



# JOIN THE ECLIPSE FOUNDATION

The Eclipse Foundation is a not-for profit, member supported corporation that hosts the Eclipse projects and helps cultivate both an open source community and an ecosystem of complementary products and services. Organizations and individuals join the Foundation to participate and contribute to the growth and success of the Eclipse ecosystem. Foundation members range from industry leaders, small ISV's, entrepreneurial start-up, training and consulting providers, media companies, world-class universities and individual developers.

Eclipse Foundation members benefit by being offered a unique opportunity to understand the trends and directions of the Eclipse community and the ability to participate in collaborative marketing programs. There are 5 different levels of membership with the Foundation:

1. Strategic Members are organizations that view Eclipse as a strategic platform and are investing developer and other resources to further develop the Eclipse technology
2. Enterprise Members are organizations that rely heavily on Eclipse technology as a platform for their internal development projects and/or act strategically building products and services built on, or with, Eclipse. These organizations want to influence and participate in the development of the Eclipse ecosystem.
3. Solutions Members are organizations that view Eclipse as an important part of their corporate and product strategy and offer products and services based on, or with, Eclipse. These organizations want to participate in the development of the Eclipse ecosystem. Solutions Members were previously known as "Add-In Providers".
4. Associate Members are organizations that participate in, and want to show support for, the Eclipse ecosystem, and
5. Committer Members are individuals that are the core developers of the Eclipse projects and can commit changes to project source code.

## STRATEGIC MEMBERS

There are two types of strategic members: Strategic *Developers* and Strategic *Consumers*. Strategic *Developers* are major contributors of technology to Eclipse. Strategic *Consumers* are major users of Eclipse technology.

Each strategic member has a representative on the Eclipse Foundation Board of Directors allowing them direct influence over the strategic direction of Eclipse. Strategic Developer companies are expected to lead one or more of the Eclipse open source projects and have representation on the Eclipse Planning and Architecture Council. This allows Strategic Developers to have direct input into the development and architecture of Eclipse. Strategic members also have a seat on the Eclipse Requirements Council providing input and influence over the themes and priorities over the Eclipse technology.

Each Strategic Developer will have at least eight developers assigned full time to developing Eclipse technology and contribute annual dues of 0.12% of revenue (minimum \$25K, maximum \$250K). Strategic Consumers contribute annual dues of 0.2% of revenues (minimum \$50K, maximum \$500K) but can reduce the dues by contributing one or two developers to Eclipse projects, reducing their dues by \$125K for each developer, to the minimum of \$50K.

## ENTERPRISE MEMBERS

*Note: Enterprise Membership is a new membership class that will formerly launch later in 2008.* Enterprise Members are generally larger organizations (>10,000 employees) that rely heavily on Eclipse technology as a platform for internal development projects and/or act strategically with products and services built on, or with, Eclipse. These organizations want to influence and participate in the development of the Eclipse ecosystem.

Enterprise Members are looking for:

- Access to detailed intellectual property data and policies to foster further trust and use of open source
- Help with starting and participating Open Source projects and working groups relevant to their industries
- Access to tools and information sources to better understand how their 100's - 1000's of developers are making use of Eclipse in aggregate with a goal to improve productivity.

The annual membership dues for Enterprise Members is \$125,000USD.

## SOLUTIONS MEMBERS

*Note: Prior to July 24, 2008 "Solutions Members" were known as "Add-In Providers".* The Eclipse ecosystem is a vibrant community of major software vendors, small innovative software start-ups, education and service providers. The community works to develop the complementary products, services and information, and market specific solutions that have been critical to the success of the Eclipse Platform. Being a member of this community allows organizations to benefit from the success of Eclipse.

Solutions Members are organizations that will:

- Express public support for the Eclipse Foundation and the Eclipse Platform. Either in the form of a press release, listing on your website, blog entry, or other public statement.
- Plan to make available a commercial Eclipse-based offering within 12 months of joining the Eclipse Foundation, *or plan to use an Eclipse Project in the development of a commercial offering* within 12 months of joining the Eclipse Foundation. A commercial offering can either be a product (built using Eclipse tools, or on top of Eclipse projects) or service (such as training, consulting, or a hosted web service).
- process of meritocracy are able to contribute and commit code to their Eclipse projects. Committers may be members by virtue of working for a member organization, or may choose to complete the membership process as an individual.

The annual membership fee for Solutions Members is tiered based on revenue ranging from \$5-\$20K.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate Membership is non-voting, but as members, Associates can submit requirements, participate in all project reviews and participate fully in all Membership Meetings. This provides a unique advantage to understand plans, directions, and to network with the full Eclipse ecosystem.

Associate membership is free for non-for-profit organizations, standards bodies, universities, research institutes, media and publishing, government and other organization types as defined by the Eclipse Foundation board of directors. All other organizations, including for-profits, may also become Associate Members with annual dues of \$5,000USD per year.

## COMMITTER MEMBERS

Committers are those individuals who through a process of meritocracy are able to contribute and commit code to their Eclipse projects. Committers may be members by virtue of working for a member organization, or may choose to complete the membership process as an individual.

There is no charge for individuals to become a Committer Member but they must first be approved as a committer on an Eclipse project.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about joining the Eclipse Foundation please visit [www.eclipse.org/membership](http://www.eclipse.org/membership) or send an e-mail to [membership@eclipse.org](mailto:membership@eclipse.org).

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