

Java Community Process Executive Committees Meeting

Meeting Summary

December 7, 2004
Teleconference Meeting

Attendance

PMO

Aaron Williams
Onno Kluyt
Harold Ogle

ME

Ericsson Mobile: Angana Ghosh
IBM: Mark Vandenbrink
Intel: Tony Baker
Matsushita: not present
Motorola: James Warden
Nokia; Pentti Savolainen
NTT DoCoMo: not present
Orange France: not present
Philips: Jon Piesing
RIM: Nobuhisa Yoda
Samsung: Ho An
Siemens: Marquart Franz
Sony-Ericsson: Hanz Hagar
Sun: Danny Coward
Symbian: Jonathan Allin
Vodafone: Unai Labirua

SE/EE

Apache: Geir Magnusson
Apple: not present
BEA: Ed Cobb
Borland : not present

Fujitsu - Mike DeNicola
Google: Josh Bloch
HP: Scott Jameson
IBM: Mark Thomas, Steve Wolfe
IONA: Steve Vinoskey
Intel: Wayne Carr
JBoss: not present
Doug Lea: present
Nortel : Bill Bourne
Oracle: Don Deutsch
SAP: Michael Bechauf
Sun: Peter Walker

Agenda

- PMO Report
- Welcome For New EC Members
- Intel Proposal: TCK Licensing
- Intel Proposal: Early License Information

PMO Report

The PMO presented the usual stats and information to the EC Members. The PMO reminded EC Members of the change to the times of the EC Meetings and Subgroup Meetings to better accommodate the participation of EC members in Asian time zones.

Welcome For New EC Members

The PMO welcomed the newly elected members of the EC. They are: Google, Intel (for SE/EE), JBoss, Nortel, NTT DoCoMo, Orange France and Samsung. Each new EC Member took a moment to introduce themselves to the group. The PMO appreciates the willingness of community members to serve as EC Members and help determine the direction of the JCP.

Intel Proposal: TCK License Conditions on Tested Code

Intel presented a proposal to change the JSPA to ensure that TCK licenses could not impose conditions on the use of the code that the TCK tests. EC Members discussed several possible conditions where this change would benefit the community. One example of the type of TCK license conditions that the proposal would forbid would be a TCK license condition requiring that code that fails the TCK no longer be used for any purpose by its authors until it can be made to pass the TCK. Sun expressed concern because the use of the TCK license in this manner is one piece of the over all package that helps protect the Java platform from fragmentation by ensuring compatibility. Intel expressed concern that conditions like those discussed could make it impossible for not-for-profit open source organizations to accept the free TCK license that the JSPA requires that they be offered. Intel called for a vote on the proposal and that motion passed the EC vote. The J2SE/EE EC approved by a vote of 12 yes, 1 no and 3 not present. The J2ME EC approved by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no, 5 abstain and 3 not present. The PMO thanked the ECs for the guidance and promised to respond to the proposal by the next EC meeting.

Intel Proposal: Early TCK License Information

Intel presented another proposal to change the JCP Process Document to require Spec Leads to provide more detailed draft TCK licensing information earlier in the process. Some EC Members supported this proposal and said it would provide community members with the information necessary to determine whether to invest in EG participation or in the creation of Independent Implementations. There was concern that without this, one could invest only to learn much later that they were unable to create an Independent Implementation because they could not accept the specific conditions of the required TCK license. Sun expressed reservations because it was not always clear at the start of a JSR what the licensing would end up being. Intel responded that this proposal only required a draft, and that the Spec Lead could change the TCK license draft in good faith, as the JSR progressed. Intel made a motion to vote on the proposal and it passed the EC vote. The J2SE/EE EC approved by a vote of 10 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain and 3 not present. The J2ME EC approved by a vote of 10 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain and 3 not present. The PMO thanked the ECs for their guidance and promised to respond to the ECs regarding this proposal by the next EC Meeting.