Requirements Council Minutes

June 28, 2006 @ Hotel Allegro Chicago

Attendees

Paul Clenahan (Actuate)

Stephen Henderson (Borland)

Kevin Haaland (IBM) subbing for John Kellerman

Bob Fraser (BEA)

Doug Gaff (Wind River)

Paul Styles (Compuware)

Ward Cunningham (Eclipse Foundation)

Bjorn Freeman-Benson (Eclipse Foundation)

Donald Smith (Eclipse Foundation)

Anurag Gupta (Intel)

The Three Key Findings

- Consensus is that there is definitely value in continuing to deliver higher level Themes & Priorities document

- Significant value in "networking" effect of council

- Non-technical requirements are fair game

"Motherhood and Apple Pie" T&P still valuable

- Themes and priorities help foster communication amongst projects and provide guidelines for relevance

- Important for communicating values with the community

- It would be valuable to add a mechanism to be able to find which people and organizations are interested in a given theme

- Requirements Council role is to consolidate multiple inputs
  - Add-in providers
  - Strategic Members
  - Analysts
  - Project PMC

Significant Value in "Networking Effect"

- Leveraging skill sets and experiences

- Does not overlap with planning council which is execution focused

- Requirements Council will formalize the sharing of needs and abilities amongst participants

- To facilitate sharing of needs and abilities, a presentation template (next slide) was developed
    - At subsequent requirement council meetings, organizations can present themselves using the template

RC Presentation Template

10-15 minutes

Audience:
      1. Other Strategic Members attending a Eclipse Requirements Council meeting
      2. Visitors to Eclipse.org viewing ERC meeting notes

Purpose:
      1. Networking
      2. Cross-Member Awareness.
      3. Increase and deepen the common understanding of publicly shared requirements

Benefits:
      1. Use that understanding to consolidate limited resources to best serve
            the needs of the Strategic Members
      2. To bolster the value of Strategic Membership.
      3. To enrich the output of Requirements Council.

Suggestions for presentation content:
**** SAFE HARBOR/SEC/ANTI-TRUST STATEMENT ****
**** These slides will be publicly available on the Eclipse.org website ****
**** These materials must be EPL'd ****
What do we do?
What problems do we solve?
What's Important to me (as a Strategic Member)?
Where and how in the Eclipse Community are we active?
Roadmap for the Eclipse Projects we're driving (as applicable)
How are we using Eclipse technology in our products.
What are our burning issues and why?

Non Technical Requirements are Fair Game

- Non technical requirements are in bounds

- Process and other kinds of requirements

- For example, the requirements council may suggest a theme that project diversity is an important requirement for new projects

- Eventually we plan to make budget and EMO staffing decisions and take over the foundation (just kidding)

On to Themes and Priorities

Available live at:

http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/RequirementsCouncil06TP

Categorization of Themes

- Active Themes

- Persistent and Pervasive Themes

- Deferred Themes

- Pending Themes

Active Themes

- Platform Support
    - Vista, Linux, JSE6 (Mustang), Mac OS X
- RCP
- Embedded Device Software
- Technology Trends
    - Lifecycle platform, Web 2.0 and AJAX, Multi-Core and 64-bit CPU
- Scaling Up
- Enterprise Ready
    - Update Manager, Large Scale Installations, Facilitated On-Boarding
- Design for Extensibility

Persistent and Pervasive Themes

- Accessibility Compliance

- Internationalization and Localization

- Upgrade Path

Deferred Themes

- Consistent Multi Programming Language Support

Pending Themes

- Vertical market-specific initiatives
  - Health Care
  - Auto
  - Financial
  - Public Service

Thanks!