Meeting Minutes LTS Workshop

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Notes

Karsten Schmidt, SAP: Customer View (Presentation)

Gael Blondelle for OPEES: Customer View (Presentation)

Raphael Semeteys, Atos: Open Source Support for the French Ministry of Finance (Presentation)

Michael Linsmaier, msg-systems: Introduction msg-systems

(Break)

Mike Milinkovich: Implementation Scenario
 Remarks:
- small window of opportunity to move platform project to new version control/build infrastructure to Juno
- this is mandatory for LTS infrastructure
- one reason GIT was picked because of fork / merge capabilities / cherry picking opportunities
- patches are derivative works and have to be published under the EPL: they will be made available in Bugzilla
- future steering committee of the LTS IWG will make decision as to who can access what parts of the LTS infrastructure
- can a company be a LTS customer and a SSP (self-service provider)? Yes, example Ericsson

- maintenance committer rights are bound to employer
- code can get into main line only if a 'normal' committer takes it and adds it
- LTS needs to start right after the annual release train, not after SR2 for a couple of reasons

Mike Milinkovich: Financial Requirements Eclipse Foundation
 Remarks:
- initial participation fees are staggered based on size of company, $50,000 US is considered the maximum
- original funders will be able to recoup some amount in the first couple of years as the participant list grows
- should the EBL require that binaries need to be bundled with additional value before it can be redistributed? → To be considered
- need executive buy-in latest by September
- if platform team doesn't change infrastructure in 2011, the start for LTS will be postponed for a minimum of a year

Requirements Discussion

- Private bugs – how can we do that (EclipseSource)? Needs to be the bug and the fix (SAP) Private groups in bugzilla? Hidden GIT clone – at least for some time (until it gets distributed outside the organization), example: customers need to have an opportunity to upgrade their installations prior to publishing bug and fix

- can we go back to older versions?
  Today's plan is to cover R 3.6 and later
  OPEES is deploying on 3.6

- make sure that there's a variety of MSPs (OPEES industrial users), avoid support provider lock in situations

- standardization of support processes (msg)? No need

- marketplace for the MSPs – like the dating service for the PSPs: Which projects get supported, tagging by area of expertise, marketing program for MSPs, extend Eclipse Market Place

- Eclipse Foundation to increase awareness about the LTS initiative and reach out to the larger community, targeting the consumer side

- bring money to the original projects/developers (PSPs) to allow sustaining support and continuous development – create transparency of some kind, e.g. through the dating service, PSP needs to be at least solution member or an individual committer member of the Eclipse Foundation, ~~each PSP must have at least one (full) committer on the project they claim support for (does that make sense?? what about 'dead' projects?)~~

- certification / labeling of PSPs, MSPs? Who can do the certification as an independent org? Mixed feelings about the topic

Next steps

- EF: create 'product' materials, marketing materials for LTS initiative

- EF: create wiki page, mailing list etc.

- Atos, SAP, Obeo, msg, Mike: provide today's slides to Ralph for publication with meeting minutes

- EF: publish meeting minutes (public part)

- everybody is ok with being mentioned as an interested party
- All: consider talking about LTS in public, e.g. at Eclipse Con Europe
- All: provide management feedback to EF/group
- MikeM: help Sonatype to volunteer their build services to platform team, arrange meeting with IBM/Kim
- EF: clarify financial issues for OPEES members