

eclipse foundation executive director



Press release

Mike Milinkovich Named Eclipse's Executive Director

OTTAWA, CANADA - June 1, 2004 - The Eclipse Board of Directors today named Mike Milinkovich executive director of the Eclipse Foundation, effective June 1. Milinkovich's broad experience in business development, hands-on knowledge of object-oriented technology and responsiveness to the needs of the developer community led to his selection. Milinkovich previously served as vice president of OracleAS Technical Services at Oracle Corporation. During his more than 20 years of experience in the technology industry, he demonstrated solid executive leadership, fulfilling both technical and business roles.

"I see my role as broadening the Eclipse open-source project and continuing the rapid growth of the Eclipse ecosystem," said Mike Milinkovich, executive director of Eclipse. "It is my goal that Eclipse continues to be a focal point for open-source innovation in the software industry."

Announcing this appointment, board member Jonathan Khazam, general manager of Intel Corporation's Software Products Division, said, "Mike's experience and leadership skills will help assure continued growth for Eclipse, providing a solid basis for tools innovation within this budding ecosystem. The Eclipse Board is confident Mike will do an outstanding job building on the success Eclipse has seen to date."

Milinkovich's initial priorities will include the following tasks:

- * Building the membership of the Eclipse Foundation and expanding the ecosystem of users and contributors.
- * Ensuring a successful launch of the Eclipse 3.0 release in early summer 2004.
- * Establishing a solid foundation for the new open WebTools project, which extends Eclipse to server-side Java.
- * Forming the Eclipse Management Organization and supervising the requirements, planning and architecture councils.

His leadership will be critical to establishing, extending and implementing the Eclipse roadmap and engaging with open-source projects, commercial development organizations, consumers, academic and research communities, standard bodies and individuals to grow the Eclipse ecosystem.

Milinkovich has held key management positions at Oracle, WebGain, The Object People and Object Technology International Inc. (which subsequently became a wholly-owned subsidiary of IBM), assuming responsibility for development, product management, marketing, strategic planning, finance and business development.

Milinkovich earned his Master of Science degree in Information and Systems Sciences and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada.

"With constitution of our founding Board of Directors, Eclipse is now traveling on the industry-neutral path that is critical for integration technology," said Skip McGaughey, spokesperson for Eclipse. "This launches the most significant step forward in the evolution of Eclipse as an organization. For the Open Source development community we're establishing a support base that will strengthen the projects and expand a powerful reusable architecture. For commercial and academic users of Eclipse technology, this means a more open management process and improved choices in a stable and reliable environment."

About Eclipse

Originally a consortium that formed when IBM released the Eclipse platform into open source, Eclipse is now incorporated as an independent, not-for-profit organization in Delaware. A vibrant open eco-system has formed around royalty-free Eclipse technology, a universal development platform. Eclipse technology gives developers freedom of choice in a multi-language, multi-platform, multi-vendor environment. Eclipse provides an award winning plug-in based framework that makes it easier to create, integrate and utilize software tools, saving time and money. By collaborating and exploiting core integration technology, tool producers can leverage platform reuse and concentrate on core competencies to create new development technology. Release distribution downloads, a full description of the Eclipse community and white papers documenting the design and use of the Eclipse platform, are available at <http://www.eclipse.org>.

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