Merging the ECs

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Background

• Currently we have two separate ECs, one for Java ME and one for Java EE.

• The ECs have agreed that since *Java is One Platform*, and since we expect ME and SE to converge over time, we should merge the two ECs into one.
  – JSR 355 will focus on making this change.

• We will reduce the number of seats, and keep the same ratio (2:1) of ratified and elected seats.
  – Oracle will give up one of its permanent seats.
  – No other member may hold more than one seat.

• The change will be initiated during the 2012 elections, but may need to be implemented over time.
Current status

• [JSR 355: JCP Executive Committee Merge](#) has been filed.
  – Please check and confirm names listed as EC members.
  – The 14-day JSR Approval Ballot begins today (Tuesday February 7).

• The [java.net project](#) has been created.

• Target dates:
  – Early Draft Review: April 2012
  – Public Draft Review: May 2012
  – Proposed Final Draft: July 2012
  – Final Approval Ballot: August 2012
The current working-group consensus

- Reduce the size of the merged EC to 25 members.
- Merge the ECs after the 2012 election and eliminate Oracle and IBM's second seats at this time.
- Allow the 2013 cohort to serve out their terms, and then eliminate the remaining seats and require everyone to stand for re-election in 2013.
  - Reconsider the goal of 25 seats before the 2013 election – if we need to change this, do so with a Maintenance Release of JSR 355.
Decisions

- How many members should the merged EC have?
  - Consensus: 25 (to be reconsidered before the 2013 election.)
- When and how should seats be eliminated?
  - Merge and eliminate duplicates in 2012 – eliminate remaining seats (everyone runs for reelection) in 2013.
- Change the meeting quorum from 3/4 of voting members?
  - Unnecessary - non-attendees don't count towards quorum.
- Change the super-majority voting rules?
  - Unnecessary – abstentions don't count.
- Switch to a two-year election cycle?
- Increase the minimum number of "yes" votes for JSR approval?
Two or three year election cycle?

• With a smaller number of members we might want to switch to a two-year election cycle.

• Benefits:
  – Greater competition in elections.
  – Easier to remove non-participating members.
    • By not re-ratifying, or by voting them out.
  – More turnover would bring fresh ideas into the EC.

• Disadvantages:
  – Potential loss of continuity and “institutional memory.”
Increase yes votes required to approve JSRs?

- The current requirement of 5 *yes* votes for JSR approval is equivalent to approximately 1/3 of the membership of the separate ECs.
- The equivalent number for a combined EC of 25 would be 8 *yes* votes.
  - For the 2012-2013 year, when the EC has 30 members, the equivalent would be 10 *yes* votes.
Next steps

• Select a Chair and schedule Working Group meetings.
• File issues in Issue Tracker.
• Begin drafting revised Process Document.
Backup data
# Current composition of the ECs

| Seats expiring in 2012 | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Ratified (SE/EE)       | Credit Suisse, Fujitsu, HP, IBM |
| Ratified (ME)          | AT&T, Siemens, T-Mobile, Vodafone |
| Elected (SE/EE)        | London Java Community |
| Elected (ME)           | CableLabs |

| Seats expiring in 2013 | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Ratified (SE/EE)       | Goldman Sachs, Red Hat, SouJava |
| Ratified (ME)          | RIM, Samsung, TOTVS |
| Elected (SE/EE)        | Eclipse, Google |
| Elected (ME)           | Stefano Andreani, Aplix |

| Seats expiring in 2014 | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Ratified (SE/EE)       | Ericsson, Intel, SAP |
| Ratified (ME)          | IBM, Nokia, SK Telecom |
| Elected (SE/EE)        | Twitter, Azul |
| Elected (ME)           | ARM, Werner Keil |
Proposal and implementation (1)

- Hold the 2012 elections as usual but inform candidates that they will serve only a one-year term if elected.
- Merge the two ECs immediately after the 2012 election and eliminate Oracle's and IBM's second seat.
  - The merged EC will therefore have 30 members, minus those who lose their votes due to non-attendance.
- Eliminate three ratified and two elected seats in the October 2013 elections, reducing the EC to 25 members.
  - All remaining seats (including those who were elected in 2012) will be up for re-election in 2013.
Proposal and implementation (2)

- After 2013 we will reset to a two-year election cycle.
- Rank members elected in 2013 to determine whether their initial term will be one or two years.
  - The 50% in each of the group of ratified and elected members who receive the most votes will serve an initial two-year term, while the others will serve an initial one-year term.
- All members elected in 2014 and subsequently will serve a two-year term.
Thank You!

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