

Broader Dual Licensing of Eclipse Projects

An initial exploration

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Overview

- The EPL can present a barrier for Eclipse projects
 - ◆ Contribution
 - ◆ Consumption
 - ◆ Collaboration
- Increased impact in the runtime world
- Explore the effect of dual-licensing
- Surface issues and questions

Issues

- Combinations with incompatible licenses
- Interaction with standards organizations
- Collaboration with other open source communities
- Delivery of complete functional sets
- Competition

Examples

- EclipseLink and the JCP interaction
- DSDP in their monitoring infrastructure
- Equinox and the interreaction with OSGi and Apache
- CDT delivering a complete stack
 - ◆ May not be addressed by dual licensing
- NASA has patent related issues
- Glassfish could not adopt Equinox
- OSGi EE reference implementation and Apache



Next Steps

- Is this an issue we want to deal with?
- Deal with it explicitly or on a case by case basis?
- Refer it to the IP Advisory Committee?