Creation Review: Phoenix

The eclipse.org redesign project

Eclipse Foundation

Project Goal

To create a professional website that all participants in the Eclipse community will find helpful and useful in their interactions with Eclipse projects, members and the Foundation

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- Improve the accessibility and quality of the information needed by the community to perform their tasks; provide a single access point to that information; link and rationalize the information, thereby reducing duplication of information and removing access to out-of-date information
- Make technology available (easy to find, understand and download)
  a) Tools (such as plug-ins)
  b) Resources (support information for those tools)
- Establish publishing models (workflow) and guidelines for Eclipse.org
- Implement collaboration tools (e.g. wiki, blogs) and make the most of networking opportunities
- Create a showcase for members and the community
- Establish user profile administration (if necessary)

Some Technical Goals

- Get rid of frames!
- Base the implementation on a modern, F/OSS content management system
- Distribute the website maintenance to the leaves (the users) where possible while retaining a common "branded" look and feel

Project Values

- The Eclipse.org web site should…
    - Be community focused
    - Place emphasis on clarity of content in its delivery
    - Provide an open, meritocratic and equal playing field for users
    - Reflect the character of the entire ecosystem.

Identified Audiences

1. Users
2. Committers
3. Contributors
4. Plug-In Developer
5. Members

Who is currently involved?

- Eclipse Foundation Staff:
    - Mike Milinkovich
    - Denis Roy
    - Ian Skerrett
    - Bjorn Freeman-Benson
    - Andrew Gerharty
- IBM
    - Susan Iwai

Status

- Requirements defined
- Tool selection in progress
- Many expressions of interest and support on newsgroup
  - 92 messages to date
  - Single funniest posting to a newsgroup ever!
- Planning dates (still TBC)
  - June 30: Final selection of CMS tool
  - Sept. 30: Deployment of Foundation content on new platform
  - Project migrations to happen on a per-project timetable