

# **Abridged Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Eclipse Foundation, Inc. September 15, 2004**

## **Attendees**

Mark Cogins (Actuate)  
Dan Dodge (QNX)  
Bjorn Freeman-Benson (Committer representative)  
Ronald Ingman (Ericsson)  
Rich Main (Add-In Provider representative)  
Michael J. Rank (HP)  
Tyler Thessin representing Jonathan Khazam (Intel)  
Dave Thomson (IBM)  
John Wiegand (Committer representative)  
Todd E. Williams (Add-In Provider representative)  
Mike Milinkovich (Executive Director)

## **Not in attendance**

Michael Bechauf (SAP)  
Boris Kapitanski (Serena)  
Jim Ready (MontaVista)

**Location:** American Airlines Admiral Club at O'Hare Airport.

## **Board Items:**

A number of resolutions were reviewed and approved by the Board. These resolutions included:

- Michael Bechauf will be taking over from Bjorn Freeman-Benson as Chairman of the Compensation Committee.
- The Board will hold a meeting via teleconference Thursday, September 30, 2004 in order to review and approve the Business Intelligence and Reporting (BIRT) top-level project charter and the Executive Director MBOs
- The next two face-to-face Board meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 and Monday, February 28, 2005
- Authorizing the Executive Director to take action on selecting the event management company and other organizational items related to EclipseCon 2005.

## **Committer Community Issues and Update**

Bjorn Freeman-Benson and John Wiegand raised a number of issues of interest to the Committer community at Eclipse.

- There are numerous requests for enhancements to the eclipse.org web-site. Some examples include: project statistics, event repository for project-specific "What's new" items, trouble ticket tracking for infra requests, and more.
- More visibility into the workings, plans and directions of the Eclipse Foundation.

- More and better documentation on the processes in effect at Eclipse. Some examples: process for proposing a new project, process for becoming a committer, checklist for including third-party software, and more.
- Need for making the development process operational. E.g. doing a better job of shepherding new projects, establishing and running the Councils and more.

The Board discussed these issues at length. It was generally agreed that more emphasis needed to be placed on addressing the needs of the committer community at Eclipse. It was clearly recognized that without the continuing efforts of our committers, Eclipse would not be successful. In the short term, the Eclipse Foundation will be focusing on the following key efforts:

- Taking over responsibility and management for the Eclipse.org website. Our infrastructure is currently hosted and managed by IBM. Migrating to an EMO-managed location is a prerequisite to making any major investments (both software and hardware) to improve the site. In the interim, the currently dedicated IBM staff will make whatever incremental improvements which can reasonably be done.
- Documenting the Eclipse processes and providing clear documentation for our development and intellectual property guidelines and processes.
- EclipseCon is the premier gathering of our community. In addition to ensuring that this event is well-planned and well-attended, it is important to ensure that the contributions of the committer community to Eclipse is well recognized during this event.

### **Web Tools Project Creation Update**

Bjorn-Freeman Benson (who is both a Board Member and the PMC lead of the WTP project) gave an update to the Board on the status of the project. The project faced a number of challenges gaining momentum over the summer months. However, it has received code contributions from both IBM and Eteration (Lomboz) and there is now an established build system and a working build.

## CPL to EPL Conversion Status

Rich Main provided an update to the Board on the status of the CPL to EPL conversion project.

In Q3 the conversion plan was finalized and execution has begun. The goal is to have the projects converted to the new license by the end of the first half of 2005.

### Key Issues

- Maintaining dual licensed streams
  - Provide both CPL and EPL licensed streams during transition period
  - Smaller projects can “opt out” with EMO approval
  - Planning to support separate downloads to track selection of CPL vs. EPL
- Handling of license notices in source files
  - In EPL transition streams, source files may state CPL
  - All other legal notices will state EPL
  - Strategic developers contacted and approved this plan
- Handling of single license contributions
  - Must be approved by EMO (including EPL only contributions)

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### Timeline

- Approval of transition plan (completed August 18, 2004)
- Creation of contributor database (completed September 15, 2004)
- Initial communication to contributors and start of transition period (ASAP)
- Transition period ends on 12/31/2004
  - All new development under EPL
  - All existing projects offering both CPL and EPL streams
- License Switchover (1H2005)
  - Dependent upon product release cycles

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## EclipseCon 2005 Update

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board a status update on EclipseCon 2005. The key points are captured in the slide below:



### *Key Activities in Q3*

- Selected and committed to venue and dates
  - February 28 to March 3
  - Hyatt Regency, Burlingame, CA
- Solicited proposals from four show producers
  - OMG
  - Richmond Events
  - Evolutionary Events
  - Meeting Strategies
- Began establishing conference committees
  - Organizing (starting), Communications (in process), Program (done)
  - Issued Call for Participation
- What can your company do to help?
  - We need volunteer resources to run this event
  - We need exhibitors
  - We need special event sponsors
  - We need speakers!!! (Keynote anyone?)
  - Use the hotel

## Eclipse.org Web Site Migration

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board a status update on migrating the [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org) website. The key points are captured in the slides below:



### *Background*

- [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org) is the focal point for both our open source and ecosystem communities
- By most tangible measures it is hugely successful
  - Supports massive software projects
  - Supports massive download capabilities
  - Good reliability
- By many intangible measures, it needs work
  - “Tired” look and feel
  - Limited navigation --- “hard to find stuff”
  - Few value-added services for the community
  - No high availability in architecture, old software versions
- Very expensive to run in its current form
  - USD 25K/month in bandwidth



### *Recommendation*

- Use co-hosting facility with proven track record, many references, professional staff
- Flexible contract to allow for cost reduction
- Selected vendor: Magma ([www.magma.ca](http://www.magma.ca))
  - one-stop shopping for all of our IT needs, including local office DSL
  - Many references
  - Competitive prices
  - Ottawa location lowers risk during migration, allows for easier access

## Membership Update

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board a status update on the membership. Growth in Q3 was very positive, with a new Strategic Developer (Actuate) and twelve other members joining by the end of the quarter. In addition, a general meeting of the Membership has been planned for October 26 & 27 in Dallas.



## *Membership Update Sept 10, 2004*

### Additions since last board meeting

- Strategic Developer
  - Actuate
- Add-In-Provider
  - PureEdge
  - CompuWare
  - Thales
  - Soft Landing
  - Mentor Graphics
  - JBoss
  - Agitar
  - Motorola
  - M1 Global
- Associate
  - Social Physics
- Committed (in process)
  - CA
  - Systinet



## *First Quarterly Eclipse Members Meeting*

When:	October 26, 27
Where:	AA Conference Center DFW
New Members Jump Start	Oct 26
Dinner	Oct 26
Reception	Oct 26
Members Meeting	Oct 27

- Agenda
  - Introductions
  - Executive Director Report
  - Add-In-Provider Representative Report
  - Membership report and introductions of the 15 New Members
  - Eclipse Councils organization and update
  - Eclipse PMC Report to include
  - Quarterly in-depth focus area (deep dive)
  - Requirement Break Out section. This will be small group sessions to discuss requirements and priority desires on the themes and priorities of Eclipse.
  - Eclipse EcoSystem Update
  - Marketing Update
  - Financial Update
  - Governance Update

Bjorn Freeman-Benson raised the point that “Membership” clearly includes our Committers. Information on the status of committer membership at Eclipse will be included in future membership updates.

## Project Update

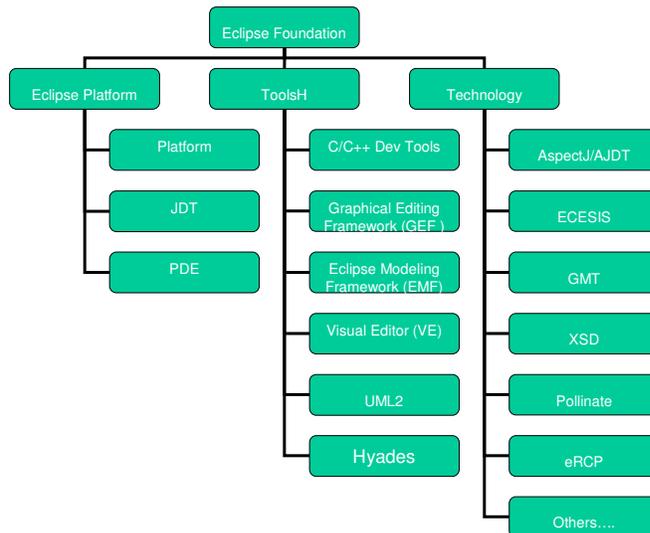
Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with a status update on the open source projects at Eclipse. The key topics covered were:

1. In Q3 the number of projects at Eclipse grew quite substantially. This included the promotion of Hyades to its own top-level Test and Performance project, the creation of the WebTools project, and the BIRT proposal. In addition, a number of new projects were proposed for the Technology PMC.
2. In Q3 the Eclipse Councils (Requirements, Planning and Architecture) were formed and held their first meetings. This is a key milestone in implementing the Eclipse Development Process.

## Eclipse Project Growth



## Eclipse Projects Q2



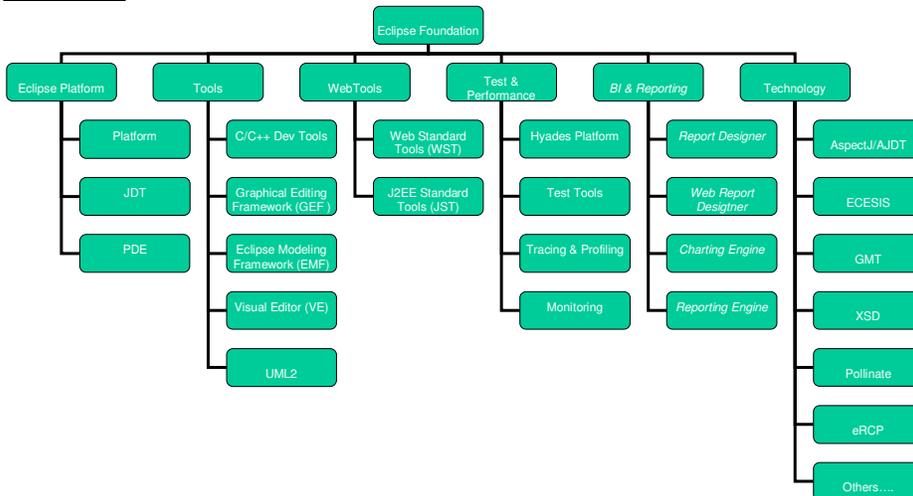


## Q3 Accomplishments

- Created two new top-level projects
  - WTP
  - TPTP
- Proposed a third new top-level project
  - BIRT
  - Creation review 9/22
  - Board approval meeting on 9/24
- *Lots of activity in the Technology PMC*
  - Pollinate created
  - eRCP proposed
  - Voicetools proposed
  - Ecomm to be proposed on Monday
  - Pipeline of additional proposals
    - Modelware (October)
    - SOA Blueprints (October)
    - SocialPhysics



## Eclipse Projects Q3

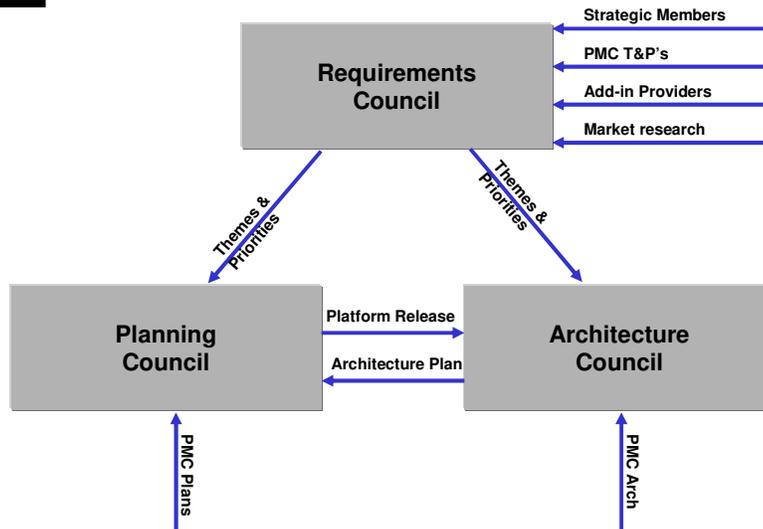


## Eclipse Councils

The minutes of the Council meetings will be available on the Eclipse website.



### Councils



### Timeline

- Gather requirements, plans, architectures
  - Sept/Oct
- Prepare draft documents for each council
  - Nov
- Review by Councils and Board
  - Dec
- Exchange documents and begin process of convergence
  - Dec
- Expose for community review
  - Jan
- Council meetings for final approval
  - Feb
- Board vote for Roadmap approval
  - Feb 28, 2005 at Board meeting at EclipseCon