LONG TERM SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Board Update
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BACKGROUND

- Challenge (SAP 2010):

  - Major Eclipse Release every year

  - Two Support Releases in the following 9 months

  - No service releases after that

  - Discrepancy between support obligation towards customers (12y) and defined support for Eclipse (1y)

PROBLEM

- Eclipse is becoming main-stream technology, long-term support is becoming important to customers and adopters

- No one company con offer appropriate long-term support for all relevant projects of Eclipse

INITIATIVE

- Goal: Provide sustainable support model for long-term support and maintenance of Eclipse technology

- 2009: Early conversations in membership (SAP, EclipseSource, others)

- 2010

  - Formal request to EMO to develop plan for LTS

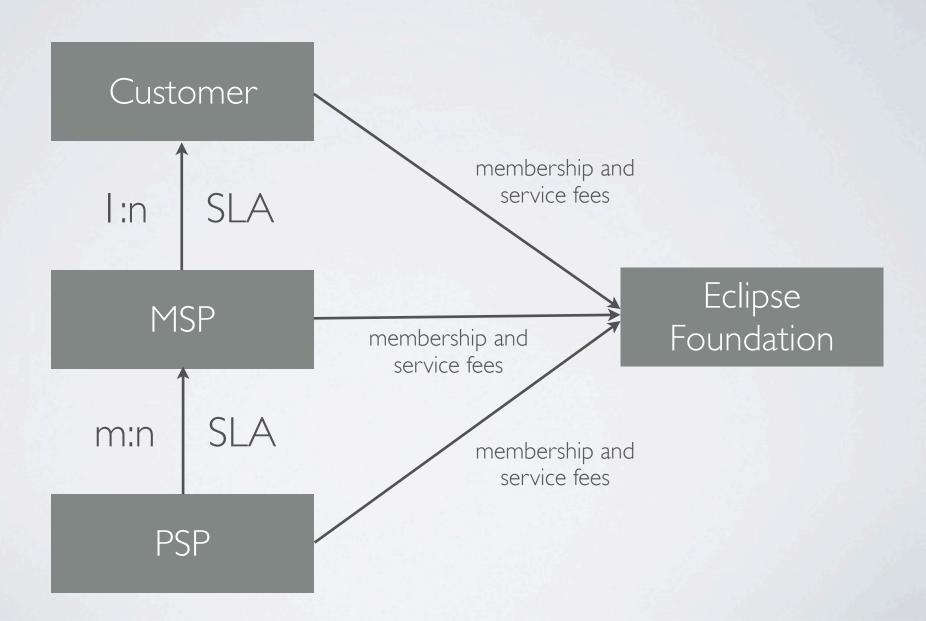 - Outreach to various organizations („Customers", „Integrators", „Specialist Companies")

STAKE HOLDERS

- LTS Customer

- LTS Maintenance Service Provider (MSP)

- LTS Self-Service Maintenance Service Provider (SMSP)

- LTS Project Service Provider (PSP)

- Eclipse Foundation (service hub - IT, IP, build, signing, licensing)

EXAMPLE

- Customer: Airbus

- MSP: ATOS Origin

- PSP: Obeo, EclipseSource, itemis

PROPOSED BUSINESS MODEL

ECLIPSE BINARY LICENCE

- Binaries produced by LTS infrastructure will be distributed under the EBL

- Only binaries, no source, but may acknowledge that the source code is available under various open source licenses

- Permission for world-wide, royalty free distributions of such binaries via distributors and sub-licensors

- No permission to create derivative works of binaries

STATUS

- Presentations at ESE 2010, EclipseCon 2011, other conferences

- Interested parties include SAP, Airbus, IBM, Ericsson, Bosch, Continental, BMW, MSG-Systems, ATOS Origin, Obeo, Itemis, EclipseSource, CEA List, Red Hat

- „Going-Public" started

- Workshop planned for July 11, 2011 in Walldorf, Germany