Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Attendees:

Fujitsu: not present
IBM: Emily Jiang, Neil Patterson, Alasdair Nottingham
Oracle: Will Lyons, Dmitry Kornilov
Payara: Hadar Vorenshtein
Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez
Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): not present
Enterprise Member Representative (Microsoft): Reza Rahman, Ed Burns (alternate)
Participant member representative (LJC): Marcin Kruglik, Abraham Marin-Perez

We have quorum.

Eclipse: Tanja Obradovic, Shabnam Mayel, Paul Buck

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The Draft Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting were approved.

The Draft Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting will be reviewed next time.

Jakarta EE Track at DevNexus

See Meeting Minutes from April 11 for a summary of last meeting’s discussion.

Tanja distributed a written summary to the Steering Committee on 4/20 - recommends repeating next year with improved marketing/promotion of the track.

Reza suggested that a public document with links to track content (presentations) be published where it can be accessed/referenced. Example: https://reza-rahman.me/2022/11/19/jakarta-ee-and-microprofile-at-eclipsecon-community-day-2022/. Tanja will follow-up.

Cesar questioned whether we have a mechanism for tracking booth attendance. We do, and Shabnam has included in her Q1 marketing report. She will share with Steering Committee.
Jakarta EE Developer Survey

- Soft Launch March 14.
- See schedule.
- See the link above for language specific URLs and social kit to promote the survey
- Survey closes May 25.
- Tracking results published here (1358 surveys completed so far, up from 1035 last time): https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18sRRewEVmcczu2h_OByGxqD2H9Q18I0E0UJBjLFZXHlw/edit#gid=213240262
- Shabnam will update the above weekly.
- Approaching the number of responses from last year (1400).
- Seeing 100% completion rate.
- Abraham and Marcin have scheduled a weekly communication on the survey, and have also reached out to Sharat Chander.
- Reza requested that Oracle reach out to Sharat as well to retweet the survey.
- Members please use links in the tracking doc above

Jakarta EE Platform Naming (Starter UI discussion)

- Active discussion on community mailing list and github (a good thing)
  - https://start.jakarta.ee/
  - https://github.com/eclipse-ee4j/starter/issues/238
- Two topics under discussion
  - Compatible implementations only?
    - There is consensus we should link to compatible implementations only
  - Language for “profile selection”
    - The current implementation looks as follows

  ![Jakarta EE profile](image)

  - Reza suggested that we modify the reference to “Platform” above to read as “Platform (Full)” or “Full Platform”.
  - Emily noted that “Full” does not include all specs (e.g. NoSQL).
  - Abraham suggested adding a tooltip which Reza will implement.
Abraham suggested providing a link to separate slide with graphic, similar to below, though he recognizes that the graphic is EE 10 specific.

Will proposed that we use the above naming in the selections. Oracle, IBM, Payara, Tomitribe and LJC agreed. Microsoft did not agree. The consensus is we use the naming in the current implementation in the graphic above.

We then reviewed the verbiage of the tooltips: Oracle, IBM, Payara, LJC, Micorosoft agreed, Tomitribe did not agree. We will proceed with the language below.

- **Platform** – “Most complete set of Jakarta EE APIs”.
- **Web Profile** – “Jakarta EE APIs intended for web applications”.
- **Core Profile** – “Jakarta EE APIs intended for microservices”.

We agreed that any further discussion of this topic (if required) go to marketing committee.

**Update from China Tech Talks**

- Initiative led by Emily is having great success
- 1400 attendees at talk 2 weeks ago, active Q&A
- Attendance is led by significant Jakarta EE supporters with significant channels of communication encouraging attendance and restreaming of content
- Next talk will be on “how to contribute”

**Jakarta EE 11**

- Announcement from Ed Burns and Arjan Tijms
Ed and Arjan have agreed to be co-coordinator of the Jakarta EE 11 release.

Ed noted that there are “rumblings” about making Q1 a “hard deadline”. Will commented that Narrative sets directional guidance but the Steering Committee is not managing the project. If the team wants to propose an alternative it should do so. Reference to the Narrative around Jakarta EE 11

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rugEgECY-ghIIbYIsBtlDb0CTk4aeOFG/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102001624522612058111&rtpof=true&sd=true

The Marketing Committee, Platform Team, and Spec Committee are following up on the Jakarta EE 11 Narrative and the quarterly objectives related to it:

- https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QQL-mlohA-I5-3z2vcVL8tkiBEYX_LPSBmuwy77ALco/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_936
- The Marketing Committee has created a social kit for promotion
- This is under active discussion at the Platform Team and the Spec Committee
  - Jakarta EE 11 Draft Release Plan
  - Survey sent to spec teams soliciting plans [here] - 21 responses so far
    - Response from Nathin Rauh on Jakarta Concurrency
      - Requires approval from Steve Millidge
  - GitHub issues have been created from the feedback in the Jakarta EE 11 Discussion Document

Objectives

- Q1 review (likely to be postponed to next meeting)
  https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QQL-mlohA-I5-3z2vcVL8tkiBEYX_LPSBmuwy77ALco/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_936
- Topics from last week - time did not permit follow-up
  - Deliver future Jakarta EE specification releases
    - What is the status of finding a release lead? (Mentioned above)
  - Increase Jakarta EE Brand Awareness and Adoption
    - A brief overview of Q2 activities for the Steering Committee would be useful (if not today in a future meeting).
    - Per last time we will summarize Q1 achievements based on the status provided in marketing committee minutes
      https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fsqTGj85f3l5DissCOa1TXVRoVEwT YE7Z9odZrXU/edit#
    - Will owes a blog
  - Grow and reward contributors and committers
    - This will be updated by Tanja
  - Provide Integrations as Required with MicroProfile
    - Alasdair mentioned broader issues under discussion
- I don’t believe the topic is ready for discussion at this meeting, but I am open to comment
  - Align Jakarta EE with future developer needs
    - Will updated the statement of the strategic goal, suggestions for Q1 objectives, and a Q2 objective to create a public page.
    - Questions from last time
      - Owner - Should the Platform team own this strategic goal
        - Some of the activities are not strictly technical in nature, but include requirements collection activities (e.g. Developer Survey)
        - Is requirements tracking in Jira part of this overall goal
  - Acquire new Working Group members
    - Assume Tanja will update

Deprecation and backwards compatibility policy (Abraham)

- The following topic was added to the Steering Committee meeting agenda on March 28
  - In the last Spec Committee meeting there was a conversation about backwards-compatibility and deprecation. The conclusion was that this was probably a steering conversation. Essentially, the crux of the matter is that the Compatibility Requirements page talks about deprecating methods, but it doesn’t seem to allow making backwards-incompatible changes; this is a bit odd because that would imply that one can deprecate a method but never remove it! Also, there are specs (like CDI) which have made backwards-incompatible changes, so in theory we’ve got specs that have violated these requirements.
  - Paul summarized the Spec Committee discussion
    - The Spec Committee has recognized that the actual level of compatibility being provided is not completely consistent with our published Compatibility Requirements.
    - The Spec Committee is in the process of refining these requirements at a detailed level.
    - When this work results in a detailed proposal it will be brought to the Steering Committee for review.
    - There is no specific target or deadline at this time.
    - We will keep this on the Steering Committee agenda for tracking purposes and awareness.
- This topic is still under discussion at Spec Committee per April 19 meeting minutes
  - I assume Steering Committee review is not required at this time