

**Abridged Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
Eclipse Foundation, Inc.
June 7 & 8, 2005**

Attendees

Boris Kapitanski (Serena)
Jonathan Khazam (Intel)
Rich Main (Add-in Provider Representative)
Philip Ma (representing Michael Rank, HP)
Ed Cobb (BEA)
Dave Thomson (IBM)
John Wiegand (Committer Representative)
Todd Williams (Add-in Provider Representative)
Mark Coggins (Actuate)
Tomas Evensen (Wind River)
Scott Lewis (Committer Representative)
Howard Lewis (Add-in Provider Representative)
Kai-Uwe Maetzel (Committer Representative)
Kevin Morgan (Monta Vista)
Jim Saliba (Computer Associates)
David Tong (Sybase)

Janet Campbell (Secretary)
Mike Milinkovich (Executive Director)

Not in attendance

Michael Bechauf (SAP)
Michael Norman (Scapa Technologies)
Raaj Shinde (Borland)

Location: Hilton Hotel, Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Administrative Items:

A number of resolutions were reviewed and approved by the Board. These resolutions included:

- The minutes of the May 18th phone call were approved.
- It was agreed that each year the Board meetings in June and in December would be two days long.


Working Groups:

Prior to the meeting, the Board had organized six working groups to investigate and lead the discussion on several important topic areas. The groups were: Futures, Verticals, Licensing, Marketing, Infrastructure and Quality. One of the outputs of the Quality working group was the Board-level directions to the EMO which have led to the development of the Eclipse Project Guidelines

[\(http://www.eclipse.org/org/processes/Guidelines for Eclipse Development Process/\)](http://www.eclipse.org/org/processes/Guidelines%20for%20Eclipse%20Development%20Process/).


Committer Issues and Update:

The elected Committer Representatives presented the following update on committer issues. As a result of this presentation, the Board directed the Foundation to provide some server computer resources for the use of the projects.



Committer Value Prop

- Committers are among Eclipse's best advocates
- No progress in quality improvement or infrastructure improvement demotivating
- Any decrease of momentum or enthusiasm will hamper the development of the Eclipse brand
- We need to sustain quality and infrastructure at levels that motivate and encourage committers and attract more committers and 'fans'.



- Quality attracts Quality
 - As hire As, Bs hire Cs...
- Quality of each project reflects positively (or negatively) on the other projects
 - Projects get "credit" for low quality clients
- Projects are at different levels of maturity -
 - we must be transparent about this to ensure we all understand where each project stands
- Need Eclipse development community
 - to share best practices between projects
 - to support new projects User Experience: No distinction between platform, framework, and application when it comes to quality

Infrastructure

- Improving infrastructure
 - Wiki
 - Lower burden for PMCs
 - Improved workflows (e.g. bugzilla improvements)
 - Small projects: Automated builds and virtual servers (continue/support barn raising)

Due Diligence Process:

The Board reviewed the status of the intellectual property due diligence processes being implemented by the EMO. It was agreed that the Foundation's due diligence activities provides significant value to the Membership. Moving forward, the Foundation will share its due diligence documentation with Members.

Due Diligence Process


- Three main scenarios:
 1. A new project makes an initial code contribution
 2. An existing project takes a significant code contribution from a non-committer contributor
 3. A project requests that they be allowed to use an artifact from another open source project, possibly with a different license
- Committer record maintenance is key
- Main focus areas:
 - Provenance of copyright
 - License compatibility
- This work is of enormous value to the members of Eclipse

New Project Charters:

The Board reviewed and approved the top-level project charters for the Data Tools Platform Project (http://www.eclipse.org/datatools/dtp_charter.html) and the Device Software Development Platform (<http://www.eclipse.org/dsdp/dsdp-charter.html>).


Membership Update:

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the Membership of the Eclipse Foundation. Of particular interest was the fact that the Foundation has now passed the one hundred member threshold.



Membership Process Changes

- How to Join Section Created on www.eclipse.org (June 30, 05)
 - Simplified administrative section of Membership Agreement
 - Consolidated Information for Strategic, Add-In-Provider, Associate
 - Membership Application
 - Sample Membership Presentation
- Membership Process Document created



Membership Summary (May 31, 2005)

▪ Strategic Members	13
▪ Add-In-Provider	74
▪ Associate	14
Sum	101

New Members 2005

1Q 2005

- Inpriva
- Lombardi Software
- ACM Queue (associate)
- Discovery machine
- Omondo
- BEA (Strategic Developer)
- Secure Software, Inc.
- Klocwork
- ITG


2Q 2005

- DataMirror Corp
- DDCI
- Fawcette (Associate)
- Genitech
- iWay Software
- Macromedia
- Meta-1.com
- NEC
- Pegasystems, Inc
- Progress Software
- Symbian
- Technologic Arts
- Versata

Marketing Update

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the Marketing status and upcoming plans.


Press Coverage



- Lots of coverage from EclipseCon
- Eclipse Casts Shadow on Sun – eWeek, May 20 2005
- SD Times 100
 - Eclipse name tops for Tools and Environment
 - Eclipse named as an Influencer
- The right environment – ElectronicsWeekly
- Eclipse Foundation Press Releases
 - BIRT 1.0 Launch
 - Parallel Tools Project
 - New Web Site infrastructure
 - Wind River and CA Strategic Member announcement

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Press Plans for Q2/Q3



- BIRT 1.0 Launch – June 6
 - Main message: “Eclipse Brings Open Source to BI Market”
 - Press and analyst briefings lead by Actuate
 - 10 industry analyst briefed; 10 press interviews
- 3.1 Launch
 - Eclipse Ships more than a Java IDE
 - Eclipse RCP is gaining momentum
- Linux World announcement in July
 - CDT press release

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JavaOne and 3.1 Launch Plan



- Eclipse 3.1 planned for June 27
 - 8 other projects expected to release within 30 days
- Press plans
 - Umbrella release that includes all projects; main message is Eclipse is more than a Java IDE
 - Press release focused on the momentum of Eclipse RCP
- Analyst briefings
 - Gartner, Forrester, Redmonk
- Press briefings at JavaOne

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JavaOne Plans



- Eclipse Foundation will have a booth at JavaOne
 - Demos of Web Tools, BIRT, JDT, AspectJ and Pollinate
- Eclipse Member Initiatives
 - Exhibit Hall Passport Game "We Support Eclipse"
 - Luncheon and Roundtable Discussions
 - 11 companies participating
 - Sybase coordinating these initiatives
- Eclipse Related Session at JavaOne
 - **BoFs**
 - Smarter Rich Clients Through Middleware Services - Michael Yuan, JBoss
 - Building Your Own Eclipse Plug-Ins - Vishy Kasar, Borland Corporation
 - **Technical Sessions**
 - Introduction to Eclipse's Rich Client Platform - Jeff Gunther, Intalgent
 - Write Once, Plug Everywhere: Extending the Major Java IDEs -- NetBeans, Eclipse, and JBuilder - Mark Howe and Bob Evans, Borland Software Corporation
 - What's New in Eclipse? A Java Technology IDE and a Whole Lot More - Mike Milinkovich and Bjorn Freeman-Benson, Eclipse Foundation
 - Runtime Aspects With JVM Support - Joakim Dahlstedt and Jonas Boner, BEA Systems, Inc.
 - Introduction to the Web Tools Platform Project - Tim Wagner, BEA Systems, Inc.

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Launch to Developers



- Make launch relevant to developers
 - Press releases tend to focus on messages to the press not developers
- Encourage each project to market to their community
 - Create 'What's New' lists that focus on the top 5-10 features
 - Create screencasts of new features
- Have articles placed in developer oriented magazines
 - Ed Burnette wrote an article for JDJ
 - Mike Milinkovich wrote an article for JavaPro
- Encourage blog community to write about Eclipse
 - Ian Skerrett attempting to blog about launch to solicit participation


Working Group Updates



- Market Research Working Group
 - 15 companies participating
 - Survey completed and results to be presented June 9th
- Eclipse Japan Working Group
 - Mike Milinkovich was keynote at first Eclipse Japan seminar; approx. 120 in attendance, including 15 members of the press.
 - New Eclipse Japan web site <http://www.eclipse.org/japanwg/index.html>
- Embedded Working Group
 - Focused on article collaboration
 - Recruitment of new members to complete their value chain

Phoenix Update:


Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with a status update on the Phoenix Project, the project to redevelop the www.eclipse.org website.



Project Goal

To create a professional website that all participants in the Eclipse community will find helpful and useful in their interactions with Eclipse projects, members and the Foundation

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Some Technical Goals

- Get rid of frames!
- Base the implementation on a modern, F/OSS content management system
- Distribute the website maintenance to the leaves (the users) where possible while retaining a common "branded" look and feel

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Project Values

- The Eclipse.org web site should...
 - Be community focused
 - Place emphasis on clarity of content in its delivery
 - Provide an open, meritocratic and equal playing field for users
 - Reflect the character of the entire ecosystem.

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Identified Audiences

1. Users
2. Committers
3. Contributors
4. Plug-In Developer
5. Members

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