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fyi mohan and i will take the lead on working out the apple bundle deal

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From: John Ludwig
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i was at the exec staff meeting last nite and there were 3 interesting exchanges with bill and the whole group about apple

1 bill's top priority is for us to get the browser in the october os release from apple we should do whatever it takes to make this happen if we are getting shut out, we should escalate to bill. you should make sure that we are engaging deeply with apple on this one and resolving any and all issues.
2 on the java work bill says the ball is in our court to come up with a win/win solution he suspects that we should be cooperating only at the lowest level – native code interfaces, jits, etc not at the class lib level bill was clear that his whole goal here is to keep apple and sun split. he doesn't care that much about being aligned with apple, he just wants them split from other potential allies.
3 on xplatform class libs, we had an interesting and at times entertaining discussion. bill first asserted that we should be taking the entire COR infrastructure to all platforms bobmu and i educated him about the expense of doing so – bob was pretty clear that there is no plan to take COR anywhere but windows bill was initially shocked at this – he even said "so an isv that writes to COR is just fucked" this had us all rolling on the floor at the irony here – bobmu said "we prefer to say that they are taking full advantage of our platform, bill" bill realized what he had said and agreed that most of COR should probably not be ported everywhere. there was no clear conclusion to this discussion but overall i think there was a sense that most of this work would be windows-centric and that we would not be working in general to take it all xplatform the exception might be some limited dcom pieces for large vertical isvs who need unix solutions too

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