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**Title of the keynote presentation**

Eclipse - an Open Source Innovation Network

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**keynote**

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**Abstract**

Open Source- for many the expression is a synonym for 'no cost' or 'easy to obtain'. Only known to the insider is the fact that Open Source methods and licenses have become the basis of many industry collaboration efforts. Here Open Source is applied to jointly develop, maintain and distribute software relevant for the industry. Due to its well-defined Intellectual Property Management and its Development Process is the Eclipse Project today well positioned to support industry initiatives in the collaborative value creation process. The commerce-friendly Eclipse Public License (EPL) makes it easy to capture value in commercial exploitation, providing the basis for a successful and sustainable eco system. The talk will discover the motivation for open source in its different instantiations, discuss an 'open source maturity model' and will explain the Eclipse Foundation in more detail. We will also look into the future trends that we experience in the Eclipse Eco System. In addition, some of the processes of the Eclipse foundation will be discussed as well as best practices that made Eclipse a really industrial strength open source project.

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**CV**

Ralph Mueller started working for the Eclipse Foundation in September 2005. A computer scientist by trade, he sees the main focus of his work in the exploration and building of the European Eclipse Eco System. In addition to this, he is one of the main contact points in Central Europe for companies and individuals that want to use Eclipse, provide services around Eclipse or contribute to Eclipse. Based on his past experience, he is also exploring collaboration with industries such as Automotive or Aerospace with the goal to promote the Eclipse idea into these areas.

