

Eclipse IDE Working Group - September 7, 2021

Agenda Topics	Moderator	Minutes
Review and Approve Steering Committee Minutes August 24, 2021	All	2.5
Review the WG Charter regarding Clarification of Roles and Responsibilities of Steering Committee and Planning Council	Pradeep	15
Jar Signing vs Jetty (and Others) Email <ul style="list-style-type: none">Communicate Steering Committee Statement of Intent for Planning Council requesting the Planning Council to provide a technical solution. Response to mailing list required.	All	15
Review of top 3 Issues from Planning Council Issues sheet	Melanie	10
Review of Program Plan and identify key top-level items	Pradeep	10
Membership Community Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">Present Approved Program PlanTiming - September 21 or EclipseCon Community Day	All	5
EclipseCon Community Day Update (Merged with SDK)	All	2.5

Attendees

Steering Committee Members:

Quorum 4 of 7

- **Pradeep Balachandran (IBM) / Thomas Watson (IBM)**
- **Sebastian Ratz (SAP) / Yannic Soethoff (SAP)**
- Manuel Bork (Yatta) / **Frederic Ebelshäuser (Yatta)**
- **Jonah Graham (Kichwa Coders) (Supporter Representative)**
- **Ed Merks (Committer Representative)**
- **Mark Goodchild (Renesas)**
- **Abdul Rahiman Imran (Bosch)**
- **Mélanie Bats (Planning Council Chair)**

Steering Committee Regrets:

- N/A

Supporter Members:

- Remi Schnekenburger (EclipseSource)
- **Martin Lippert (VMware)**

Committer Members:

- Andrey Loskutov

Other Attendees:

- **Paul Buck (Eclipse Foundation)**
- Sharon Corbett (Eclipse Foundation)

Action from last time:

Action: Pradeep: 1 page document for the difference between the steering committee and the planning council roles and responsibility. It is very clear in the charter so a single document is fine. So no action needed.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion: Approve Minutes of Aug 24, 2021

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Aug 24, 2021 on September 7th.

Pradeep: Are there recommendations or changes that need to be made to the charter?

<https://www.eclipse.org/org/workinggroups/eclipse-ide-charter.php>

Melanie: Charter is clear - questions not about the charter but more the working relationship between the steering group, planning council and new program manager. Who will manage the program manager, instruct them and so on? The planning council would normally manage the program manager.

Previously it was said that the execution is the planning council's role. So management and direction of the program manager is for the planning council to deal with. Steering committee is focused on setting the strategy and direction, not the more day to day work.

Paul: The Foundation employs the program manager, takes strategic direction/priorities from the steering committee and fully supports the planning council. Works on behalf of the planning council to ensure they are successful. The program managers work and priorities must be totally aligned with the planning council. The program manager must understand the planning councils tasks and objectives and assist with what is needed to deliver them. Paul reminds everyone that this person is needing to be a senior person.

Melanie: The planning council are concerned that the steering committee decides one thing and the planning council decides something else - then what happens? Then Paul perhaps steps in to mediate and solve the problem.

Melanie: How should we communicate with the community to clarify about the roles and responsibility of the steering committee and planning council. Including the program manager. (See later agenda item for more detail)

Jar Signing vs Jetty (and Others) Email

- Communicate Steering Committee Statement of Intent for Planning Council requesting the Planning Council to provide a technical solution. Response to mailing list required.

Ed: The planning council thinks the statement is clear. Planning council not sure about the best technical way forward. Signing has worked for some time - an alternative external separate signing was suggested. Is a secure P2 enough? Still under discussion - considering a Bugzilla to discuss with the community.

Ed was concerned that adding complexity to P2 might not be needed and not add much value. Also thinks that this could be something that the Program Manager looks more deeply into.

Pradeep is concerned about changing this technically which could impact build systems.

Jonah: Not a security expert and a great deal of threat models to consider.

Pradeep: P2 is one part, the build system needs to be supported, managing certificates and what about those that do not have them.

Jonah: The Eclipse platform project will be doing it. Should we ask them to meet the requirements and then we approve it?

Pradeep: Concerned about the unknowns of such a big change. Perhaps in the Bugzilla we write all the questions we need to answer.

Ed: In principle the planning council has created a statement. It does not say how it could be done. Jonah is not expecting CDT to change to PGP but it could be an alternative choice not an extra choice.

Sebastian thinks we should discuss the Bugzilla ticket with the community, get some interested parties together to discuss it end to end. Perhaps even hiring a security expert considering different threat models.

Membership Community Call

- **Present Approved Program Plan**
- **Timing - September 21 or EclipseCon Community Day**

Intended to inform the community at this stage about the current state of the groups. Roles and responsibilities, etc.

Should we take the 21st?

Should we instead use the EclipseCon Community Day Update?

Consensus is to use the EclipseCon Community Day Update. We will be more complete and ready for this timing. This is agreed.

Structure? Who will be the speakers? We can discuss this on the 21st of September. That gives us 3 weeks to then arrange the content.

Review of top 3 Issues from [Planning Council Issues sheet](#)

[SimRel Improvements - Google Sheets](#)

Not in priority order today. Planning council can vote on the important issues for them and then the importance can be judged.

Review of [Program Plan](#) and identify key top-level items

Pradeep wants to take the planning council items and the program plan to turn these into things the steering council wants to improve. Each bullet point needs some attention.

Pradeep suggests that each member could choose one to work on.

Mark says that we should focus on the “Must” short term items and not get distracted this year with nice to have things.

Ed: Project dependencies is an important step needed. So we can work out dormant projects - Ed thinks this could be built automatically from P2 metadata.

Pradeep: Support and showcase commercial adoption of various capabilities of the projects?

Could we use EclipseCon to showcase, outline and publish relevant use cases.

Perhaps on the community day?

Pradeep asks people to consider how to use the platform slot. We think it is around 1 hour in length. Agenda is still being discussed. IDE WG slot we have control over it. Perhaps a summary from each member to get a big picture of what Eclipse is being used for. This will be discussed at the next call.

Growth Objectives - already one strategic member (Bosch) and 2 sponsors this year. Should announce this at a community call.