

Eclipse Cloud DevTools Working Meeting minutes (Apr 30)

Attendees

Name	Organization	Attended This Meeting
Mélanie Bats	Obeo	
Cédric Brun	Obeo	
Jérôme Bourgeais	ST	x
Philippe Noel	ST	
Jonas Helming	EclipseSource	x
Tim deBoer	Red Hat	x
Rob Moran	Arm	x
Miro Spönemann	TypeFox	x
Mark Goodchild	Renesas	x
Jonathan Madsen	AMD	
Ammar ElWazir	AMD	
Tony Tye	AMD	
Thomas Froment	Eclipse	x
Clark Roundy	Eclipse	
Sharon Corbett	Eclipse	
Frédéric Desbiens	Eclipse	

Quorum and validation of previous meeting minutes

Steering Committee Members:

Number of Seats 8 / Quorum is 50% of Committee / Passing a resolution is > 50% of quorum present (4 members)

Motion: Approve Minutes of Apr 2nd, 2026. No objection to unanimous approval.

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Apr 2nd

Minute Taking Roster

- ☐ Obeo (last DATE)
- ☒ EclipseSource (2nd April 26)
- ☐ Red Hat (30th April 26)
- ☐ Arm (last DATE)
- ☐ TypeFox (last DATE)
- ☐ ST (last DATE)
- ☒ Renesas (5th March 2026)
- ☐ AMD (last DATE)

Minute Taking

OCX Debrief and Key Observations

- Mark Goodchild reported that the talks and BoF events at OCX were well attended, particularly those focused on AI integration. Jonas Helming was pleased with the workshop attendance, noting that participants remained engaged throughout the afternoon. Thomas Froment shared that the workshop received positive feedback and observed a noticeable shift in attendee interests, with significantly more attention on Cloud Dev Tools and Tool Builders than on traditional Eclipse IDE topics.

Shifting Focus to Modernisation

- Thomas Froment noted that, although the Eclipse Platform remains an important topic from a sustainability and maintenance perspective, the overall direction of the ecosystem is moving towards modernisation and new technologies. Jonas Helming confirmed that even long term RCP users are now actively exploring migration paths while planning to maintain existing applications for only a limited number of years. Mark Goodchild agreed, observing a strong desire within the community to move forward while positioning the Eclipse IDE Working Group primarily around maintenance and sustainability.

Working Group Manager Follow-up and Adopter Stories

- Thomas Froment provided an update on Working Group activities, including the publication of a new Theia adopter story. Members agreed that more effort should be made to increase its visibility and encouraged everyone to contribute news items for the newsletter. Thomas also committed to sharing attendance metrics and other data from OCX at a future meeting.

Feedback on OCX Improvements

- Jonas Helming suggested increasing participation from the embedded software community by introducing a dedicated embedded track, highlighting the strong overlap between embedded development and developer tooling. He also recommended avoiding scheduling conflicts with major SDV events and proposed positioning OCX as a recurring SDV event. Mark Goodchild supported the idea and suggested organising dedicated community meetings, such as for the CDT and cloud development communities, to further increase attendance.

Collaboration and Tool Builders Mission Statement

- Thomas Froment highlighted that the feedback aligned well with the Working Group's strategy of strengthening connections with the SDV and embedded software communities. The immediate priority is to accelerate the transition towards the Tool Builders identity by updating the Working Group name and mission statement. He noted that there appears to be broad consensus on this direction, including strong support from Eclipse Foundation leadership. Thomas also shared that all submitted conference proposals promoting projects such as Theia and Open VSX had been accepted.

Distinguishing Tool Builders from the Eclipse IDE Platform Working Group

- Thomas Froment presented a proposal to clearly define the responsibilities of the future Tool Builders Working Group relative to the Eclipse IDE Platform Working Group. The proposal positions the Eclipse IDE Platform Working Group as focused on maintaining existing platform technologies, while Tool Builders would become the umbrella organisation for future developer tooling projects, regardless of implementation technology. Mark Goodchild agreed that the Eclipse IDE Working Group's primary responsibility is ensuring the long term sustainability of the existing platform. Thomas plans to finalise the charter, branding and website updates as part of this transition.

Defining Project Set Criteria

- Miro Spönemann suggested defining clear criteria for projects that belong within the Working Group. Rather than assuming projects remain indefinitely, the Steering Committee should establish expectations around project activity, relevance and contribution to ensure the portfolio remains aligned with the Working Group's objectives.

The Evolution of IDEs and AI

- Tim deBoer introduced a discussion about the rapid evolution of AI and its implications for developer tools. While industry narratives increasingly suggest that AI will replace traditional IDEs and manual coding, Tim observed that his own workflow has shifted towards AI generated code while still relying on IDE capabilities for reviewing changes and making targeted modifications.

AI Integration and the Future of Review

- Jonas Helming agreed that large scale AI generated code is becoming the norm and suggested that manual code writing is rapidly diminishing. However, IDEs remain valuable for investigation, debugging and code comprehension. He presented a prototype where AI prepares review plans and guides developers through the review process, combining AI assistance with human oversight to improve both efficiency and code quality.

Dependence on Software Type

- Miro Spönemann pointed out that the level of tooling required depends heavily on the type of software being developed. While AI may be sufficient for many application level projects, libraries and frameworks require much greater precision, long term compatibility and careful control over APIs and implementation details. Tim deBoer agreed that the balance between automation and human oversight continues to evolve depending on project complexity.

Customisation and the Future of IDEs

- The discussion explored how future developer tools may evolve beyond the traditional IDE interface. Rather than disappearing, IDEs may increasingly adapt into specialised workflows focused on activities such as code review before returning to a more conventional development environment when needed. Jonas Helming noted that Cursor is already experimenting with such user experiences. Tim deBoer concluded that, regardless of terminology, developers will continue to require sophisticated tooling even if those tools no longer resemble today's IDEs.

AI as a Platform Rather Than an IDE

- Thomas Froment concluded by questioning whether AI should increasingly be viewed as the development platform itself rather than simply another IDE feature. Tim deBoer agreed that while traditional IDEs may become less central for some development scenarios, developers will continue to rely on dedicated tools whose form will evolve significantly over time. The meeting concluded with agreement that the developer tooling landscape is entering a period of substantial transformation.