Sparkplug Steering Committee Call

April 22, 2021

Agenda

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Attendees:

Don Pearson (Inductive Automation)
Jackie Eldridge (Inductive Automation)
Paul Buck (Eclipse Foundation)
Hassan Jaber (Eclipse Foundation)
Arlen Nipper (Cirrus Link)
Chris Houghton (Cirrus Link)
David Grussenmeyer (Inductive Automation)
Frederic Desbiens (Eclipse Foundation)
Kristine Zukose (Inductive Automation)
Todd Anslinger (Chevron)
Clark Roundy (Eclipse Foundation)
Ian Skerrett (HiveMQ)
Jeff Knepper (Canary Labs)

Absent:

Wes Johnson (Cirrus Link)

Minutes:

Objection to approving the last meeting minutes: None
Resolved, the Minutes of the March 25, 2021 Steering Committee Minutes were unanimously approved.

Topics:

Spec Project and TCK Update

   Wes Johnson wasn't available to join the meeting and he spoke at the Community Meeting, so the group decided to wait til the 5/6/2021 meeting to receive any new updates.

Votes for Formal Adoption of the Eclipse Foundation Specification Process (EFSP) & Choice of Specification Patent License (Implementation Patent License or Compatible Patent License) as per Eclipse IP Policy

   We will hold the formal votes at the next steering committee meeting in two weeks.

Patent License Discussion

   The steering committee members opened this discussion to go over their views and make a decision on which patent licencing to go forward with before the official vote in two weeks. Frederic did mention that they can push the vote even further if we need to wait to have this discussion when more members are available to join this meeting. Paul Buck recommended that in the next call they will introduce the resolution for the patent choice for the members review. They won't need to vote if they want to discuss the patent license further but then at least it will be ready for review. However, Paul would like to proceed with the vote for formal adoption of the Eclipse Foundation Specification Process because that's the governance under which the spec is currently operating. The steering committee members agreed to the next steps.

Sparkplug community meeting post-mortem

   Overall, we got some positive feedback from people outside the working group and the committee members also feel it went really well. Arlen Nipper would like to have the community meeting once a quarter. The one change Ian Skerrett mentioned is that Slack isn't the best place to channel people for feedback on the spec. Although Wes did mention in the community meeting that there is a link to the github and how to check that out and how to make comments there. Maybe the next meeting they could bring this up again and have a more formal process for people to make suggestions for the spec. Ian mentioned that is a good idea and that they should create some sort of documentation on how to navigate github, create a user, etc. Frederic took this as an action to work with Wes and Hassan on creating clear guidelines for members who would like to make suggestions to the spec.

Next meeting Frederic would like to discuss the dates for future community meetings.

Sparkplug compatibility program discussion

Hassan Jaber shared a list he put together of organization who are currently using the Sparkplug logo to work with the steering committee members on trying to figure out who they would like their target audience to be and see if there are any names they see that they would like to try to get to be apart of this group. Also, to understand how these organizations are using Sparkplug currently as we may need to reach out to some of the companies sooner than later to let them know that they're using the logo and it is a trademark of the Eclipse Foundation.
And that it's being governed, on behalf of the spark plug working group, so we can provide some guidance to them on how they can properly use the logo.

The members would like to have the following information on the website: one is, how do you contribute and how do you get involved in the specification project. And number two, is what is the logo compatibility program.

Membership Pipleline

The members didn't get to go over the pipeline fully as they ran out of time but will review the pipeline at the next meeting.