

Java Community Process Executive Committees Meeting

Meeting Summary

December 10 and 11, 2003
HP Campus, Cupertino, California
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 - Chris Richardson
Intel - Wayne Carr, Tony Baker
Matsushita - Deanna Wilkes-Gibbs
Motorola - James Warden
Nokia - Pentti Savolainen
Philips -
RIM - Anthony Scian
Siemens - Michael Becker
Sony -
Sony-Ericsson - Hanz Hagar
Sun - Danny Coward
Symbian - Jonathan Allin
TI - Marion Lineberry
Vodafone - Jochen Hertle, Andreas Binder

SE/EE EC

Apache - Geir Magnusson
Apple - Dave Michael
BEA - Ed Cobb, John Beatty, Bill Cox
Borland -
Fujitsu - Mike DeNicola
HP - DJ Powers
IBM - Steve Wolfe, Mark Thomas
IONA -Rebecca Bergersen
Doug Lea - not present
Macromedia -

JCP Confidential

Richard Monson-Haefel - present
Nokia Networks -Dietmar Tallroth
Oracle - Don Deutsch, Glen Foster
SAP - Michael Bechauf, Vicki Shipkowitz
SCO -
Sun - Graham Hamilton

Agenda

DAY ONE

- * PMO General Topics
- * JSR 215 and JCP 2.6 Update
- * Early Access Discussion
- * Final Approval Ballot Materials
- * Process Discussion
- * Best Practices
- * Java Tools
- * JCP.next

DAY TWO

- * Licensing Discussion
- * Break-Out Sessions

PMO General Topics

The PMO welcomed the new members to the EC and provided a new contact list for each EC. EC members were asked to respond to the PMO if the contact info needed to be updated. A scholarship program was introduced for non-profit and individual EC members to help offset the costs of being on the EC. The meeting schedule for 2004 was finalized and presented to the EC members. The schedule of marketing opportunities and events was also presented. EC members were asked to get back to the PMO with their list of activities for the coming year. JavaOne 2004 was also highlighted during this discussion. The usual EC stats were provided to the EC members and discussed.

JSR 215 and JCP 2.6 Update

JSR 215 passed final approval ballot and it is being rolled out. The PMO thanked the EC members for their hard work on the JSR. The PMO is currently targeting a release date of March 2nd for JCP 2.6, but will get back to the ECs with more details once they are finalized. A sample TCK Coverage Document was prepared by the PMO and provided to the EC members for comment. EC members were asked to respond in the next month.

Early Access Discussion

The PMO produced a timeline illustrating the different members of the community and when they were allowed to have access to JSRs. This

timeline was designed to supplement a document completed by BEA which outlined the basic rules in text. EC members were given the opportunity to comment on the timeline. The PMO agreed to update the timeline to reflect version 2.6 of the process.

Final Approval Ballot Materials

The PMO had been recently asked several questions regarding the materials that are expected from Spec Leads at Final Approval Ballot, and wanted to check with the EC members to get their opinion. The items that are expected were presented and EC members were asked if that was enough information to evaluate the JSRs. EC members provided feedback including asking for a common naming convention for JSRs and asking for more complete licenses, not just descriptive text. The EC members also discussed balloting and at what point JSRs should be allowed to withdraw themselves from a ballot if they find a problem. The PMO took all this advice under advisement and agreed to respond to the comments and suggestions.

Process Discussion

The PMO presented a clearer representation for the EC members of how the EC operates today, and what rules are followed for the EC to make decisions. EC members were asked to provide comments and feedback regarding the status quo. Then the PMO presented a possible way to update the EC process to give the EC members a more clear mechanism for making decisions and getting things done. EC members were not very supportive of the PMO plan, and the PMO called for other plans from the EC members. The status of the Uber Ad Hoc meetings was also discussed. It was agreed that since the Uber Ad Hoc has become more of a sub-group meeting and less ad hoc, that its name should be changed. Also the process for getting things on the Sub-Group Meeting agenda were made more clear. Finally, the PMO presented plans to create an EC Member Guide, to make it more clear to EC members what the practices are for meetings, and where EC resources can be found. The PMO agreed to create the document and get it back to the ECs for review as quickly as possible.

Best Practices

IBM and Nokia were offered time to discuss their proposal, and the PMO was offered time to discuss theirs. There were still differences between the two and EC members expressed impatience with both proposals. The PMO offered to sit down with IBM and Nokia to hammer out the differences.

Java Tools

Ken Oestreich from Sun and Michael Bechauf from SAP presented a plan to create a group to watch out for issues of “toolability” in JSRs. The group would not create JSRs or Java APIs, it would just act to combine the interest of the tool companies with regards to JSRs running through the JCP. EC Members supported the initiative and were happy to see this group get involved early on in the process of JSRs.

JCP.next

The PMO asked for EC members to begin thinking about changes that they would like to see made to the process. The PMO also presented changes that they have been thinking about to get input from the EC members. None of the ideas presented were fully investigated, but the PMO mentioned changes to the structure of EC seats, the nature of the relationship between Sun and the other companies in the JCP, and Spec Lead's flexibility. The PMO has presented some of these ideas to the public in other forums to get feedback and there has been positive response.

Licensing Discussion

Some issues were discussed regarding recent licenses put forth for JSRs at the submission stage. Some EC members expressed distress regarding the potentially viral nature of the licenses and the Spec Lead agreed to make updates and send them out to the EC members.

Break Out Sessions

Each EC spent time discussing issues specific to themselves.