

Java Community Process Executive Committees Meeting

Meeting Summary

March 30 and 31, 2003
Vodafone Offices, Dusseldorf, Germany
Face-to-Face Only Meeting

Attendance

JCP PMO - Aaron Williams, Harold Ogle, Onno Kluyt, Rob Gingell

ME EC

Ericsson Mobile Platforms - Angana Ghosh
IBM - Jim Mickelson
Insignia - not present
Intel - Wayne Carr
Matsushita - John Buford
Motorola - James Warden
Nokia - Pentti Savolainen
Philips - Jon Piesing
RIM - Anthony Scian
Siemens - Lothar Borrmann, Marquart Franz, Birgit Kreller
Sony - not present
Sony-Ericsson - Hanz Hagar
Sun - Danny Coward
Symbian - Jonathan Allin
TI - Marion Lineberry
Vodafone - Andreas Binder

SE/EE EC

Apache - Geir Magnusson
Apple - not present
BEA - Ed Cobb
Borland - not present
Fujitsu - Mike DeNicola
HP - Scott Jameson
IBM - Steve Wolfe, Andy Dean
IONA - Rebecca Bergersen
Doug Lea - not present
Macromedia - not present

Richard Monson-Haefel - present
Nokia Networks – Dietmar Tallroth
Oracle - Don Deutsch
SAP - Vicki Shipkowitz
SCO - not present
Sun – Tim Lindholm

Agenda

DAY ONE

- * PMO General Topics
- * Extended Stats
- * JavaOne
- * JCP 2.6 Deployment
- * Early Access
- * EC Member Guide
- * JCP.next
- * Break-out Sessions

DAY TWO

- * EC Member Guide Revisited
- * JSRs 235, 236 and 237
- * Best Practices

PMO General Topics

The PMO presented the usual set of statistics and general information to the members of the ECs. Recently, the PMO attended a meeting of the JTC-1 standards group, and a brief presentation regarding that meeting was presented. It was a very slow month for JSRs, but the usual stats regarding JSR voting were provided to the EC members.

Extended Stats

Roughly every 6 months, the PMO tries to present a set of extended stats to the ECs to provide them with metrics for how well the community is operating. The PMO presented membership stats, including the fact that as of March 2004, there are 782 members of the JCP. The PMO also presented stats on JSRs, including the fact that there were 16 new JSRs started from June 2003 to March 2004 (that's roughly 1.8 new JSRs per month).

JavaOne

The PMO has begun planning for JavaOne 2004, and presented a rough outline of the plan to the EC Members. The plan included an EG room for EGs to meet in, like last year. It also included a "Java Communities in Action" event for Tuesday evening (June 29th). There will also be a Birds of the Feather session for the PMO. Each EC member is also being provided with a pass to JavaOne from the PMO, as in previous years.

JCP 2.6 Deployment

The PMO presented the final plan for the deployment of JCP 2.6. The PMO presented most of the features that had been implemented, but reminded the ECs that there were a few features that were still being finalized. The PMO expected to complete those features in the next few weeks, and take JSR 215 final at that time.

Early Access

The PMO reminded the EC members that there were two documents that had been discussed at the December meeting that had not been posted to the web site yet, for the community to use. Unfortunately there were still open issues with the document that were presented by the EC Members, and it was sent back to the EC Subgroup for further editing. The PMO expressed its desire to have this posted as soon as possible.

EC Member Guide

The PMO presented version 0.11 of the draft EC Member Guide, which was jointly developed by the PMO and the ECs. This is a guide designed to provide information for EC Members about how they carry out their duties as expressed in the JCP Process Document, including online balloting on JSRs and meetings. The PMO presented the current version of the guide and listened to feedback from EC Members. Over lunch, the Guide was updated to version 0.12 and presented to the EC members again in the afternoon. EC Members asked for the opportunity to review this over the evening and provide further comments the next morning.

JCP.next

The PMO encouraged EC Members to provide input for what they would like to see the ECs focus on next. This could be an update to the process, it could be an update to the JSPA, or it could be programs that we can implement to encourage broader participation in the community. Several EC Members presented their specific ideas, and the PMO presented some questions they had been kicking around. The group agreed to provide input to the Subgroup Meetings in the coming month, and then to discuss it in more detail at the EC face-to-face meeting in Toronto in July.

Break Out Sessions

Each EC spent time discussing the issues that were most important to them.

EC Member Guide Revisited

The second day of the meeting started with a review of version 0.12 of the EC Member Guide. All EC Members in attendance, except for one, expressed support for the new guide. The PMO appreciated that guidance and agreed to respond to the ECs soon regarding the implementation of the Member Guide.

JSRs 235, 236 and 237

Several EC Members expressed concern regarding these JSRs because the Spec Leads had asked the perspective EG members to sign a separate agreement in order to join the Expert Group. IBM and BEA explained that they were trying to solve a problem where a Spec Lead wants to bring an existing technology into the JCP. The group agreed that there was a problem that needed to be addressed and agreed to take the discussion offline to explore the issue and possible solutions.

Best Practices

The PMO presented an update to the Best Practices discussion that has been discussed at several previous meetings. The PMO again asked EC Members to step forward and help break some of the logjams in the conversation. The PMO also suggested that the Best Practices be broken up into smaller separate proposals instead of being lumped all together. There were also deeper discussions with regards to third-party TCK testing and other specific Best Practices.