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  – Let 348 help clear away no longer active JSRs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
Increasing participation (Corp Members)

- 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)?
Thank You