Java Community Process

Executive Committees Meeting

Meeting Summary

18 & 19 May 2005
Face-to-face Meeting
ETSI Conference Center, Les Lucioles, France

Attendance

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Onno Kluyt
Aaron Williams
Harold Ogle
Liz Kiener

ME EC

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Ericsson Mobile Platforms – Angana Ghosh
IBM – David Girle, Dan Bandera
Intel – Eric Dittert
Matsushita – not present
Motorola – James Warden
Nokia – Pentti Savolainen, Dietmar Tallroth
NTT DoCoMo: Yamada Kazuhiro
Orange France: Cuihtlauac Alvarado
Philips – Jon Piesing
RIM – Nobu Yoda
Samsung: Ho An
Siemens: Marquart Franz
Sony-Ericsson – Hanz Hager

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Apache - Geir Magnusson
Apple – not present
BEA – Ed Cobb
Borland – not present
Fujitsu – Mike DeNicola
Google – not present
HP – Scott Jameson
IBM – Mark Thomas
IONA – not present
Intel – Wayne Carr
Jboss – Sascha Labourey
Doug Lea – not present
Nortel Networks – Bill Bourne
Oracle – Don Deutsch
SAP – Vicki Shipkowitz
Sun – Peter Walker

Agenda
PMO Report
Community Principles
Wording in Drafts/specs & Open Source Development Methodology
JSRs 235-237
Individuals and the JSPA
EC Election Procedures
Extended Stats
JSRs in need
Spec Leads discussion: Andreas Ebbert and Vincent Perrot

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EC Member Guide
JavaOne Preparation
Java Platform Naming

PMO General Topics
The PMO presented its usual general information and statistics to the EC Members. EC Members were reminded of the dates for the September EC meeting in Tokyo (hosted by NTT DoCoMo).

Community Principles
The PMO presented a history of the JCP and the principles on which it was founded, as a reference for the newer EC Members who had not been present on the Committee for such previous discussions. This led into a discussion by the EC of the value of a binary standard toward product marketing and technology development.

Wording in Drafts/Spec & Open Source Development Methodology
An EC Member led a discussion on two issues: implementation of draft specifications, and development/implementation of final specifications. The EC discussed the JSPA, open source development, and the early disclosure of licensing terms.

JSRs 235-237
The PMO provided an update on the status of these JSRs, which had been discussed at previous EC Meetings because of the Spec Leads' intention to require EG Members to sign a side letter in order to participate. The PMO is working with the Spec Leads to come up with a solution.

Individuals and the JSPA
At the EC Meeting in December, the ECs started a conversation on individuals and their role in the JCP. The PMO presented a revised Exhibit B as a proposal for a revision to the JSPA to mitigate some of the concerns EC Members had expressed earlier. The EC discussed the proposal and

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provided feedback to the PMO, which will bring another proposal to the June meeting with the goal of starting a new JSR to revise that part of the JSPA.

EC Election Procedures
The EC discussed the nature of the Executive Committee and the details of the voting by which it is formed. The concern that the PMO had heard was that anyone can participate in the elections after signing the JSPA: both to vote and to run for open elections. The PMO expressed a belief that the EC should be representative of active JCP Members, and the EC discussed possible ways to revise the election process to encourage that result. The PMO also asked for ideas on how to improve voter turnout.

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 May 2005, there are 913 members of the JCP. The PMO also presented stats on JSRs, including the fact that there were 14 new JSRs started from November 2004 to May 2005 (roughly 2.3 JSRs per month).

JSRs in need
The PMO presented a list of JSRs which haven't produced a draft after more than a year since their formation as JSRs. The EC provided updates and discussed mechanisms for “restarting” such stalled JSRs.

Spec Lead Presentation
The ECs welcomed two Spec Leads giving their perspectives on the JCP. Vincent Perrot, Maintenance Lead for JSR 144, and Andreas Ebbert, Maintenance Lead of JSR 89, Spec Lead of JSR 264 shared an overview of the Operating Support System through Java initiative and summarized the various OSS/J JSRs. They talked about Final Releases, stressing the importance and value of the TCK, and that the Maintenance Process is vital to keeping the specifications current. They also talked about adoption: how they help people adopt the final specifications through public sites like

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java.net and ossj.org. The EC discussed licensing models with Vincent and Andreas, as well as the makeup of the OSS organization/consortium. The EC and PMO congratulated the OSS team on their good work.

**EC Member Guide**

The EC Member Guide was created in May of 2004 to guide EC Members as to how the ECs conduct business, and how they carry out their responsibilities. The PMO solicited feedback from the EC on how the Member Guide was working for them. The PMO also presented some suggested changes, specifically updating the time constraints for when agendas and materials needed to be sent to the ECs before meetings, because the times in the 1.0 version of the EC Member Guide were not very realistic. EC Members pushed back, asking the PMO to be more diligent in getting the materials and agendas out on time, even if that meant that some agenda items would be sent later or even not make it onto the agenda until the following meeting. EC Members also discussed a change to the balloting section that clarified the existing practice for review materials provided as part of a ballot.

**JavaOne 2005 Preparation**

The PMO presented a list of JCP events at JavaOne, discussed the Community Awards, and reminded the EC of the call for nominees for those awards.

**Java Platform Naming**

The PMO presented an update to the naming of the Java platforms.