Eclipse Legal Process

Start Here

What is the origin of the code? See Figures 1 through 6 below

Written 100% by *Submitting Committer* or Committer on same Project *under the supervision of the PMC* *(See Definitions on Page 3)*

Figure 1

yes

Written 100% by employees of the same employer as the *Submitting Committer*: (a) *under the supervision of the PMC*; and (b) where the employer has signed a Member Committer Agreement. *(See Definitions on Page 3)*

Figure 2

yes

Written 100% by Submitting Contributor (Non-Committer) and Submitted under the terms of the *Project License* (typically EPL) *(See Definitions on Page 3)*

Figure 3

yes

Re-Use of Eclipse Project or Plug-in (Orbit excluded) or bundle that has undergone a release review. *(See Details on Page 3)*

Figure 4

yes

Re-Use of Non-Eclipse Content *(See Details on Page 3)*

Figure 5

yes

Everything Else

This includes:

1) Initial contributions to a project
2) Code containing cryptography
3) Non-Eclipse content (Definition Page 3)
4) Code developed by non-committers, where workflow from Figure 2 or Figure 3 leads to Figure 13
5) Re-use of Orbit components

Figure 6

See Page 2

Includes all content, such as XML, DTDs, fonts, images, logos, trademarks.

Confirm that the Contribution:
1. Contains No Cryptography
2. Is Developed from Scratch (without incorporating content from elsewhere) – Contact the EMO if you aren't sure.
3. Is 100% Project License Code

Figure 7

Yes to All

No to Any

Confirm that the Contribution:
1. Contains No Cryptography
2. Is Developed from Scratch (without incorporating content from elsewhere) – Contact the EMO if you aren't sure.
3. Is 100% Project License Code

Figure 9

Yes to All

Did it come from Bugzilla/Gerrit?

Figure 10

no

Contributor must create a Bugzilla/Gerrit entry and attach code.

Figure 11

yes

Confirm on Bugzilla the Contributor has a CLA on file. (Gerrit check is automatic)

Figure 11b

Is it less than 1,000 lines of code and configuration files and other source?

Figure 12

no

Go To: "Everything Else" (Figure 6)

Figure 13

yes

Do NOT submit to the repository yet. Fill out a Contribution Questionnaire on Committer Tools and include the IPBug reference under which the original approval was granted. This creates an IPZilla Bug that will enable you to monitor the Contribution and discuss it with the EMO and Community.

Figure 14

A Member of your PMC must vote +1 on the IPBug related to the Contribution.

Figure 15

The Foundation will approve the Contribution on the related IPZilla Bug. The Contribution is now recorded in IPZilla for tracking purposes and will appear in your auto-generated IP Log - http://wiki.eclipse.org/Development_Resources/Automatic_IP_Log

Figure 16

Create about.html (if required) & commit to the repository. Don't forget to record the contribution in your Project IP Log!

Figure 8

The activity described in Figures 1 through 5 represent the majority of development activity at Eclipse.

Definitions, Dependencies, Moving Code to Eclipse and Distributing other Eclipse Projects, Plug-Ins or Bundles – See Page Three

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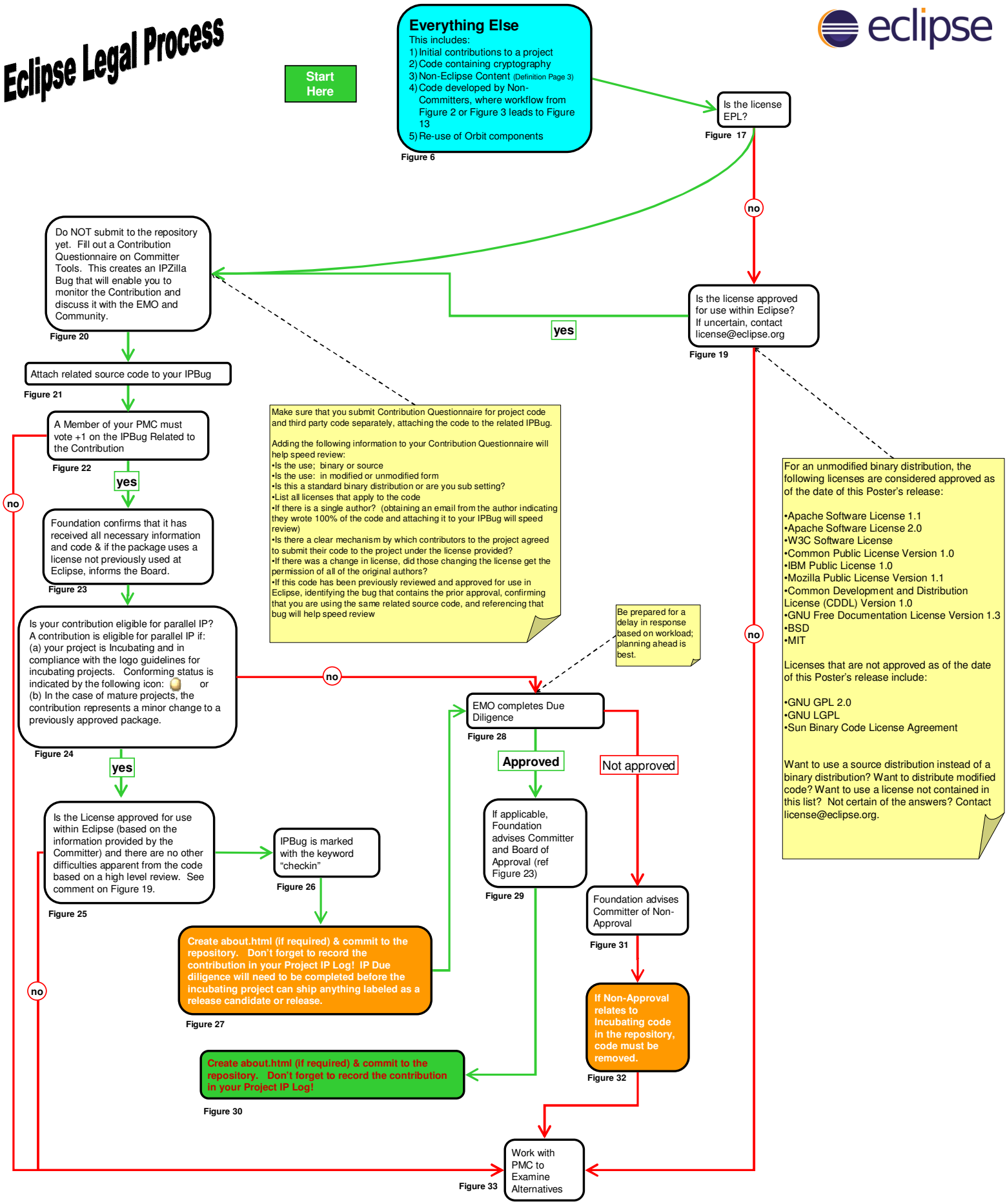

Definitions:

"Project License" – your default Project license will be the EPL. Any other licensing strategy requires a unanimous vote of the Eclipse Board of Directors.

"Non-Eclipse Content" – any code maintained on servers other than those of the Eclipse Foundation.

"Under Supervision of the PMC" – refers to general supervision; sufficient to ensure the code being submitted is in line with the goals of the project from a technical standpoint. This level of supervision may vary by project. Determination is to be made by the relevant PMC of the project.

"Submitting Committer" – An Eclipse committer on the project at the time of development. Code developed prior to becoming an Eclipse committer requires due diligence review.

Third Party Dependencies:

Does your project work with or depend on other third party content? Please consult the Eclipse Third Party Dependency Policy:
http://www.eclipse.org/org/documents/Eclipse_Policy_and_Procedure_for_3rd_Party_Dependencies_Final.pdf

And our Test and Build Resources:
http://wiki.eclipse.org/Development_Resources/IP/Test_and_Build_Dependencies

Moving Code to Eclipse:

Interested in moving code from somewhere else to Eclipse and maintaining it at Eclipse?
Contact emo@eclipse.org

Distributing Eclipse Projects, Plug-Ins & Bundles – Guidelines:

Release Candidate Distributions ***must not contain*** Non-Release Candidate (e.g. not "RC1" or final release "1.0") distributions from other Eclipse Projects as such releases may contain non-reviewed and approved content.

Release Candidate Distributions ***may pre-req*** Non-Release Candidate (e.g. not "RC1" or final release "1.0") distributions from other Eclipse Projects provided the downstream consumer is made aware that the content that is being pre-req'd may contain non-reviewed and approved content.

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Simultaneous Release: All Projects participating in the Release Candidate for the simultaneous release must be Release Candidate themselves. The above guidelines apply to any Project wishing to pre-req or incorporate other Eclipse Projects.