Eclipse IDE Working Group - June 1, 2021

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**Attendees**

Steering Committee Members:
Quorum 4-6

- Pradeep Balachandran (IBM)
- Sebastian Ratz (SAP) / Yannic Soethoff (SAP)
- Manuel Bork (Yatta)
- Mark Goodchild (Renesas Electronics)
- Mélanie Bats Planning Council Chair
- Jonah Graham (Kichwa Coders)

Steering Committee Regrets:
- N/A

Supporter Members:
- Remi Schnekenburger (EclipseSource)
- Martin Lippert (VMware)

Committer Members:
- Andrey Loskutov
- Ed Merks
Other Attendees:
- Abdul Rahiman Imran (Bosch)

Eclipse Foundation:
- Ralph Mueller
- Paul Buck
- Wayne Beaton
- Sharon Corbett
- Thabang Mashologu

Minutes

Actions:
1. Action: Ralph suggests that the “and others” from the founding members section need to be removed from the press release as there are no others - DONE (Thabang Mashologu)
2. Action: Thabang will share the press release link in the meeting minutes. - DONE
3. Action: Can each founding member organisation provide a quote that outlines the relevance of the working group to all. June 11th is the due date for the quotations - Partially Done
4. Action: Encourage member organisations and member individuals to write blogs to support this news. Publish the blogs after June 17th 7AM (on the launch day). - In Progress
5. Action: Pradeep should meet with the newsletter content creator to ensure the relevance of “why now?” is included. - DONE
6. Action: Jonah to provide a suggestion for this statement (RCP, product building) for addition to slide 4 as a strategic objective. Engaging these organizations that build products on top of the Eclipse IDE ecosystem. DONE (by Manuel)
7. Action: Pradeep suggests all should review the remaining slides. Google doc so open to new edits. The mailing list can also be used for collaboration. Pradeep is keen to use GitLab once we get going... - On Going

Review and Approve Steering Committee Minutes May 18, 2021
Approval of Prior Minutes
Motion: Approve Minutes of May 18, 2021 (Mark Goodchild, Second; Manuel Bork)

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the May 4, 2021, Meeting.

Welcome Jonah Graham (Kichwa Coders) as Supporter Member

No other candidates. So welcome Jonah as the supporter member.

Ralph Mueller retired and then came back to stand up the Eclipse IDE.
2 more meetings and then he will stand down.

Motion to thank Ralph for everything he has done and contribution and effort getting this off the ground.
Also potential new members pipeline provided and reviewed by Paul and Ralph yesterday.
Pual will continue to pursue these contacts.
Press Release Announcement Discussion

Link to the press release draft: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CuhQNtu0fcKNgDq-J77LZ_8P6uCWPyt9FKfmxw8D20M/edit?ts=60b2ad73

Press releases are issued when working groups are started. Discuss formation of the working group, industry context. Has some quotations from Mike. For the June release there is some special care taken for publicity.
Do a 2 in 1 press release for the working group and the latest June release.

No objections from anyone for the proposed press release.

Action: Ralph suggests that the “and others” from the founding members section need to be removed from the press release as there are no others - DONE (Thabang Mashologu)

The working group will also be an item in the community newsletter. Pradeep and Thabang will discuss and fine tune what we want to say. Need a clear statement on the motivation of why the working group is important. E.g. Why now? The IDE project has been there for so long, so what is different?

Action: Thabang will share the press release link in the meeting minutes. - DONE

Founding member quotes:

Action: Can each founding member organisation provide a quote that outlines the relevance of the working group to all. June 11th is the due date for the quotations. This is when the draft press release is due. Examples of previous WG launch press releases including supporting quotes here: Adoptium & Edge Native.

Target release date is the 15th of June June 17. Announcements go live at 7AM ET. Social media support after this for 2 weeks.
Action: Encourage member organisations and member individuals to write blogs to support this news. Publish the blogs after 7AM on the launch day.

Action: Pradeep suggests that a formal email sent to ask for quotations to WG members should be sent out by Thabang.

Webpage should also be available so interested parties can then be directed to it. This will help interested parties join or sponsor the group. Create “Calls to action” means the webpage will have this built into it and improve community building.

Newsletter Article

Eclipse IDE WG will be mentioned in June’s newsletter.
Here is an initial draft: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DKJ4T7TXZqQ5oDQ9XA_O8oC86iS6WclqAGV7u1PjAfg/edit?usp=sharing
Suggestion is to use a summary of the press release and put it in the newsletter as it comes after the press release.
Action: Pradeep should meet with the content creator to ensure the relevance of “why now?” is included.

Try and get the words to connect with our community – what is important to them. Will it be a google doc as well? Pradeep says yes it should be.

**Planning Council Update**

Melanie: Not a big update as I have not had a meeting yet. (tomorrow) Thinking about a list of issues with the simultaneous release. Will create a list of issues to give to the members of the Eclipse IDE working group.

Items that have an action for the working group will be captured as an issue in GitLab to continue the discussion and track progress.

Development on the train front – Mylyn build status – they are struggling to keep up their builds. This will be a topic.

Does everyone have access to the GitLab? Sharon, those that have logged into their account have been added. If not, please log in and inform Sharon.

**Committer Election KickOff**

Ensure the broader community understands each project is involved in this. This was the only announcement. Nominations are now open. The list of participating projects is available.

**Review of Draft Program Plan:**

Link: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pAyXmm_I6fOgn2qpew9meHT-iMFU1T0RDutbnojKUwo/edit#slide=id.gc9804d2a02_0_130](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pAyXmm_I6fOgn2qpew9meHT-iMFU1T0RDutbnojKUwo/edit#slide=id.gc9804d2a02_0_130)

Ensure we are clear on the mission which was taken from the charter and clarified. Initial focus on sustainability and integrity. Slide 5: Sustainability is at this point much more important than growth and innovation. Order of columns: Value, Growth, Innovation. Action: Pradeep to rearrange the columns in the presentation to be in priority order.

Biggest goal is maintaining what we have and keeping it viable. Value: Maintain viability of the platform for existing projects.

Pradeep was suggesting engaging in academic institutions via personal contacts. Ensure a stream of new contributors from academia. Some projects do not have a pipeline of new contributors. So this is the challenge. This suggestion would be best placed under the “Growth” column. Perhaps aiming for new manpower into existing projects could be a good initial step.
Jonah: Slide 4: Speaking to vendors that provide their own Eclipse projects based on the Eclipse platform. Some customers just use RCP, not the packages. Some think that the packages are not the most important part, rather the actual train itself.

Action: Jonah to provide a suggestion for this statement (RCP, product building) for addition to slide 4 as a strategic objective. Engaging these organizations that build products on top of the Eclipse IDE ecosystem. **DONE (by Manuel)**

SimRel important for customers pulling multiple projects into one product release. E.g. The SimRel ensures at least each version of the project works well together.

Melanie: We are talking about organizations here however often we are talking about individual committers. We need to re-motivate these individuals. These individuals need to understand the importance of SimRel and need to keep alive.

This working group is focusing on stability. This covers the RCP but also the infrastructure.

Manuel Bork: What about the end users that use the product. Can we use this as a measurement to judge how successful we are?

Action: Manuel to come up with a statement to add to Slide 4, regarding connection to the end user community. Provide tooling that is well suited to the end users. Connect the projects to the end users.

Action: Pradeep suggests all should review the remaining slides. Google doc so open to new edits. The mailing list can also be used for collaboration. Pradeep is keen to use GitLab once we get going...

**Next meeting**

There is a clash for the next meeting so we will need to re-arrange.
Suggestion is 14th of June. Seems consensus is 14th of June. 9:00AM ET.
Action: Sharon to send out the meeting invitation for the meeting that week and move it to the 14th of June.