

Eclipse IDE Working Group Minutes - August 24, 2021

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Agenda Topics	Moderator	Minutes
Welcome Bosch to the Working Group and as a Member of the Steering Committee	Pradeep	2.5
Review and Approve Steering Committee Minutes August 10, 2021	All	2.5
Jar Signing vs Jetty (and Others) Email <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarify Roles and Responsibilities of Steering Committee and Planning CouncilDiscuss how to communicate this back to the mailing list	All	20
Review of top 3 Issues from Planning Council sheet	Pradeep	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 - Early September?	All	10
EclipseCon Community Day Update	All	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)**
- **Ed Merks**
- **Mark Goodchild (Renesas)**

Steering Committee Regrets:

- N/A

Supporter Members:

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

Committer Members:

- Andrey Loskutov

Other Attendees:

- Abdul Rahiman Imran (Bosch)
- **Paul Buck (Eclipse Foundation)**
- **Sharon Corbett (Eclipse Foundation)**

Minutes:

Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion: Approve Minutes of Aug 10, 2021

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Aug 10, 2021 on Aug 24th.

Good news:

Bosch has officially joined the working group.

Jar signing versus Jetty (and others) E-mail

Lack of clarity regarding the roles and responsibility of this working group steering committee and the planning council.

Sebastian: We need to make sure decisions are being addressed.

Ed: Thinks this is a combination and some deep technical decisions to be made. The steering committee needs to provide insight into whether end-users really need the .jar signed. Seems to be no strong requirement. Jetty does not sign their Jars? Why does anyone care about it?

Paul: What are the steering committees requirements for authenticated artifacts? Secondly, how to satisfy those requirements. A statement of requirements from the steering committee could be a suitable way forward. See below:

Statement of Intent: Build artifacts made available at the Eclipse Foundation are verifiable that those are built by respective projects.

Thomas: Users have been finding issues of corruption after installation. Jar signing is the way this is done currently. Is it a use case or concern that needs to be addressed?

Ed: PGP signing? MD5 is already there - what we put in the repo we can be sure is on the users system,

Thomas: Thinks if MD5 we might need something better.

If we are not going to sign, why replace with something similar.

Ed: Concerned about Apple's requirements regarding signing in the future.

Pradeep:

As a steering committee level we state the intent and the requirement and leave the technical detail to the planning council.

Install time only.

There has to be a way of doing it? Or the installer does it?

There is no built in way for the installer to check itself and check further down the path.

We want the installer/P2 to verify what they are getting from the internet is what was originally intended.

Do the competitors sign their plugins? VS Code seems like they are about to introduce some kind of signing. We should check this.

Frederic: Mentions that the media might make a big problem about the fact that the Eclipse Foundation are no longer signing their jars.

Jonah: Something for Wayne perhaps. If Jetty were following EDP then this would not have been an issue at all. The Jars would have been signed and no issue noticed. The rules are not being enforced.

Clarify roles: The steering committee is an advisory role (advice and support) regarding project governance, the planning council makes the technical decision about the best way forward.

Paul suggests looking over the charter and leverage what is there already and then only update what is needed to be added.

Action: Pradeep will start a simple document that explains the role and responsibilities of the steering committee. (Decided that this is not needed as it is clear in charter for this working group)

We should document this and put this on the agenda for the next planning council meeting - 1st September.

Next session - 7th September: Could we make this a community call?

We can go through the Program Plan and Roles.

Decided that it is slightly too early so we will delay this.