



Requirements Council Minutes

October 10, Esslingen

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Attendees



Paul Clenahan (Actuate)
John Kellerman (IBM)
Bob Fraser (BEA)
Doug Gaff (Wind River)
Paul Styles (Compuware)
Donald Smith (Eclipse Foundation)
Haakan Mitts (Nokia)
Mike Norman (Scapa)
Dino Brusco (Motorola)

Agenda



- Review June Minutes
- Review T&P In progress
 - Checkpoint in timing of Road Map
 - Share Members Meeting
- Additional Themes (MM Email)
 - Packaging and Out of the Box Experience
- Update Development Process
- Plan Bugzilla Use

- Best UI Practices Thread (Bob Fraser Update)

- Member presentation (Dino – Motorola) and Member Discussion
- Test out Issue capture mechanism

Role of the RC



- Consensus is that there is definitely value in continuing to deliver higher level Themes & Priorities document
- Significant value in “networking” effect of council
 - Sharing member experiences, focuses and priorities
 - Creation of Issues for further study/action with appropriate group(s)
- Non-technical requirements are fair game

Role of the RC



- Pair wise conversations not advantageous
- Mechanism in the community for the crystallization of a requirement
 - Cross project co-ordination of a feature/project
 - Mechanism for pushing detailed requirements into a project
- RC should create list of specific issues that need help. RC should help drive action on the Issue either by recommending the creation of a working group, involving the board, or other action.
 - Issues can be to address a specific missing piece of functionality
 - Issues can be to address features that require functionality and co-ordination from multiple projects
- Reports to board on periodic basis

Issues Template



- What is the problem:
- Author of Issue:
- Supporting the case (list of RC members and background):
- Relations:
 - Persons/Projects of interest
 - Relation to a theme
- Traceability
 - List of Bug reports
 - List of mail list pointers
 - Other references
 - Basically – why is this issue here and not resolvable by other means
- Action Plan and Status

T&P Discussion



- Note on JDK 1.6 support that there are issues if you are planning to support Mobile (JDK lags), production environments and other JDK lagging scenarios.
 - I.e., “Certify” that apps run on 1.6, not necessarily that code is forward ported
- Ease of use – refer to working group WIKI Page
- Technology Trends
 - **Extending to be Life-cycle Platform**
 - **Paul Styles, (and maybe Stephen Henderson (Borland)) to update, Doug/Dino to look at from an embedded perspective**
 - **Web 2.0 and AJAX**
 - High level – Paul Clenahan to take a crack
- Enterprise ready – update manager – Don to link in data points and pull some bullets from deployment/servicability component
- Don to add theme – Improve out of box experience re: email from Mike – It’s own active theme – simultaneous release, package manager

T&P Discussion



- Design for Extensibility (Don to modify)
 - Include help system in list for branding/identity
 - Ability to extend documentation (plug into existing documentation)
 - Organize where applicable guidelines into the pervasive themes
- Paul C to update the Upgrade Path Theme
- Vertical Pending Theme – Don to update
- Don to update the meaning of the themes

Issues to log



- Update Manager
- Multi Language Support – specific to Editors

Bugzilla Discussion



- Two goals
 - For a given theme, find bugs related to the theme
 - Allow people who are interested in a theme to “subscribe” to it
- Goal is to track specific bugs, issues and features with T&P and to track who is interested in particular themes

- Possible Implementations:
 1. (Top Down) Create a bugzilla entry for each T&P link to bugs/etc to the T&P
 2. (Bottom Up) Add a custom (optional) field to bugs that align to Theme(s)
 - How to track (i.e., subscribe) interest on themes?
 - Possible overload of bugs to a theme that important issues get stuck as “one in a thousand”
 3. (Bottom Up) Make use of Keywords that align to themes

Don't investigate implementation, group concludes that #2 and possibly 3 are most appropriate for needs – want to do bottom up, not top down.

Then determine keywords and start tagging bugs ☺

UI Working Group



- Bob Fraser outlined the “User Interface Best Practices Working Group” Proposal that is being proposed to the planning group