



2010-11-24 All councils wrap-up call

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Timing and practicalities

Format: Call, no Webex
Date: Wed 24th Nov 2010
Time: 09:00-10:00 UK

Attendees

Symbian: Tim Holbrow, Daniel Rubio, Tom Pritchard, Fred Blesser, Mark Skrebels, Urmi Shah, Ian Hutton (chair / secretary)

Other presenters: Petra Soderling (Nokia)

Council members: 37 dialled in, detailed register not taken

Agenda

- Welcome, agenda (Ian)
- Summary of recent announcements (Tim)
- Nokia's plans for the future (Petra)
- Thanks to council members (Daniel + chairs)
- Practicalities (Ian)
- Q&A (all)

Minutes

Tim walked through [the announcement made by Symbian on Nov 8th](#) with support from Daniel. Key points:

- The foundation will become a legal entity responsible for licensing software and other intellectual property, such as the Symbian trademark. Nokia has committed to make the future development of the Symbian platform available to the ecosystem via an alternative direct and open model.
- For most Symbian employees, their last day in the office will be Dec 17th 2010, with a small transition team (~12 people) retained into Q1 2011 focussed on operational issues (finance, facilities etc)
- Assuming that the Board agrees, we intend to discontinue external access to Symbian web sites as of 17th Dec 2010 (as after that point the foundation will not have sufficient staff to support them)
- From the beginning of February 2011 we expect that Symbian will be able to make the last S^2 and S^3 PDKs (plus distributable content from the wiki, bug tracker, forums etc) available on DVD or similar to those that request it (S^2 will be available to members only as per the SFL). More details on this when known.

Petra summarised Nokia's future plans re the Symbian platform:

- The Symbian platform remains business critical to Nokia and their estimate of selling >50m S^3-based devices still holds
- Nokia plan to develop the Symbian platform further
- Nokia are looking at an alternate open and direct model for making the platform available to the community in future. The aim is that the model "will be no less open, free and flexible" than today's
- Nokia do not intend to include a council-style governance system in their new model
- No decision made as yet regarding whether EPL will be retained or an alternate license adopted. Petra indicated that terms will not be more restrictive than EPL.
- Nokia intend to transition signing services (Symbian Signed) in some manner as they will still require it, details TBD
- Nokia will communicate more detail regarding the new Symbian project by end Q1 2011 at the latest, via the standard Nokia corporate communication channels (press release, Nokia Conversations blog etc - details TBD)
- Petra indicated that she was happy for council members with further questions regarding Nokia's plans to contact her directly

Ian summarised practicalities for council members:

- No further council meetings planned and no ongoing work at council level. Same goes for working groups.
- Council chairs are adding an "outstanding issues" summary per council to wiki pages for posterity
- We expect that the Board will formally dissolve the councils at its Dec 16th meeting. We will provide an email update after this.
- After Dec 17th Tim and Daniel will remain contactable via their Symbian email addresses (timh@symbian.org and danielr@symbian.org) whilst the transition team concludes its work (expected sometime in Q1).
- Symbian intend to retain [the blog](#) for broadcast communications regarding operational changes.
- Community members should look to Nokia for news regarding the new Symbian platform project (see Petra's comments above).

Daniel thanked all council members for their time, energy and commitment over the last two years. This was echoed by all council chairs.



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