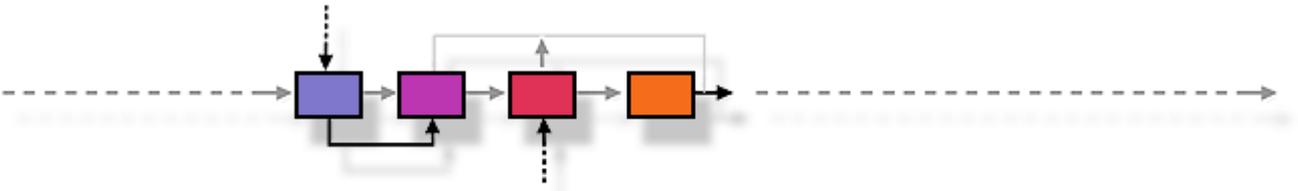




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Increasing end-user participation in the JCP

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Frame of reference



- Who are the LJC?
 - London Java Community
 - JUG, elected May 2011
 - Broadly F/OSS viewpoint, but members largely corporate developers. Pragmatic synthesis.
- Who is an “end-user”?
 - Developers “in the wild” (F/OSS devs, spare time hackers)
 - Employees at JCP member firms

Increasing participation (JUGs)



- **Communication, Communication, Communication**
 - E.g. Running a JSR lightning talk every session
 - Building a community with deep roots takes time (& effort)
- **Adopt-a-JSR**
 - Let 348 help clear away no longer active JSRs
- **Hack Days**
 - Will run more as SE 8 gets underway (lambdas, modularity)
- **Something for everyone**
 - Docs, blogging, popularising all help
 - How many F/OSS projects are crying out for document writers & testers?
- **“Technical skin in the game”**
- **“Nature abhors a vacuum”**
 - Either we communicate clearly or conspiracy theories rage
 - People care about this - if they didn't, the stories wouldn't propagate

Increasing participation (Corp Members)



- How to help as a corporate member of the EC
 - Get your developers involved
 - Encourage them
 - Remove barriers
- Communication, Communication, Communication
 - Internal Tech Forums
 - Building a community with deep roots takes time (& effort)
- Adopt-a-JSR
 - Pick JSRs which matter to your Firm and developers
 - E.g. JSR-310, lambdas

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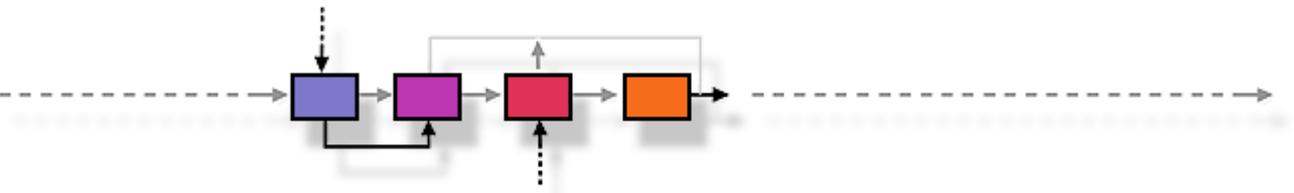


- Checklist Questions

- Does your Firm have any metrics to track JCP participation by employees?
- What about ROI from participation?
- Have you sanity-checked your organisation's processes lately?
- E.g. new hire wants to join an EG, what would they do?
- How would an engineer in a relevant group get a beta release of a JSR into your firm for PoC work?
- How is information about potentially interesting in-flight JSRs distributed around your organisation?
- Has your organisation considered how to capitalise on its JCP involvement (e.g. as a recruitment draw, positive PR, etc)?



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