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Java ME Evolution



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Agenda

- Who's asking for what
- Java ME Today
- Java ME Evolution
 - Common updates to CLDC and CDC
 - CLDC Evolution
 - CDC Evolution
 - Expanding the Platform
- Q&A

Developers Ask for...

- More re-use
 - Library code common across client types and servers
 - Programming skills no dumbing down for Java ME
 - Tool leverage use the same tools for clients, servers
- Programming power Java language features
- Access to phone/device features sensors, events, etc.
- Robustness reliable and predictable software, fewer differences between devices
- Provisioning one stop certification, distribution, revenue model, ...

OEMs Ask for...

- Low cost with good features
- Quick time to market
- Flexibility in implementing interfaces to OS functions
- Support for more platforms not really a JCP issue

Operators Ask for...

- Features that differentiate
 - Customization of look, feel, user experience
 - Security policy management of sensitive features
 - Branding of device, application store and applications
- Continued ROI in applications and infrastructure
- Service infrastructure
 - Operator services
 - Payment
 - Sync and backup
 - etc.

Java ME Today

CLDC Platform

- Minimal Subset of JDK 1.4.2
- Profiles MIDP 2.1, MIDP 3.0
- 18 Optional Packages
- Platforms MSA 1.1, MSA 2.0
- MSA 2.0 update in progress since 2007

CDC Platform

- Subset of JDK 1.4.2
- 3 Profiles, FP, PBP, PP
- 6 Optional Packages (AGUI, JDBC, RMI, JAAS, JSSE, JCE)
- Platforms defined by vertical markets (TV, Blu-Ray, etc.)
- CDC/FP/... last updated August 2006

Proposed Java ME Direction

- Phase I Modernize ME platform
 - Adopt/Incorporate platform/language enhancements from jdk 1.5, 1.6
 - Preserve CLDC/CDC split, but drive for larger common ground between them
- Phase II Expand ME Platform
 - Many requests for additional APIS/Capabilities, prioritize and include as part of platform, optional packages.
- Phases can be performed sequentially or in parallel

Java ME Evolution (Phase I)

- Common updates to both CLDC and CDC
 - Java Language
 - Java Virtual Machine
 - Java Runtime Libraries
- No business disruption
 - Keep backward compatibility
 - Application ecosystem stability
- Optional Packages
 - Backwards compatible
 - May be updated to use Common Language, VM, Libraries

Common Language Enhancements

- Compatible with the Java Language Specification
- JSR 14: Add Generic Types To The Java™ Programming Language,
- JSR 41: A Simple Assertion Facility*
- JSR 175: Annotations, and
- JSR 201: Extending the Java™ Programming Language with Enumerations, Auto-boxing, Enhanced for loops and Static Import

^{*} CDC Supports full Annotations, CLDC supports a subset due to the absence of reflection

Common VM Enhancements

- Compatible with the VM Specification
- JSR 133: Java™ Memory Model and Thread Specification Revision,
- JSR 202: Java™ Class File Specification Update
- JSR 292: Supporting Dynamically Typed Languages on the JavaTM Platform

Common Library Enhancements

- Update APIs already in CLDC to Java 6
- Updates to primitive type support
 - java.lang.String extended to full Java 6 Strings
 - Math functions Trig, BigDecimal, etc.
- NIO Buffers
- Create common specification for Generic Connection Framework (GCF)

CLDC Evolution

- Common enhanced language, VM, and Libraries
- Retain equivalent level of functionality
 - Security model (same as CLDC 1.1.1)
 - No dynamic loading of classes
 - Generic Connection Framework for files, networking, etc.
 - No reflection
- Update MSA2 w/ CLDC.next

CDC/FP Evolution

- Common enhanced language, VM, and Libraries
- Combine CDC and FP (No separate FP)
- Updates
 - Security,
 - Unicode,
 - JSR 51: New I/O APIs for the JavaTM Platform,
 - Networking,
 - Logging

Expanding the Platform (Phase II)

- Evaluate and Add capabilities in existing optional packages or define new where appropriate
- User Interface
 - Multi-touch, Gestures, Virtual keyboard control
- Persistent database support
- UPnP and DLNA integration with remote media
- Ajax, JSON support for Web 2.0
- Speech output
- Social Networking integration API
- Search (platform wide integration)
- Etc.

Next Steps

- Feedback
- Timeframes
 - Target JSR in next 3 months

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