September 13, 2007 Aperi Community Conference Call - Meeting Minutes

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Project participants are encouraged to communicate through:
- Project wiki (eclipse.org/aperi)
- Mailing list (aperi-news@eclipse.org)

Attendees:

Company	Attendees
Brocade	Absent
CA	Absent
Cisco	Absent
Emulex	Absent
LSI	Absent
Fujitsu	Absent
IBM	Allen Marin, Tom Guinane, Brenda Haynes, Dave Wolfe
NetApp	Absent
Novell	Alan Clark
Yotta Yotta	Javier Lozano

Yellow boxes embedded in the Agenda capture noted meeting comments and actions.

Agenda Overview:

- **Road Map update:**
  - Based on the timeline (http://wiki.eclipse.org/Road_map_update_timeline) we are now at the stage where we need to prioritize the requirement list (http://wiki.eclipse.org/Release_Planning) and lay out the roadmap. We, as a community need to set the direction for the future of the project. Your feedback in crucial for us to move in the right direction to support your needs. In order to do this we would like you to come prepared to the Community Meeting on Thursday with the following:
    1. The top five requirements you think Aperi needs to succeed
    2. The top five requirements your company needs as prerequisite to adopt or contribute to the Aperi code base
    3. The top five requirements you might be willing to work on
- **Aperi Survey:** The Aperi Survey is now available, and we encourage you to take it, however, as it is anonymous, we would like to hear directly from the participating community as your feedback will take precedence in our roadmap.
- **SNW Next Steps**

Agenda Details

- Road Map update:

  - We are on track with our timeline and our goal is to have a roadmap we can share by SNW. Key is to have Community agreement on the roadmap so that if folks get questions at SNW, they can respond
  - There has been good feedback from the community on the requirements list, however there has not been much chatter on the prioritization, which was a reason for the homework for this meeting.
  - In building the roadmap, the initial target will be to try and make two releases available a year. We will continue to put out milestone releases as we determine necessary.
  - YottaYotta has been collecting performance statistics. Their engineering team now has an Aperi system running collecting data 24 hours a day, queueing the system and gathering more data to provide feedback to project and management team
  - With regard to the agenda questions, YottaYotta had the same list for all 5 questions:
    - Expand SMI-S Profile support
    - Storage virtualization support
    - Multi-vendor support:
      - Aperi works well with IBM, but not with other vendors, HP, EMC
      - Possibly need assistance on this – will post to aperi-dev
    - Roll based access control
    - Application awareness
  - IBM had the following list for each question:
    - The top five requirements you think Aperi needs to succeed:
      - Launch in context
      - Support for (server) host profiles
      - Discover iSCSI targets via iSNS or SLP
      - SMI-S 1.2 support
      - Document the Aperi schema
    - The top five requirements your company needs as prerequisite to adopting or contributing to Aperi code base:
      - Launch in context
      - Framework componentization
      - IBM DS CIMOM Version 5.2
      - TPC Porting
      - Currency: Convert documentation to DITA
    - The top five requirements you might be willing to work on:
      - Launch in context
      - NAS Profile
      - SMI-S Fabric and Switch Support
      - CBE/WEF event generation
      - Integrate with JNDI
  - Other discussion?

  Action:
  - Tom will solicit more input and feedback on the priorities. He will then create a straw man roadmap and post on the wiki for everyone to review. We will need comments and feedback on this.

- Aperi Survey

  - The Aperi Survey, http://www.eclipse.org/aperi/survey.php, is ready to go.
  - An announcement will go out shortly.
  - All survey responses go to a newly created mailing list called aperi-survey that was created for the purpose of receiving the survey responses. Anyone can subscribe to that mailing list and look at the raw data from the individual responses.
  - All responses to the survey are anonymous.
  - Note: Because Eclipse mailing lists allow only their subscribers to send mail, the survey tool was required to send the responses from a subscriber. So, all survey responses will look like they came from Tom Guinane, however, his id was just used to send the mail from the web form. No worries, Tom is not stacking the ballot box, and the surveys will not transmit any user information.

  Action:
  - Tom will make an announcement on the mailing lists and our newsgroup.
  - Each community member is asked to take the survey.

- SNW Next Steps

  - We have finalized commitments from several participating vendors to co-sponsor the Aperi booth. Brocade, IBM, LSI, and NetApp have sent the Sponsorship Agreements to the Eclipse Foundation, who is signing the contract with Computerworld for the sponsorship. The level of sponsorship we have chosen comes with two full conference passes, and we discussed on the call who will need them. Allen Marin asked for one since he will be setting up the booth and organizing activities around the event. Allen sent a note to the community to see if anyone else could use the other pass, and nobody other than Brenda Haynes replied with such a request.
  - We need volunteers to staff the booth. The expo floor schedule has been posted to the wiki under the "Key Documents Under Discussion" section, and we need those who will be at SNW to explore whether they can help.
  - Allen is checking whether we might be able to use the IBM suite for an Aperi community reception and will share news on this as soon as possible. If any other participating vendor has access to a suite or other meeting area, we have extra funds to pay for snacks and beverages from the hotel catering service.
  - Since we are short on resources and time to plan, we are recommending canceling the contest we were considering for the GPS device at the booth. However, in lieu of the contest we should consider some desktop promotional items with the Aperi logo and URL that we can do relatively quickly. There are a couple items we are considering and will post to the wiki and discuss on the next call.

  Action:
  - All participants who will be at SNW are encouraged to help staff the booth if possible. Please see second bullet above for schedule and send note to Allen (amarin@us.ibm.com)
  - All participants who will be at SNW: Allen Marin sent a note on options for an Aperi community happy hour in the IBM suite. Please check your inbox for a note from Allen on Sept. 19 and reply by 2pm Tuesday, Sept. 25, so we can reserve the suite and make arrangements for snacks and beverages.
  - All participants are encouraged to vote on the various promotional items included in the note Allen Marin sent out on Sept. 19. We have funding to purchase some of these to give away to attendees, and we need to select one by the end of next week.