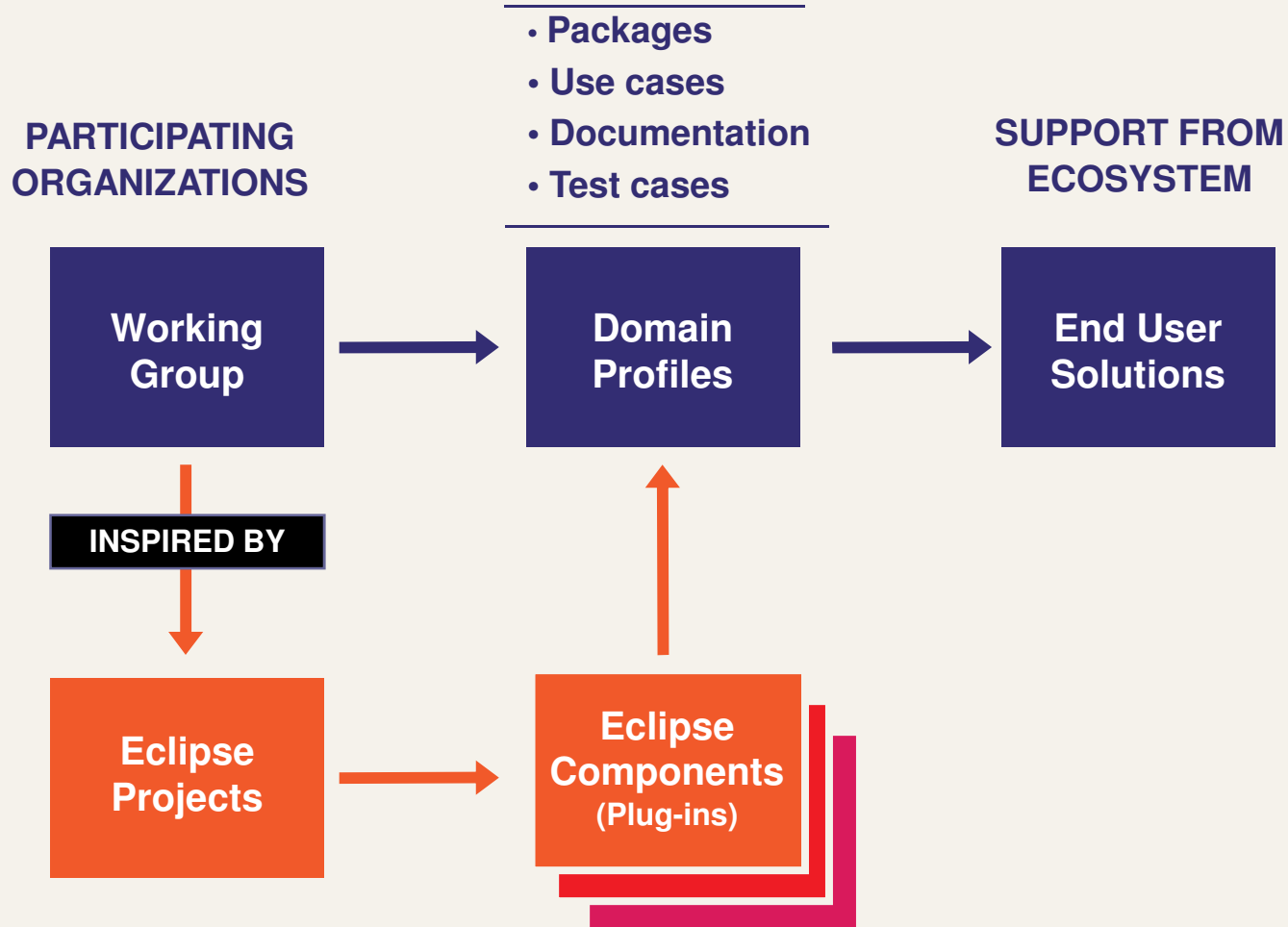
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IWG typically focus on solving a problem that is shared in a specific industry

IWG can:

- Create packages of Eclipse projects tailored to meet the needs of a specific industry
- Define recommended specifications to be implemented by an Eclipse project(s)
- Document requirements that will be used as input into an Eclipse project
- Write best practices documentation
- Implement End to End use cases and testing
- Execute marketing programs to create awareness for the WG offering

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# Industry Working Group Membership & Governance

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Two levels of participation in an industry working group

- Steering Committee
- Working Group Participant

IWG Steering Committee

- Writing the scope for the industry working group
- Set objectives, strategies, policies and plans
- Determine the guidelines for member participation in the industry working group.
- Determine what features/components are part of the industry working group
- Determines resource commitments for all industry working group participants that will cover external resources (development, marketing programs, etc.)

IWG Steering Committee Obligations

- Steering Committee Member must be a strategic or enterprise member of the Eclipse Foundation
- Steering Committee Member will be expected to commit additional resources to participate in the WG activities; this will be defined by the steering committee.

IWG Participants

- All participants must be members of the Eclipse Foundation
- Participate in the IWG meetings; have access to mailing lists, IWG wikis and other assets.

# Starting an Industry Working Group

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1. Identify 2-3 organizations that will form the initial Steering Committee.
  - Steering Committee drafts Statement of Intent (SOI) for the IWG.
  - Include proposal for chairperson(s) of the steering committee
  - Scope needs to include a statement of intent describing what the WG hopes to accomplish in the next 12-18 months
2. Draft SOI is sent to Eclipse membership for review and feedback
  - also allow for other participants from the Eclipse membership
3. SOI approved for the Eclipse Foundation Executive Director
4. Eclipse Foundation assigns a staff member to act as a primary contact for the IWG
5. Eclipse Foundation turns on the IT infrastructure for the IWG