Eclipse Legal Process

Start Here

All Code Must be approved by your PMC
Next Step - What is the origin of the code?

See Figures 1 through 6 below

Written 100% by Submitting Committer under the supervision of the PMC

Figure 1

Written 100% by employees of the same employer as the Submitting Committer: (a) under the supervision of the PMC; and (b) where the employer has signed a Member Committer Agreement.

Figure 2

Written 100% by Submitting Contributor (Non-Committer) and Submitted under the terms of the EPL

Figure 3

Re-Use of complete Eclipse Projects or Components

Figure 4

Re-Use of non-EPL Code

Figure 5

Everything Else

This includes:
1) Code containing cryptography
2) Non-EPL Code
3) Code developed by Non-Committers (excluding the exception in Figure 2, and Figure 12 leading to Figure 13)
4) Initial Contributions to a Project

Figure 6

See Page 2

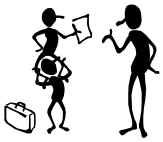
yes

yes

yes

yes

Includes all content, such as XML, DTDs, fonts, logos, trademarks.



Confirm that the Contribution:
1. Contains No Cryptography
2. Is Developed from Scratch (without incorporating content from elsewhere or relying on the intellectual property of others) – Contact the EMO if you aren't sure.
3. Is 100% EPL Code

Figure 7

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3. Is 100% EPL Code

Figure 9

Do NOT submit to CVS/SVN yet. Fill out a Contribution Questionnaire on Committer Tools and include the IPBug reference under which the original approval was granted. This creates an IPZilla Bug that will enable you to monitor the Contribution and discuss it with the EMO and Community.

Figure 14

A Member of your PMC must vote +1 on the IPBug related to the Contribution.

Figure 15

The Foundation will approve the Contribution on the related IPZilla Bug. The Contribution is now recorded in IPZilla for tracking purposes.

Figure 16

Yes to All

No to Any

Yes to All

Did it come from Bugzilla?

Figure 10

no

Contributor must create a Bugzilla entry and attach code

Figure 11

yes

Is it less than 250 lines of code and configuration files and other source?

Figure 12

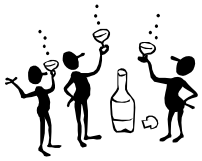
no

Go To: "Everything Else" (Figure 6)

Figure 13

yes

The activity described in Figures 1 through 5 represent the majority of development activity at Eclipse.



Create about.html (if required) & commit to CVS/SVN. Don't forget to record the contribution in your Project IP Log!

Figure 8

Available at: http://www.eclipse.org/legal/EclipseLegalProcessPoster.pdf

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Figure 6

Is the license EPL?

Figure 17

no → Are the developers willing to contribute the code under the EPL?

Figure 18

yes → Do NOT submit to CVS/SVN yet. Fill out a Contribution Questionnaire on Committer Tools. This creates an IPZilla Bug that will enable you to monitor the Contribution and discuss it with the EMO and Community.

Figure 20

The Foundation will need confirmation that each of the owners of the copyright of the code have consented to contribute the code to Eclipse under the terms of the EPL. An email from each author is sufficient. If there are multiple authors and one individual asserts ownership of the copyright, the Foundation will need to know how the ownership of copyright was obtained.

no → Is the license compatible with the EPL? If uncertain, contact EMO

Figure 19

yes → Do NOT submit to CVS/SVN yet. Fill out a Contribution Questionnaire on Committer Tools. This creates an IPZilla Bug that will enable you to monitor the Contribution and discuss it with the EMO and Community.

Attach related source code to your IPBug

Figure 21

Make sure that you submit Contribution Questionnaire for EPL and non-EPL code separately, attaching the code to the related IPBug.

Adding the following information to your Contribution Questionnaire will help speed review:
- Is the use; binary or source
- Is the use: in modified or unmodified form
- Is this a standard binary distribution or are you sub setting?
- List all licenses that apply to the code
- If there is a single author? (obtaining an email from the author indicating they wrote 100% of the code and attaching it to your IPBug will speed review)
- Is there a clear mechanism by which contributors to the project agreed to submit their code to the project under the license provided?
- If there was a change in license, did those changing the license get the permission of all of the original authors?
- If this code has been previously reviewed and approved for use in Eclipse, identifying the bug that contains the prior approval, confirming that you are using the same related source code, and referencing that bug will help speed review

A Member of your PMC must vote +1 on the IPBug Related to the Contribution

Figure 22

yes → Foundation Confirms that it has received all necessary information and code & notifies the Board of the proposed use.

Figure 23

no → Do NOT submit to CVS/SVN yet. Fill out a Contribution Questionnaire on Committer Tools. This creates an IPZilla Bug that will enable you to monitor the Contribution and discuss it with the EMO and Community.

For an unmodified binary distribution, the following licenses are considered compatible as of the date of this Poster's release:
- Apache Software License 1.1
- Apache Software License 2.0
- W3C Software License
- Common Public License Version 1.0
- IBM Public License 1.0
- Mozilla Public License Version 1.1
- Common Development and Distribution License (CDDL) Version 1.0
- BSD
- MIT

Incompatible Licenses Include:
- GNU GPL 2.0
- GNU LGPL
- Sun Binary Code License Agreement

Want to use a source distribution instead of a binary distribution? Want to distribute modified code? Not certain of the answers? Contact the EMO.

Are you an Incubating Project in compliance with the logo guidelines for Incubating Projects?

Figure 24

no → EMO Completes Due Diligence

Be prepared for a delay in response based on workload; planning ahead is best.

yes → Foundation marks your IPBug with the keyword "incubator".

Figure 25

Is the License compatible with the EPL (based the information provided by the Committer). See comment on Figure 19.

Figure 26

yes → IPBug is marked with the keyword "checkintocvs"

Figure 27

IP due diligence will need to be completed before the Incubating project can ship anything labeled as a release candidate or release.

no → Work with PMC to Examine Alternatives

EMO Completes Due Diligence

Figure 29

Approved → Foundation advises Committer and Board of Approval

Figure 30

Not approved → Foundation advises Committer of Non-Approval

Figure 31

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Figure 28

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Figure 32

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