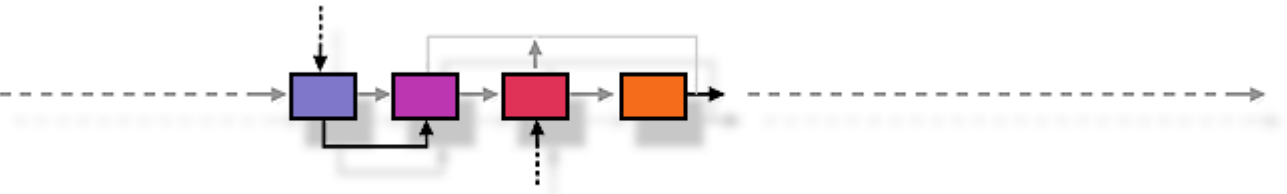




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# IP Working Group Report

January 24, 2013

# Background



- After discussing the “Oracle Proposals” at the Zurich f2f meeting we agreed:
  - To report EC members’ responses back to Oracle.
  - To re-start the IP Working Group.
- This presentation reports our progress in these areas.

# EC members' responses to Oracle's proposals



- EC members' responses are documented in the following slides (all have been reported back to Oracle.)
- Those listed **in red** have not yet been resolved. A summary of each of these issues has been incorporated (again **in red**) into an [updated version of the proposal presentation](#).
- The other suggestions have been incorporated directly into the updated presentation.

# EC members' responses to Oracle's proposals



- Oracle's determination that Field of Use clauses be permitted should be explicitly called out in the proposals.
- The IP-flow we adopt should be “flat” rather than based on a “hub-and-spoke” model.
  - Contributors should make grants directly to implementers and users rather than IP flowing via the Spec Lead.
- A Contributor Agreement may be unnecessary for projects hosted at well-regulated institutions such as Eclipse and Apache.
- Any Contributor Agreement we approve must be symmetric (not granting special rights to any institution) and must not grant joint ownership to Oracle.

# EC members' responses (2)



- Define a Standard Commercial RI License for use when this is the only RI license offered (when Oracle takes advantage of the *Umbrella JSR exemption*).
- Permit the Spec Lead to offer additional open-source and commercial TCK licenses, which need not be disclosed, as proposed for the RI license.
- Insisting that the Community TCK License be available only through the RI open-source project discriminates against alternative FOSS implementations (e.g. JBOSS).
- Commit to community TCK licenses for Java SE and EE.
- Document Oracle's commitment to waive the *Umbrella JSR exemption* for Java SE and EE.

# Progress in the IP Working Group



- The group continued to meet regularly until shortly before the winter break.
- We focused primarily on defining what a “flat” (as opposed to “hub-and-spoke”) IPR policy would look like and on the possible need for a standard Contributor Agreement .
- See the meeting minutes in our [Document Archive](#) for details.

# A flat IPR policy



- Oracle’s lawyers are sympathetic to “flattening” the IPR policy.
- However, the *devil is in the details*, and further discussions will be necessary.
- We drafted a *Term Sheet* which – after the full EC approves – we will pass to the lawyers for drafting.
- See <https://java.net/downloads/jsr358/Meeting%20Materials/IP-flow-v8.pdf>.
- We are still waiting for feedback on this document from EC members (and their lawyers).
  - So far we have received feedback only from Red Hat, CloudBees, and Fujitsu. ☹

# Contributor Agreements

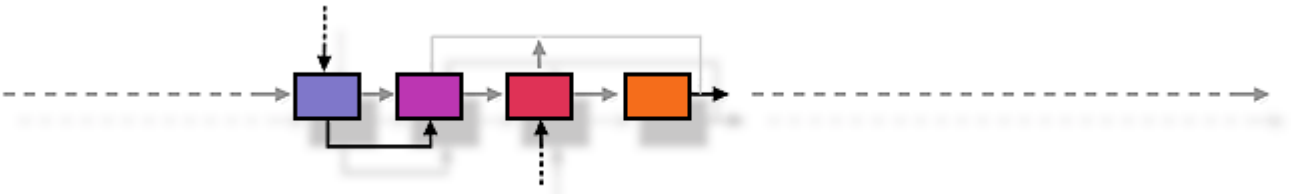


- Discussions on the Contributor Agreement topic are ongoing with Jim Wright (Oracle's *Open Source Policy and Strategy Officer*) and Oracle Legal.





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