JSR 352 Expert Group Meeting
March 21st, 2012 Minutes

Meeting Time: 9-10:00AM ET

Attendees: Kevin Connor, Tim Fanelli, Mahesh Kannan, Wayne Lund, Simon Martinelli, Michael Minella, Chris Vignola

References: EGAgenda-21Mar2012 (slides)

Discussion Summary:

- The group summarized the recent discussion about annotations vs XML for describing job flow that has been active in the public mailing list. The net:
  1. we have been struggling to get a good set of annotations together to describe job flow
  2. the focus has been too much on how vs what
  3. we know we will have a job XML
  4. we agreed to focus on job XML to make continued progress and double back to annotations once we have a spec draft in place

- The group discussed differences between Spring and WebSphere batch partitioning as part of the larger discussion we have been having about what parallel support we want in the JSR.
  1. Chris summarized Spring and WebSphere options for partitioned batch
  2. Wayne explained Spring partitioner
  3. Michael asked if partitioning applies to step or entire job.   For the JSR, it will apply to an individual step and possibly to a group of steps (e.g. a Spring "flow")

- The group discussed Job Context.   The model proposed follows the WebSphere approach.
  1. Michael asked if there would be a separate job and step context or a combined one. Chris said he didn't have a firm opinion one way or the other.   Editorial: let's take that up in the spec review.
  2. Chris invited Spring Batch SMEs to reflect on the differences between how Spring and WebSphere handle context and identify anything missing or "out of place" with the proposal.

- The group meets again on Wednesday, 23 March 2012. The main topics of discussion will be bean instantiation and parameter passing.

Submitted,

Chris Vignola
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