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Eclipse Announces EclipseCon 2004: Premiere Conference on Open Tools Development and Integration

OMG to organize First Annual Eclipse Event

Needham, MA, USA - October 21, 2003 - Eclipse, the open community and consortium for universal tools integration, announces EclipseCon, a new technical conference that will take place February 2-5, 2004 in Anaheim, CA. Produced and managed by Eclipse consortium member the Object Management Group, EclipseCon brings together the Eclipse ecosystem: developers, software architects, technical managers, systems integrators, thought leaders, and other software development tools producers and consumers using or interested in learning about Eclipse technology.

EclipseCon (www.eclipsecon.org) will feature technical sessions that represent the entire Eclipse ecosystem including keynotes by Michael Tiemann, CTO of Red Hat, Inc., Grady Booch of IBM Rational, Gregor Kiczales of the University of British Columbia, Erich Gamma of the Eclipse Java Development Tools project, and John Wiegand of the Eclipse Platform project. The sessions will include the opportunity to explore the technical and commercial breadth of the community and hear insights from the experts through talks, tutorials, exhibits, demos and posters.

Learn about the culture of open tools, why and how Eclipse technology evolved, the drive behind the rapid open platform development process, the application of Eclipse to a broad range of computing from servers to embedded systems and more. EclipseCon presents an opportunity to formally and informally meet key members of the ecosystem. The program is designed to enhance the interaction and dialog between attendees through a demo track, poster session, Birds-of-a-Feather meetings, and technology roundtables.

Organizations interested in exhibiting have the opportunity to showcase Eclipse-based offerings and engage in needs-oriented discussions with attendees. Attendees will come away with the increased knowledge and the skill they need to enhance their software development work experience and productivity with Eclipse technology and offerings.

A strong contingent of conference sponsors reflects broad community leadership and commitment to Eclipse. Gold Level sponsors include IBM Rational Software, Hewlett Packard and SAP. Silver Level sponsors include Catalyst Systems Corporation, ETRI, INNOOPRACT Informationssysteme GmbH, Intel Corporation, MKS, Inc., Scapa Technologies and SlickEdit Inc.

"EclipseCon is the place where you can experience a new level of participation with the developers of Eclipse, open source project leaders and companies offering products that are powered by Eclipse technology," said Skip McGaughey, Chairperson of the Eclipse Board of Stewards. "As one of those leading developers who is working with Eclipse in commercial, academic or standards contexts, you will want to be here!"

Tremendous grassroots response to the power of the Eclipse platform drove the decision to launch EclipseCon. Since its inception in 2001, over 175 vendors and hundreds of open source projects have committed to Eclipse. The Eclipse website registers 10,000 Eclipse Platform download requests per day and has delivered over 90 terabytes of data since its inception. There are thousands of developers using or creating Eclipse based tools worldwide. EclipseCon has been formed to serve as the premier forum where the Eclipse community joins together.

"OMG recognizes the great potential value to end-users as a result of the synergy between open source and open standards efforts in the development community, thereby we welcome the opportunity to organize an event such as EclipseCon, the first of its kind," said Bill Hoffman, OMG President and COO.

"When IBM and Rational collaborated in the early days of Eclipse, it was clear that more deeply integrated tools

were needed by our software development industry," said Michael Devlin, General Manager, Rational Software Division, IBM Corporation. "Now that so many people have responded to the open and royalty-free nature of Eclipse technology, it's time for the community to meet, exchange experiences, share advanced tool technology and help define the future of Eclipse."

"HP has found significant value in utilizing Eclipse, building tools that plug-in to Eclipse's open architecture, creating well-received developer environments for HP Software customers. We see EclipseCon as a great opportunity to continue the momentum Eclipse has made in the marketplace, and to learn and share with our industry colleagues who also support the technology," Mike Rank, HP GM and Eclipse.org Steward.

"Eclipse and its unique open platform extensibility offers SAP an unprecedented opportunity to advance Java application development productivity and provide our customers with superior solutions that lower total cost of ownership by providing highly-integrated tools for the full software development life-cycle," said Michael Bechauf, Vice President of Java Architecture and Standards at SAP and Eclipse Steward. "EclipseCon will be a great way to experience first hand how much Eclipse continues to drive innovation and collaboration between industry and open source community."

Registration and more conference details can be found at www.eclipsecon.org. Sponsorship packages are currently available at gold and silver levels. Details for participation are at the eclipsecon.org website. Contact Nicole Glazen at +781-444-0404 for more information.

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Eclipse has established an open source ecosystem of tools providers and consumers by creating technology and an open universal platform for tools integration. The open source Eclipse community creates royalty-free technology as a platform for tools integration. Eclipse based tools give developers freedom of choice in a multi-language, multi-platform, multi-vendor supported environment. Eclipse delivers a plug-in based framework that makes it easier to create, integrate and use software tools, saving time and money. By collaborating and sharing core integration technology, tool producers can concentrate on their areas of expertise and the creation of new development technology. The Eclipse Platform is written in the Java™ language, and comes with extensive plug-in construction toolkits and examples. It has already been deployed on a range of development workstations including HP-UX®, Solaris®, AIX®, Linux®, MAC OS X®, QNX® and Windows® based systems. Full details of the Eclipse community and white papers documenting the design of the Eclipse Platform are available at http://www.eclipse.org.

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The first ever EclipseCon was an exciting event that demonstrated the vitality of the Eclipse ecosystem. Sponsored by 22 companies, EclipseCon 2004 attracted hundreds of developers representing nearly 225 companies and 23 countries who came together to exchange information and ideas about the Eclipse platform.

Standing room only was available at each of the five keynotes, which were delivered by prominent leaders in the developer community. Topics and keynoters were as follows: The Eclipse State of the Union" by Erich Gamma, Eclipse JDT lead and John Wiegand of the Eclipse Platform, "Eclipse as a Platform for AOSD Research and Development" by Gregor Kiczales, NSERC/Xerox/Sierra Systems Professor of Software Design, University of British Columbia, The Eclipse.org Tipping Point" by Michael Tiemann, CTO, RedHat, "From IDE to XDE to CDE" by Grady Booch, Chief Scientist, IBM Rational and lastly The Business of Open Source" by Simon Phipps, Chief Technology Evangelist for Sun Microsystems, Inc.

In addition, all tutorials were well attended and the large number of attendees took advantage of various technical sessions, sponsor exhibits, technology exchanges, a poster gallery and birds-of-a-feather events. EclipseCon 2004 was the first technical conference to focus on the power of the Eclipse platform, which recently celebrated its 2-year anniversary. Last week, the Eclipse organization also announced its reorganization into a not-for-profit corporation. Eclipse is now an independent body made up of over 58 member companies that will drive the platform's evolution to benefit the providers of software development offerings and end-users. With more than 18 million download requests recorded since its inception, adoption of the Eclipse platform continues to accelerate.

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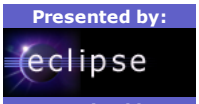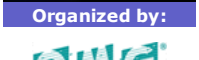
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