Eclipse SOA Initiative
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- Deliver a common and extensible SOA platform (tooling and runtime) based on Equinox
- Foster adoption of this platform by vendors and system integrators
- Achieve interoperability between products provided by the participating vendors

Workstream ①: Forming a new top-level project
The goal is to be the home for all SOA relevant projects in order to ease the development to a platform including tooling and runtime

Workstream ②: Forming a new industry working group
The goal is to establish a new brand and to define criteria under which conditions vendors and system integrators are allowed to use the brand
The new top-level project becomes the home for all relevant SOA projects

Major contributors

SOPERA is in talks with other members to join forces
The STP PMC accepted the new charter

Overview
The SOA Platform top-level project is an open source collaborative software development effort dedicated to the creation of a complete and full-scale extensible SOA Platform, incorporating tools and runtime frameworks and extensions.

Mission
The mission of the SOA Platform is to deliver a packaged Open-Source SOA Platform solution, including a comprehensive SOA runtime environment based on both established and emerging open standards and a suite of complementary tools and tool frameworks, designed to address the needs of architects, developers and deployers of SOA solutions.

Scope
SOA Platform will define and maintain requirements and a roadmap that defines a SOA Platform. The project will define the technical requirements for an Eclipse package dedicated to SOA and will specify a set of relevant projects that will implement these requirements.

Where no suitable EPL-compatible Open Source project can be found to fill a technical requirement, the SOA Platform will encourage the initiation of a sub-project to develop the necessary capability.

Within scope for the SOA Platform project is the construction of a suite of best practices and extension mechanisms to simplify the use of SOA Platform, as well as the provision of test suites and documentary materials to aid in understanding of SOA Platform.

Interaction with other Open Source projects
Where necessary, the SOA Platform will consume from suitable EPL-compatible Open Source projects to advance the roadmap and deliver capabilities required by architects, developers and deployers of SOA solutions.

Interaction with the Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group
The Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group is a source of requirements in addition to the rest of the community. It is planned that the majority of the projects relevant to the Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group is part of that top-level project. The SOA top-level project support the Eclipse SOA Industry Working Group in their delivery of the Eclipse SOA package.

Important Open Standards
The SOA Platform considers existing and emerging open standards to be vital elements in the quest for interoperability in heterogeneous SOA systems. As such, SOA Platform will be embracing such standards where it make sense to do so. This section lists important open standards that will be used by the SOA Platform: * JBI * WSDL * BPMN * WS-* * BPEL * OSGi * SCA

Other Terms
This charter inherits all terms not otherwise defined herein from the "Eclipse Standard Charter Version 1.1" (http://www.eclipse.org/projects/dev_process/Eclipse_Standard_TopLevel_Charter_v1.1.php). This includes sections on the Project Management Committee, Roles, Project Organization, the Development Process and Licensing.
The new IWG will develop and govern the use of a new brand for vendors and system integrators

- Defines requirements to be implemented by the resources of the participants in the relevant projects
- Develops a new brand
- Defines criteria for the use of the brand

**Steering Committee Member:**
- Strategic or Enterprise Developer Member of the Foundation
- Minimum 3 developers implementing the defined requirements

**Member Participant**
- Solution or Committer Member of the Foundation
- Minimum 1 developer implementing the defined requirements
The brand will be used for the Eclipse package as well
As a next step, there are talks with all interested parties

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