Oracle Submits Proposal to Make Hudson an Eclipse Foundation Project

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Redwood Shores, Calif. – May 4, 2011 - Demonstrating its commitment to the developer and open source communities, Oracle today announced that it has submitted a proposal to the Eclipse Foundation to create a Hudson project in Eclipse and contribute the Hudson core code to that project. As part of the process, Oracle will transfer the Hudson trademark and the Hudson-ci.org domain name to the Eclipse Foundation.

Under the new proposal, Oracle will be the project lead with Sonatype, Tasktop, and VMware as initial contributors. Other companies are also listed as project supporters. To help ensure that the proposal is in the best interests of the developer and open source communities, Oracle will solicit feedback from the Hudson community to make sure its opinions are heard before any proposal is finalized.

Hudson is a industry-leading open source “continuous integration” (CI) server that increases productivity by coordinating and monitoring executions of repeated jobs, making it easier for developers to integrate changes to the project and for users to obtain a fresh build.

"Oracle has always been committed to improving the structure, predictability, openness and stability of the Hudson project,” said Ted Farrell, chief architect and senior vice president, Tools and Middleware, Oracle. “After careful review of the options and talking with many of our customers and partners, we believe that contributing Hudson to the Eclipse Foundation is the best way to ensure its growth and continued success.”

“Hudson has become an important tool for many software developers and is widely used within the Eclipse community," said Mike Milinkovich, Executive Director of the Eclipse Foundation. "We believe Oracle's proposal to make Hudson an Eclipse project is an important next step in expanding the adoption and usage of Hudson. The Eclipse Foundation provides a vendor-neutral community that allows any company or individual to participate in the community, makes it possible for any company to commercialize Hudson, and institutes the processes to ensure the production quality and intellectual property due diligence required for large-scale enterprise deployments."

“This is the best possible outcome for the Hudson community – it gives the project a new path forward that benefits the entire Hudson ecosystem, especially its users. We applaud Oracle for moving Hudson to the Eclipse Foundation where collaboration between open source project developers and commercial organizations has had a long, successful history of producing the highest quality solutions,” said Jason van Zyl, founder and CTO of Sonatype. “The Foundation’s open source model and services create an environment that fosters collaboration and accelerates innovation without risk. We look forward to continuing our work with Oracle, the Eclipse Foundation and the Hudson developer community to help drive the evolution of Hudson into a scalable, reliable and high-performance enterprise-class offering.”

“Continuous Integration, and Hudson in particular, have become a key pillar of the modern Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) stack,” said Mik Kersten, CEO of Tasktop and founder of Eclipse Mylyn. “Eclipse provides a great opportunity for moving the evolution of Hudson forward thanks to its vendor-neutral governance model, hardened development process, and track record of building some of the most widely used developer tools and APIs in an open and participative fashion.”

“By establishing a Hudson project at Eclipse and contributing the code and trademarks to the project, we believe that Oracle is acting in the best interest of Hudson and the community,” said Rod Johnson, senior vice president, Application Platform Strategy, VMware. “It’s important that the Java community has an open source CI solution with a broad-based set of committers. We are pleased to deepen our longstanding engagement with the Eclipse Foundation and are excited to help drive Hudson forward.”

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