Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura
IBM: Emily Jiang, Neil Patterson
Oracle: Will Lyons, Ed Bratt
Payara: Hadar Vorenshtein
Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez
Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): not present
Enterprise Member Representative (Microsoft): Ed Burns (alternate)
Participant member representative (LJC): Marcin Kruglik

We have quorum.

Eclipse: Tanja Obradovic, Paul Buck, Shabnam Mayel

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The Draft Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting were approved.

The Draft Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting will be reviewed next time.

Jakarta EE 11

- I assume the following reflects the draft release plan of record
  - Jakarta EE 11 Draft Release Plan
- Noticed the following mail from Ivar Grimstad from the Platform Project to Spec Committee on May 15:

  The Platform Project has received a request for guidance regarding backward compatibility for the upcoming plan reviews for Jakarta EE 11.  
  https://github.com/jakartaee/jakartaee-platform/issues/683
  Since the due date for plan reviews (May 30) is fast approaching, it is fairly urgent to provide some guidance to the projects regarding the direction we are headed with this.

- I don’t believe I have seen a reply in mail, though the following update from Ivar was posted on in the github issue approximately May 17:
The Specification Committee is working on composing a deprecation process to ensure that backward incompatible changes can be done in a controlled manner. Conceptually, this is where we are headed:

The deprecation process that is being worked on broadly has two steps:

A feature is marked as deprecated in release N (N can be a MINOR release)
A feature is then removed in release N+1 (or beyond where N+1 is a MAJOR release)

More details and descriptions will follow, but this is basically the concept.
Ivar, on behalf of the Jakarta EE Specification Committee

- Is this discussion progressing appropriately such that plan reviews are not adversely impacted, and if not, would any Steering Committee action be helpful?
  - Per Ed, the plan review process is in good shape - expect to have all PRs available for review by May 30
  - Per Paul, there is a solid draft being worked on
    - Paul's request is that all WG member Spec Committee members encourage their spec reps to give this item the attention it is due

Jakarta EE Developer Survey

- Tracking results published here (1856 surveys completed as of May 23, 1582 surveys completed as of May 16, up from 1463 on May 2):
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18sRRe EvMcczu2h_OByGxqD2H9Q18I0E0UJbLFZXHlw/edit#gid=213240262](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18sRRe EvMcczu2h_OByGxqD2H9Q18I0E0UJbLFZXHlw/edit#gid=213240262)
- Survey closes May 25 per [2023 Jakarta EE Developer Survey Report Timeline](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18sRRe EvMcczu2h_OByGxqD2H9Q18I0E0UJbLFZXHlw/edit#gid=213240262).
  - The Marketing Committee is planning to close the survey by May 25 or within a week
- See the link above for language specific URLs and social kit to promote the survey
- Exceeding the number of responses from last year (1400).
- Members please use links in the tracking doc above

EclipseCon 2023 - Ludwigsburg, Germany | October 16 - 19, 2023

- [EclipseCon CfP](https://www.eclipsecon.org/cfp) is open
  - Members encouraged to submit by June 16
- EclipseCon: Community Day for Java Developers - October 16
  - Collaborating with iJUG to expand the reach to local java developer community
  - They will be heavily involved in the organization of the event, and the program will be created by inviting speakers and also have CfP
  - Including other Java related projects, like Dev Tools, Adoptium
  - Topics that would be good to be covered from the WG members if there is interest are
    - How to get up to date with my existing application (x → EE 10)?
How do Jakarta EE specs influence other frameworks (e.g. Spring, Micronaut, Quarkus, Helidon …)?

Please let Tanja know if there is interest to cover these topics by any of our members - no response received as of yet

JakartaOne Livestream

- Events
  - August - Portuguese
  - September - Mandarin
  - November - Spanish
  - December - English
- Tanja has sent out a note with link for signup sheet for vendor presentations
  - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jkvN2BxqJHvnknpMbEZj_zmCoxMIRjzhXHO7Gn-LLE/edit#gid=30278074

Objectives

- Q1 report discussed last time (link provided for reference)
  - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Kbs2Th0si6ZTUhpbeDSmv8qFNzfb1JDYgPHp-l_RqE/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_757
  - Thank you Tanja for your effort on this report
- Q2-Q3 objectives
  - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QQL-mlohA-l5-3z2vcVL8tkiBEYX_LPSBmuwy77ALco/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_936
  - Ed Burns will consider adding relevant Q3 objectives
  - Committee members in general are encouraged to identify meaningful objectives

Deprecation and backwards compatibility policy (Abraham)

- Related to Agenda item above
- 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 a work in progress
  - Steering Committee review is not required at this time