



Open Source and IP Management: The Rise of the Foundation

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Panelists

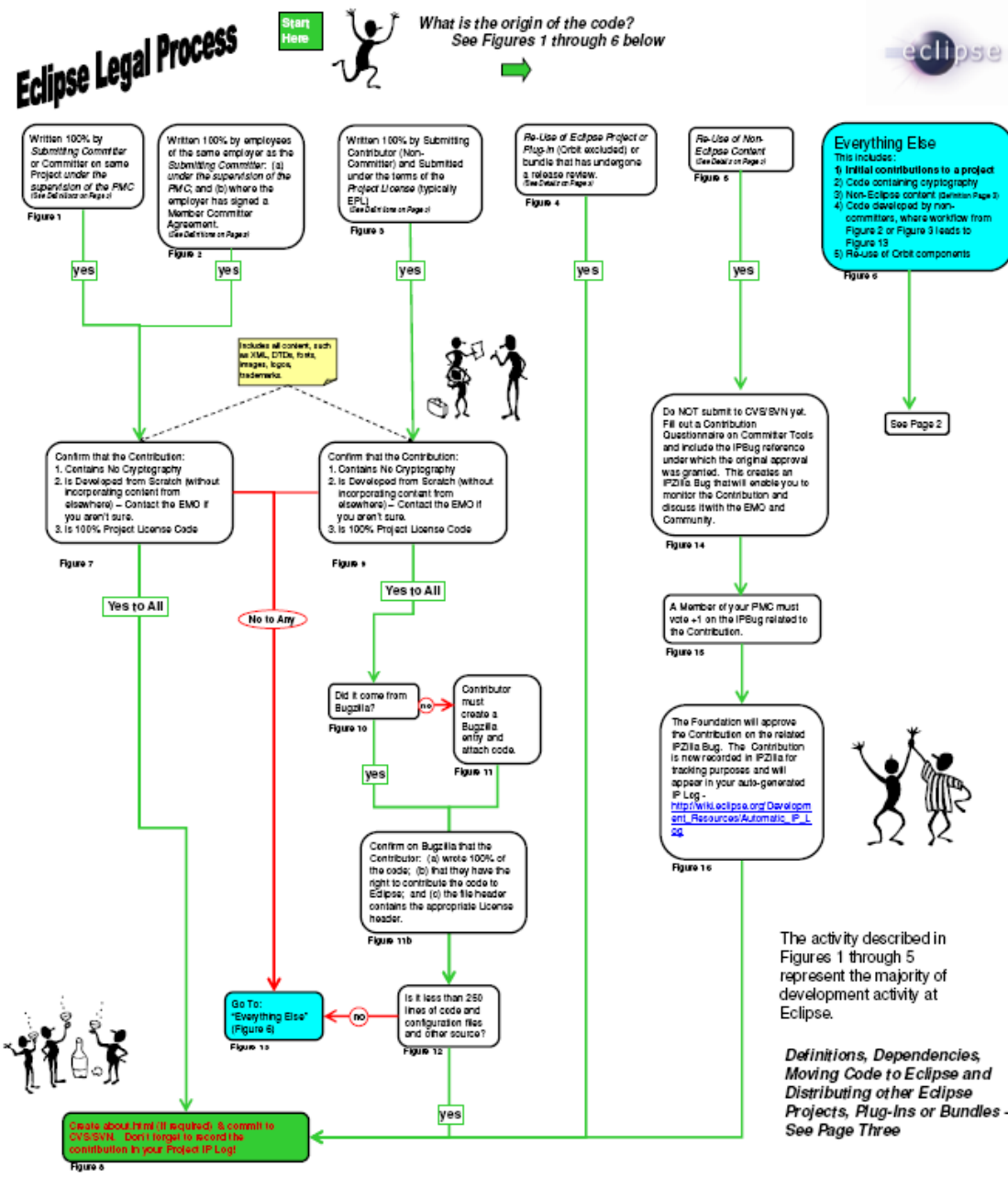
- ***Janet Campbell, Intellectual Property Director, Eclipse Foundation.*** Janet created the due diligence process used by the Foundation. She has a B.Comm from Queen's University and Law Degree from the University of Western Ontario.
- ***Jim Jagielski, President, Apache Software Foundation.*** Jim is one of the founding members of the Apache Foundation, actually has a Wikipedia entry, and contributed to SENDMAIL.
- ***Stephen Walli, Technical Director, Outercurve Foundation.*** Stephe is a long time participant and officer at the IEEE and ISO POSIX standards groups.
- ***Jim Zemlin, Executive Director, Linux Foundation.*** Jim writes a great blog, which you can find on the Linux Foundation site.

Moderator:

- ***Heather Meeker, Greenberg Traurig, LLP*** (and outside counsel to Outercurve Foundation).

A Quick Overview

Foundation	Started	Mission	Notable Projects
Apache Software Foundation	Incorporated in 1999	Promotes the use of XML; sponsors and promotes many projects	Apache web server
Eclipse Foundation	Founded in 2004 by software industry vendors. Eclipse project was released in 2001.	Hosts and stewards the Eclipse project and EPL	Eclipse IDE
Linux Foundation	Founded in 2007 by the merger of the Open Source Development Labs (OSDL) and the Free Standards Group (FSG); Linux started in 1991	Promotion, protection, and standardization of the Linux operating system	Linux kernel
Outercurve Foundation	Codeplex launched in 2006. Foundation founded in 2009	Enables the exchange of code and understanding among software companies and open source communities	Silverlight Toolkit for Windows Phone



Role of Foundation

- 1. What is the most important thing people should know about the role of your foundation in the open source community?**

Contributions

- 2. Please explain what is meant by committers and contributors. Then tell us what a contributor agreement is, and why you use them.**

IP Management

3. Why is intellectual property management an important part of a foundation's activities?

Diligence

4. How much due diligence can/should a project perform on code contributions?

Choosing Projects

5. How much discretion should foundations exercise about which projects to host? How do IP concerns bear on this decision?

Trademarks

6. What role should a foundation play in trademark management?

What's next?

In a short sentence, what do you think will be the next big challenge for open source foundations in the 2000-teens?



Thank you for your time.

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