

Java Community Process Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

March 11 & 12, 2002
Dublin, Ireland (Hosted by IONA Technologies)
Face-to-Face Only

Attendance

JCP PMO - Onno Kluyt, Harold Ogle, Aaron Williams

ME EC

IBM -Jim Mickelson
Insignia -Peter Bernard
Matsushita -Alan Kaplan
Motorola -James Warden
Nokia -Pentti Savolainen
PalmSource - Philip Shoemaker
Philips -Jon Piesing
RIM -Anthony Scian
Siemens -Marquart C. Franz, Michael Becker
Sony-Ericsson -Hanz Hager
Sun-Danny Coward
Symbian-Jonathan Allin
TI -Marion Lineberry

SE/EE EC

Apache --Geir Magnuson
Apple - Dave Michael
BEA -Ed Cobb
Caldera -Jonathan Schilling
Fujitsu -Mike DeNicola
HP -Scott Jameson
IBM -Mark Thomas, Andy Dean
IONA-Simon Pepper, Pat O'Brien
Nokia Networks-Mikko Kolehmainen
Oracle -Don Deutsch
SAP- Michael Bechauf

Agenda

Day One

PMO General Topics
Sun's JCP Vision
Pace Ad Hoc Discussion
Community Ad Hoc Discussion

Day Two

Cost Ad Hoc Discussion
Near-Term Process Improvements
Ad Hoc And NTPI Next Steps

JCP PMO Report

The PMO presented the usual statistics regarding EC member voting and the JSR pipeline. New members from Borland and IBM were introduced to the group.

Action Item Update

The PMO reminded members to sign the new JSPA 2 in order to participate in any JSRs that fall under the new rules of JCP 2.5. The PMO also asked members to review the JSRs they are leading to see if there are any dormant JSRs that should be either kick-started or withdrawn.

Sun's JCP Vision

The PMO presented Sun's vision for the JCP. The community was defined in several different terms, emphasizing the goal of producing a binary software standard. The issue of governance for the JCP was addressed and the other EC members were encouraged to take full advantage of all of the participation opportunities that are available within the JCP. A brief analysis of the changes the JCP has made so far was also presented.

Pace Ad Hoc Discussion

The Pace Ad Hoc group, led by Scott Jameson (HP), presented their findings and recommendations to the group. The group focused on why some JSRs take too long to complete. They also addressed the possibility that some innovations are being slowed by small process roadblocks in the JCP. This group also looked at the possibility that some JSRs would need to span multiple Java Editions, and therefore

may need to be voted on by both ECs. Finally, a set of recommendations were presented along with a list of issues that still needed more time and effort to address fully.

Community Ad Hoc Discussion

The Community Ad Hoc Group, led by Mark Thomas (IBM), addressed issues that relate to the overall health and vitality of the community. First, the results of an informal poll were presented. These results highlighted some of the most important assets and issues in community. Complexity was also addressed as an important facet of the community. TCKs and the tools used for the production of TCKs were discussed as well. Finally, the group made recommendations to the ECs and also highlighted topics that were still being discussed.

Cost Ad Hoc Discussion

The Cost Ad Hoc, led by Ed Cobb (BEA), presented an overview to the ECs of their discussions. The goal of this group was to identify if there were any issues that unnecessarily inflated the cost of producing JSRs, and then to try and identify solutions to those issues. The group identified the Reference Implementation as an important cost. They also reviewed the cost of TCKs. The group finished by re-enumerating the issues and explaining why they needed more in-depth analysis.

Near-Term Process Improvements

The PMO presented a set of recommended process improvements for the ECs to consider. The PMO identified these suggestions through conversations with spec leads, expert group members and EC members. Because the transition to the new JSPA2 is not complete, these suggestions did not address any ideas that would require another update to the JSPA. Proposal areas included JSR submission, Expert Groups, Community Review, TCKs, and voting rules. In the end, the PMO suggested that it was time to start a JSR to address these issues.

Ad Hoc And NTPI Next Steps

Four next steps were identified. First, the PMO will start a JSR to address the near-term issues. Second, a single, combined ad hoc group will work to address all of the remaining issues. Third, Michael Bechauf (SAP) will lead the further investigation into the complexity issue. Finally, Scott Jameson (HP) agreed to lead an ad hoc group to look into what changes are needed to enable liaisons between the JCP and other standards groups.