Jakarta EE Spec Committee - November 30th, 2022

Attendees (present in bold):

Kenji Kazumura - Fujitsu
Tom Watson - IBM - Emily Jiang
Ed Bratt - Oracle - Dmitry Kornilov
Andrew Pielage - Payara - Petr Aubrecht
David Blevins - Tomitribe - Jean-Louis Monteiro, Cesar Hernandez
Ivar Grimstad - PMC Representative
Marcelo Ancelmo - Participant Member - Abraham Marin-Perez
Werner Keil - Committer Member
Scott Stark - Red Hat - Scott Marlow - Enterprise Member
Zhai Luchao - Shandong Cvice Middleware Co. - Enterprise Member

Eclipse Foundation: Tanja Obradovic, Wayne Beaton, Paul Buck (chair)

Past business / action items:

● Approval is requested for the minutes from the November 16th, 2022 meeting as drafted - Approved.

Agenda:

● Ongoing tracking spreadsheet of specifications progressing through the JESP version lifecycle

● Ongoing work on and resolve Specification Committee’s process enhancements items including those identified in the Jakarta EE 10 retrospective:
  ○ Issues with the “enhancement” label are here
  ○ Enhancement labeled issues in a project board is here
  See the issues in the board for updates

● 11/15/22 Does the EFSP mandate that authoritative sources live within a specification project? That is source input that ends up producing the final specification content [Tom]
  ○ Concerned about the situation w/ MyFaces
    https://github.com/jakartaee/faces/blob/354746532d8a325f7114c53ff33ce880aeaa4243/api/pom.xml#L313-L350
  ○ API JAR’s are provided as a convenience, they are not normative. The JavaDoc and signature tests are part of the spec and therefore normative.
  ○ Is it a requirement that the sources used to create normative artifacts required to be managed as part of the specification project’s sources?
  ○ Is there a situation where a committer may have merged an artifact from sources outside of the project that has provenance elsewhere?
Is there a situation where there is a committer on an open source project that is not a committer on the specification project, where that committer has contributed to an artifact that is normative?

- Scott Stark commented: This is the fundamental question given that implementation projects don't have a requirement that committers sign the specification working group agreement. If you think about this in terms of provenance as discussed in the current push for SBOMs, I don't think we want a situation where any source feeding into a specification project artifact is from a repo outside of the specification project.

- Need to establish policy (if required) that apply to all specs

- Wayne Beaton joined the meeting on November 30th to explore this topic further with the Specification Committee. A discussion took place to help Wayne understand the situation, he will now consider it and consult with others in the Eclipse Foundation and update the committee at a later date.

- Proposal - Cancel the next call scheduled for 12/14/22 … or is there a volunteer to chair the call?

  - No objections were noted to cancel the call scheduled 12/14/22
  - Note: Biweekly call series to be created starting on 01/11/23

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