The Open Source Project

Tilab started the Jade Open Source Project in 2000

Goals
- to spread the P2P intelligent agents idea
- to genuinely support FIPA and genuinely pursue FIPA- compliance
- to create a strong Community that can help to build and use Jade platform

Why the LGPL license?
- create an effective platform with the help of the community and make business (both us and the others) based- upon the applications
- the code is king: companies can make business based on JADE, they can sell applications using it, but they cannot keep their own private version of JADE

The evolution of JADE has been always open and welcomed to 3rd party contributions but still controlled by TILAB, as project owner

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JADE Governing Board

TELECOM LAB ITALIA — Jade creator and founder of the OS Community

MOTOROLA — Great contributor for the JADE middleware, with a relevant role in its extension to the wireless context

WHITESTEIN Technologies — IT company, with a great commitment in the design and development of advanced agent-based systems, applications, and technologies

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Mission

Board Mission is:

Promote, govern, and implement the evolution of JADE

The final goal is Jade adoption by the mobile industry as a

standard middleware for mobile Peer-To-Peer intelligent agent applications

- running both on different mobile terminals and SIM
- completely interoperating on different terminals and networks

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Key Principles

- Jade Board is not-for-profit

- The participation is offered to all the actors interested and able to support the Mission

- JADE API's are public and its evolution is controlled by the Board

- Value of the Open Source process acknowledgment and interest of the OS community safeguard

- Copyright and IPR rules have been defined to guarantee the developments of Members and OS Community

- Full interoperability across different proprietary implementations, if any, must be guaranteed at the API level

Impacts on Community and Jade

- Source Code availability and contribution by Open Source Community won't be affected
- Jade relevance in the mobile sector as a valuable middleware will significantly raise
- Business awareness of Jade realization and related applications will grow and open market opportunities for everyone

Board creation is a great step forward for Jade platform and for its Community!

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Activities of the Board

- Govern and implement the evolution of JADE through:
    - the definition of public API's,
    - the development of the underlying software
- Decide on the content/functionalities of the JADE releases
- Specify the technical activities of the JADE Board Software Team
- Advise on the content of the JADE Web site
- Nominate and elect new Members

Commitments of Members

Leading principle:

commit, on a reasonable effort basis, to JADE evolution and success

- through:
  - contribution to the common definition of JADE enhancements
  - contribution to the sw development of reference implementation of enhancements through technical people according to the minimum effort and work items as established by the Board from time to time
  - use of JADE in its internal activities both for R&D and business purposes
  - promotion of JADE in accordance with related Board policy
- additional commitments of members:
  - comply with Board IPR rules
  - not to use the know-how developed during and in the direct performance of Board activities by its personnel involved in Enhancement realization to develop, improve or make a Platform in Competition with JADE for all the period of time they stay in the Board and for six months thereafter
  - not to create an Open Source branch of JADE during the term of their membership and for six months thereafter

Membership Benefits

- Right to vote at Member meetings
- Right to access, on a confidential basis, TILAB's JADE private web site, containing information not publicly available including:
    - CVS repository;
    - JADE internal architectural description;
    - SW development discussion reports;
    - JADE web site information and status;
    - JADE private test-suite;
- Members will be granted the non-exclusive license to internally use said information for the purposes of Board activities.
- Right to advise on the contents of TILAB's JADE Web site and of JADE releases.
- Right to become member of TILAB's jade-board mailing list.

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