



Eclipse Project Incubator Creation Review

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The Eclipse Project Incubator

- New home for existing incubator components
 - Equinox, PDE, Platform
- Expect the inclusion of JDT in the near future
 - Java 7,...
- Allows us to take advantage of Foundation IP guidelines for projects under incubation
 - Notably, more agile process around section 4 of the Intellectual Property Policy (“DUE DILIGENCE AND RECORD KEEPING”)
- Clearly separates experimental, forward-looking work from “mainline” development on the 3.x code base.
- Potential for increased co-operation between components

Scope



- Focus on new development in areas that are relevant to the other Eclipse Project sub-projects, which because of their nature would not be appropriate for direct inclusion in the effected sub-project.
 - Experimental (e.g. spinners in tabs)
 - Longer timeline than can be contained within a single release
 - Dependencies on external IP that has not yet cleared the Eclipse Foundation IP process
 - Potentially too destabilizing
- Can include work that we expect to show up in the 3.x stream at some point as well as “4.0 only” work.

Out of Scope



- It is not a playground.
 - Only efforts that we expect to graduate
- Investment in the incubator must never leave the community with the perception that it is coming at the cost of important work on the other Eclipse Project sub-projects.

Organization



- Initial committers are all committers on the current incubator components
- Leadership:
 - Mike Wilson: Project Lead
 - Mike Wilson: Platform Incubator Lead
 - Jeff McAffer: Equinox Incubator Lead
 - Wassim Melhem: PDE Incubator Lead