

LONG TERM SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Membership Update

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BACKGROUND

- Challenge (SAP 2010):
 - Major Eclipse Release every year
 - Two Support Releases in the following 9 months
 - No service releases after that
 - Discrepancy between support obligation towards customers (12y) and defined support for Eclipse (1y)

PROBLEM

- Eclipse is becoming main-stream technology, long-term support is becoming important to customers and adopters
- No one company can offer appropriate long-term support for all relevant projects of Eclipse

INITIATIVE

- Goal: Provide sustainable support model for long-term support and maintenance of Eclipse technology
- 2009: Early conversations in membership (SAP, EclipseSource, others)
- 2010
 - Formal request to EMO to develop plan for LTS
 - Outreach to various organizations („Customers“, „Integrators“, „Specialist Companies“)

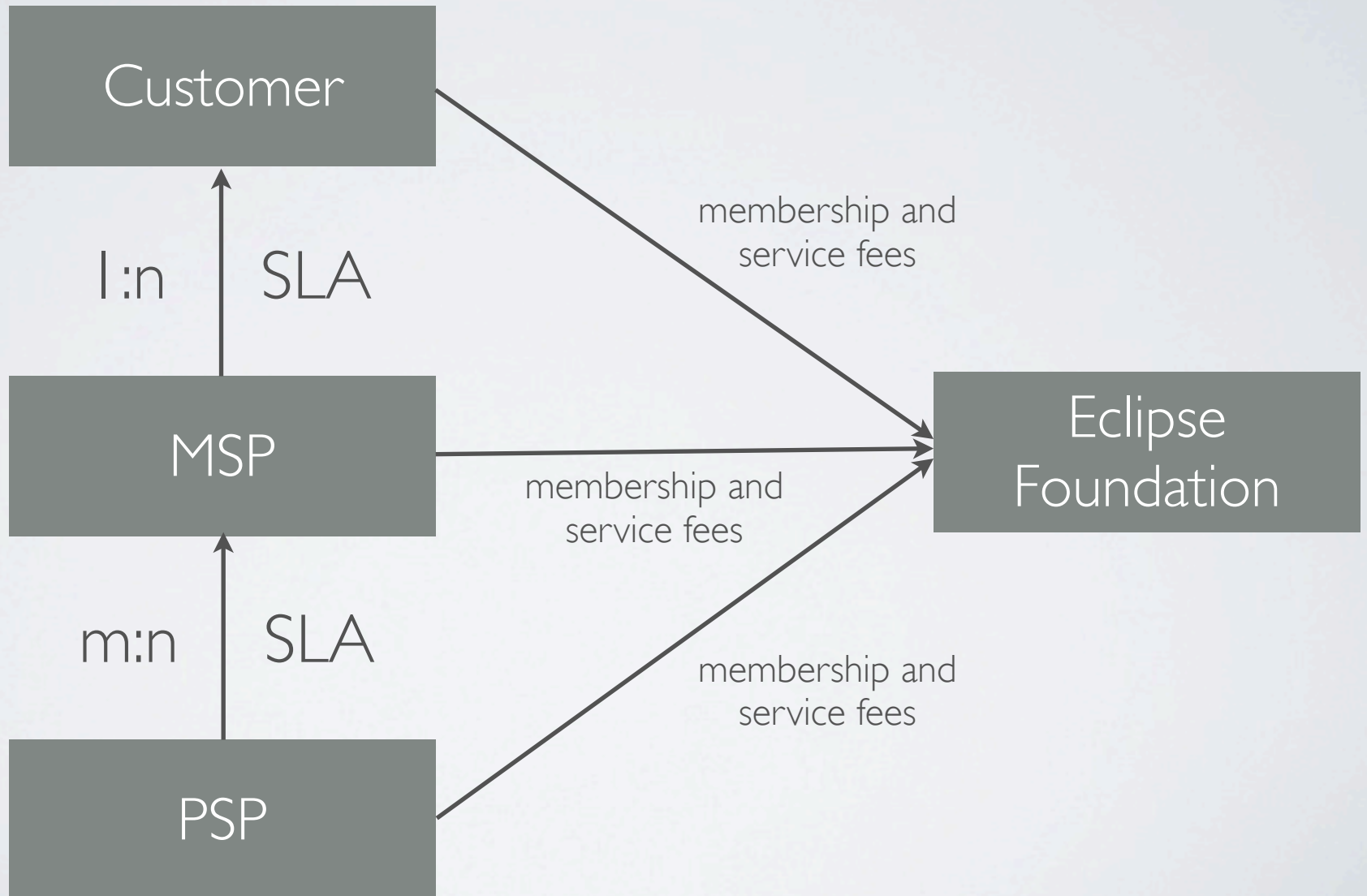
STAKE HOLDERS

- LTS Customer
- LTS Maintenance Service Provider (MSP)
- LTS Self-Service Maintenance Service Provider (SMSP)
- LTS Project Service Provider (PSP)
- Eclipse Foundation (service hub - IT, IP, build, signing, licensing)

EXAMPLE

- Customer: Airbus
- MSP: ATOS Origin
- PSP: Obeo, EclipseSource, itemis

PROPOSED BUSINESS MODEL



ECLIPSE BINARY LICENCE

- Binaries produced by LTS infrastructure will be distributed under the EBL
- Only binaries, no source, but may acknowledge that the source code is available under various open source licenses
- Permission for world-wide, royalty free distributions of such binaries via distributors and sub-licensors
- No permission to create derivative works of binaries

STATUS

- Presentations at ESE 2010, EclipseCon 2011, other conferences
- Workshop conducted on July 11, 2011 in Walldorf, Germany
- Interested parties include SAP, Airbus, IBM, Ericsson, Bosch, Continental, BMW, MSG-Systems, ATOS Origin, Obeo, Itemis, EclipseSource, CEA List, Red Hat, MSG-Systems
- Plan to establish dedicated industry working group (IWG) in Q4/2012