



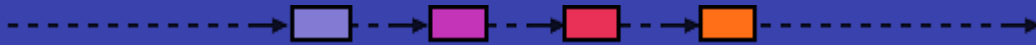
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Merging the ECs

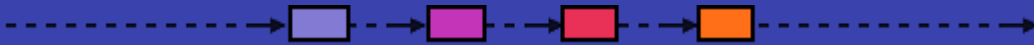
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Background



- 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



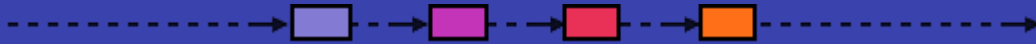
- Reduce the size of the merged EC to 25 members.
- Merge the ECs after the 2012 election and eliminate Oracle and IBM's second seats at this time.
- Allow the 2013 cohort to serve out their terms, and then eliminate the remaining seats and require everyone to stand for re-election in 2013.
 - Reconsider 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



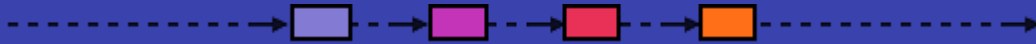
- How many members should the merged EC have?
 - Consensus: 25 (to be reconsidered before the 2013 election.)
- When and how should seats be eliminated?
 - Merge and eliminate duplicates in 2012 – eliminate remaining seats (everyone runs for reelection) in 2013.
- Change the meeting quorum from 3/4 of 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.

Appendix



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.

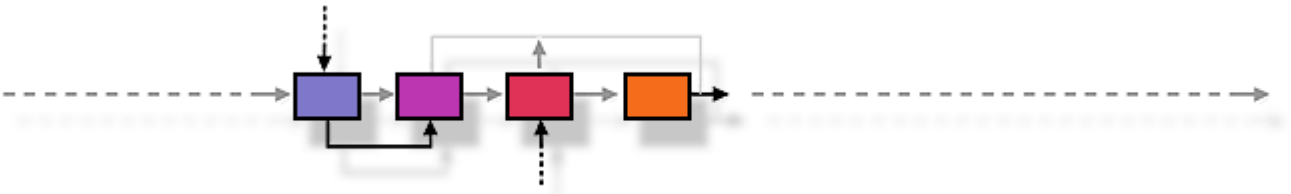
Proposal and implementation (2)



- 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.



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Thank You!

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