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Topics

1. What is linking? What is distribution?

2. LGPL (WebKit specifically)

3. OpenJDK distribution

Linking and Distribution

- The Orion project for web-based development is using URLs as the mechanism by which to extend its functionality.

- The EMO believes that the use of a URL to link to a publicly available resource on the internet does not constitute distribution.

- We need to reach a consensus that this approach is reasonable, and that it conforms to the existing policies and procedures of the Eclipse Foundation.

WebKit and the LGPL

- We have had several projects at Eclipse collapse because they could not use WebKit (see Blinki)

- WebKit is the *de facto* standard HTML rendering engine (see Safari, Chrome, RIM,…)

- Strawman proposal is to use an approach similar to what we recently implemented for the case where we cannot ascertain provenance to the degree we normally do
  - E.g. Seek specific Board approval

OpenJDK

- Java SE has gone open source under the GPL+CE (GPLv2 plus Classpath exception)

- OpenJDK is now supported by two of Eclipse's largest patrons: Oracle and IBM

- Can we claim support for OpenJDK?

- Can we distribute OpenJDK?
  - Apple Mac Store makes this question particularly interesting