Minutes of Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting August 28

Attendees:
Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura
IBM: Dan Bandera
Oracle: Will Lyons
Payara: Steve Millidge
Red Hat: Scott Stark
Tomitribe: David Blevins, Richard Monson-Hafael
Martijn Verburg (not present)
Ivar Grimstad
Eclipse: Mike Milinkovich

Review of Minutes from Prior Meeting
The minutes of the August 7 meeting and August 22 budget meeting were approved.

Minutes of August 21 meeting have been distributed and will be reviewed next meeting.

Budget Update
1) Per the minutes of the Budget meeting August 22 (attached), next steps on the budget are as follows:
   - Update from IBM and Red Hat to obtain the requested funding commitments. During the Steering Committee meeting IBM stated it believes it will be able to support $300K/year for 3 years depending on the language, particularly the contingency on enabling evolution of the javax namespace discussed on August 22.
   - Red Hat continues to pursue funding approval.
   - Assuming funding commitments are obtained, we would draft, review and vote on a Steering Committee resolution with the required funding levels.
   - EF would draft a participation agreement based on the agreed funding levels, with the contingency statement referenced above.

2) We reviewed proposed membership fees distributed by Paul White. Discussed participant fees and intent to defer fees until 2020. General intent is that vendors must be a participant member in order to use the Jakarta EE brand (in addition to technical requirements).

Paul will update the proposal based on the conversation.

Tomitribe and Eclipse Foundation agreed to work offline the specific case of Apache TomEE, ability to use the Jakarta EE brand and membership fees.
It was requested that Working Group members review this fee structure for future vote in next 1-2 weeks.

**Updates on Oracle contributions**
The following projects were pushed to Eclipse repositories in the past week:
Grizzly-AHC, JSFTemplating, HK2-Extras.
Oracle continues to work on GlassFish contribution and contributions to be made under EDL licensing terms.

**Discuss Email re: Building Momentum for Jakarta EE (This email and Bill Shannon's follow-up email on spec process are attached)**
The content from the following email (in italics below) sent by Oracle prior to the meeting was reviewed. There was only time available to discuss the first two items.

*We propose the following to build momentum for Jakarta EE, and would like to discuss these topics in the next Steering Committee meeting below.*

1. Release Eclipse GlassFish and certify it as Java EE 8 compatible by Oracle CodeOne / EclipseCon Europe.
   *This effort will provide an implementation of Java EE and Jakarta EE that the Jakarta EE community can evolve. Oracle has invested a substantial amount of effort in this, and continues to do so, in order to achieve a shared goal we have discussed and agreed to as a group. This is an important milestone and Oracle remains committed to deliver it. However, contributions to this effort from other Working Group members would accelerate delivery, improve community collaboration, and facilitate transfer of technology ownership.*

   *Each of the EE4J projects have project leads identified. Each of the EE4J projects needs to be released and a task in the project’s issue tracker has been opened to track this activity. For example, see: [https://github.com/eclipse-ee4j/servlet-api/issues/195](https://github.com/eclipse-ee4j/servlet-api/issues/195)*

   *We would welcome project leads, or other committers, to take the initiative to:*
   - Review the release documents and prepare to release these projects, or recruit and encourage other community members to do so, and..
   - Update the appropriate Jira issues reflecting your plans
   - Let Ed and Dmitry know if you will take on responsibility for releasing the project in question

   *There has been some response on this recently and we’d like to continue the momentum. Dmitry has created a Google spreadsheet for tracking progress: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e8inaprMOjnq04hU2o76egHhC8AF3-vNvqjRg6GR0eM/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e8inaprMOjnq04hU2o76egHhC8AF3-vNvqjRg6GR0eM/edit#gid=0)*
This proposal above and the tracking spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed, and was also reviewed/discussed at PMC (earlier in the day). PMC members requested time to follow up on this request.

One item for the Spec Committee that would facilitate progress is decision on a Maven groupId to be used for all specifications to be published by Jakarta EE. Spec Committee follow-up was requested.

2. Create a roadmap for definition of a specification process by the end of the year
   One requirement for completing definition of a spec process is execution of legal agreements between Oracle and the Eclipse Foundation. With support of our executive management, we are requesting acceleration of this process. We are asking our Legal team to set a target for delivery of a draft Trademark License Agreement. We will also request that once a draft is available that our counsels meet face to face regularly to resolve issues with agreements more quickly.

   However, most of the spec process can be defined independently of the above agreements. Bill Shannon will be sending a separate document detailing work items that we should address now, independent of the legal agreements. Ideally we define public milestones some of which are achievable by Code One / EclipseCon Europe. Please look for a note from Bill.

The email from Bill Shannon attached describing work items to complete the specification process was discussed.

Mike will bring this forward this proposal to the Specification Committee. He expressed concern regarding moving forward with definition of the specification process given the state of uncertainty regarding licenses for patents.

There was not sufficient time to discuss the following items (3-6) during the meeting. (Item #3 is closely dependent on the budget discussion covered above). It was requested we come back to the topic of commitment to evolving the javax namespace next meeting. However there had been feedback from Richard Monson-Hafael in group email on some of the verbiage in #6 below, prior to the meeting, which was endorsed by Martijn Verburg and Mark Little. This feedback is included below.

3. Announce commitment to Working Group funding
Assuming we collectively commit to a funding model, we should communicate this externally. We expect to make progress on this topic in the next Steering Committee meeting.

4. Demonstrate successful execution of the contributed TCKs

Java EE 8 certification of Eclipse GlassFish will be based on existing Oracle TCK binaries.

We have stated that a next step following Java EE 8 certification of Eclipse GlassFish would be Jakarta EE 8 certification of Eclipse GlassFish. This step depends on definition of a Jakarta EE 8 specification (discussed in #2 above), and successful execution of the contributed TCKs, which we intend to become the Jakarta EE 8 TCKs, on Eclipse GlassFish.

We would like affirmation from this group that Jakarta EE 8 certification of Eclipse GlassFish, including demonstration of successful execution of the contributed TCKs, remains a shared goal. Oracle will drive this overall effort, but requests that project leads, with contribution from other Working Group members and other community members, take ownership for driving successful execution of the contributed TCKs in their area.

5. Define distributed ownership of Jakarta EE technology areas and directions

Oracle regards ownership of technology areas as a shared responsibility going forward, not as an Oracle driven activity as in Java EE. We would like to drive a process where we move from the Oracle-driven project leadership model that we have today to a model where project leadership is more distributed across the Working Group and the community, and where project leads define directions for individual projects.

We propose scheduling a meeting in September to review the project list and more clearly demonstrate distributed project ownership and project direction, with the intent to publish for the community by Code One. As part of this effort recommend identifying those technologies that we expect to invest in and evolve, and those we do not plan to invest in.

6. Commit to Code One/ECE messaging

Oracle proposed the following Code One messaging. We believe that the above can be used to augment the messaging below. We request your support to these messages or some other set of messages.

Announcing Eclipse GlassFish.

GlassFish contributions to Jakarta EE are complete and Eclipse GlassFish is certified as Java EE 8 compatible [adjust statement based on actual level of completion]. We expect Eclipse GlassFish sources will become the basis for implementations of Jakarta EE specifications.

[Feedback on the preceding paragraph was received prior to the meeting from Richard Monson-Hafael and endorsed by Martijn Verburg and Mark Little.] "The last sentence troubles me because, in my mind, it implies that GlassFish has some special official status compared to other implementations. I would change the sentence "We expect Eclipse
GlassFish sources will become the basis for implementations of Jakarta EE specifications. To read "We expect Eclipse GlassFish sources will become the basis for an implementations of Jakarta EE specifications." Notice that I added an and removed the plural from implementation.

Java EE TCKs are open sourced.

The Java EE 8 Technology Compatibility Kits have been contributed and are available in Open Source. We expect these to be the basis for Jakarta EE 8 compatibility tests for branding of multiple independent implementations of Jakarta EE specifications.

We [Oracle and other WG members] are committed to Jakarta EE.

We [Oracle and other WG members] remain committed to enabling evolution of the Java EE 8 technologies, including evolution of the javax namespace, in Jakarta EE specifications for cloud native Java. [Hope to identify specific milestone]. We [Oracle and other WG members] have committed to funding this effort at the Eclipse foundation.

We [Oracle and other WG members] will leverage Jakarta EE.

We [Oracle and other WG members] intend to leverage Jakarta EE technologies and cloud native Java in its product and service offerings. [Each WG member may have its own announcement that will...] leverage Jakarta EE and/or Eclipse GlassFish technology, and/or will support Java EE 8, Jakarta EE 8 and evolution of Jakarta EE.

Legal Documents

The Eclipse Foundation has received an updated TCK License Agreement proposal from Oracle. It will review with counsel this week.

Marketing Committee Update (no time for discussion during the meeting)

Marketing plan distributed. Several short term targets - e.g. end of Sept announcements of Eclipse GlassFish Java EE 8 certification. Are we intending to announce on this date? We do not expect to be complete on this date.

Oracle is eager to participate in EclipseCon Europe. Following up between Eclipse and Oracle.

PMC Update (no time for discussion during the meeting)

Any update from PMC

Recruitment of new members; Elections (no time for discussion during the meeting)

Open issue - will there be an additional PMC representative on the Steering Committee.

Planned Jakarta EE certifications (no time for discussion during the meeting)

What other app servers, besides GlassFish can we expect on Jakarta EE 8 - get input from Steering Committee.

Wildfly - name clarification needed from RedHat?
IBM Liberty
Fujitsu
Payara - ?
Weblogic - ?
TomiTribe - ?