

Executive Committee Meeting Report for December 12-13 2006

Date: December 12-13 2006

Location: Sun campus @ Burlington, MA

Agenda

First Day	Second Day
PMO Topics	JSR 306
Welcome new EC Members	
JCP Marketing Plan 2007	
Update on Sun's Java OSS initiatives	
Lunch	
Spec Lead presentation - JSR 247, Mark Hornick, Oracle	
JCP/JSR stats	
JSR 306	

EC Attendance

PMO

Onno Kluyt
Max Lanfranconi
Corina Ulescu

ME EC

BenQ – SS Chen
Jean-Marie Dautelle – present
Ericsson Mobile Platforms – Magnus Olsson
IBM – David Oliver
Intel – Eric Dittert
Motorola – *not present*
Nokia – Dietmar Tallroth
NTT DoCoMo – *not present*
Orange France – Cuithlauac Alvarado
Philips – *not present*

RIM – Mike Rybak
Samsung – Vincent Kwon
Siemens – Klaus Jank
Sony-Ericsson – Jeff Griffin
Sun – Calinel Pasteanu, John Muhlner
Vodafone – Guenter Klas

SE/EE EC

Apache – *not present*
BEA – *not present*
Borland – *not present*
Fujitsu – Mike DeNicola
Google – Josh Bloch
HP – Scott Jameson
IBM – Steve Wolfe
Intel – Wayne Carr
RedHat Middleware – Weston Price
Doug Lea – present
Nortel Networks – *not present*
Oracle – Mark Hornick
SAP – *not present*
SAS Institute – Keith Holdaway
Hani Suleiman – *not present*
Sun – Danny Coward

PMO Topics

The PMO presented its usual set of information to the ECs.

Welcome New EC Members

Jean-Marie Dautelle and SS Chen introduced themselves to the meeting.

JCP Marketing Plan 2007

Max Lanfranconi and Corina Ulescu of the PMO presented the PMO's marketing and PR plan for the coming year, including an overview of events and PR activities the PMO plans to participate in.

Update on Sun's Java OSS initiatives

Danny Coward gave an overview of Sun's Java OSS initiatives and reviewed Sun's announcement on November 13 of the launch of the OpenJDK and Mobile & Embedded open source communities.

Spec Lead presentation

Mark Hornick of Oracle presented on JSR 247.

JCP/JSR stats

Onno presented data on completed ballots since the November meeting. He gave a general encouragement to EC members to vote in JSR ballots.

JSR 306

Mike DeNicola gave a summary of the ad hoc conference calls since the last EC meeting.

Onno Kluyt gave Sun's ruling on the request to incorporate the TCK licensing related edits into the main JSPA draft:

Sun is the Spec Lead for JSR 306. We recognize that there is support among EC members for the motions. We have discussed this with Sun's senior management and we have decided that we cannot support them. I like to give you briefly a sense of our reasoning before we move on to our next topic.

Currently the Spec Lead must already disclose business terms at various points in the life of a JSR with an increasing levels of detail and preciseness. Sun does not see it as appropriate to require spec leads to provide full disclosure on financial terms and believes that such a policy may involve risk in certain scenarios seeing the competitive make-up of the community.

The requirement to offer a license within a pre-determined period of time cannot in effective terms be enforced or its adherence be guaranteed in any manner by the Program Office. The requirement then appears to lead to situations of false expectations by potential licensees while putting undue burden on spec leads just as often as it may relieve certain suggested difficulties.

And lastly, thee effort to put rather open-ended borders on the TCK license a spec lead may offer unnecessarily limits the spec lead's ability to fund the JSR's undertaking and is seen by Sun as damaging to its commercial business and the investments it continues to make in the growth of the Java ecology and the Java community. And as such, it is not prudent for Sun to accept.

Intel disagreed with each of the reasons Sun gave for rejecting the proposal and said they would repeat these reasons in email to the ECs. Intel said the information on TCK Licensing accepted now is often vague and only an echo of the JSPA requirements with no real information. Intel said there is public disclosure now of the Spec License for implementation of the Spec but that license typically also requires a (confidential) TCK license and the concern is that conditions of that license (available only from a single source) could impede competition, so more information would aid rather than hurt consumers by ensuring specs can be implemented. Intel said that the proposal was just like the existing requirements to offer licenses so the proposal created no additional enforcement burden on the PMO. Finally, Intel said that in addition to the proposed new public TCK License alternative Spec Leads would also be able to offer whatever additional TCK Licenses they chose (including confidential alternatives) so the proposal just

increased public information, it did not limit what licenses the Spec Lead offered.

The JCP draft document was reviewed. The main edits are to the so-called “sunset rule” on long-running JSRs. A modification was requested to make explicit the ability for an EC to call for a JSR Renewal ballot.

The meeting continued with reviewing the current JSPA draft. This led to a discussion on definitions for “Java Implementation” and “non-Java Implementation” and a discussion on use case scenarios for Hybrid.

A proposal was made to further explore use case scenarios at the upcoming Ad Hoc conference calls, and to attempt to present a better definition for “non-Java Implementation” at the January EC meeting.