

Minutes of the August 31, 2021 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura

IBM: Dan Bandera, Kevin Sutter, Neil Patterson

Oracle: Ed Bratt, Will Lyons, Dmitry Kornilov

Payara: Steve Millidge

Red Hat: Scott Stark, John Clingan

Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez

Enterprise Member representative: Jun Qian

Participant member representative: Martijn Verburg

Committer member representative: Not present

(Quorum is 5 -- simple-majority or one-half of the members (if even number) must be present)

Eclipse: Paul White, Paul Buck, Ivar Grimstad, Wayne Beaton

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Minutes of the July 20 meeting and August 3 meetings were approved.

Minutes of the August 17 meeting will be reviewed next time.

Jakarta EE 10

- Plan reviews
 - <https://github.com/jakartaee/specifications/labels/plan%20review>
 - Had reached out to component spec teams whether a release review date of Oct 15 would be achievable.
- Jakarta EE Core Profile Creation and Plan review
 - <https://github.com/jakartaee/specifications/pull/349>
 - This (and relationship to Platform release) was a significant topic of review at Platform team and will continue to be.
- As of August 31:
 - Release plan for Full Platform and Web Profile has been balloted and approved. Core Profile has also been balloted and approved.
 - Red Hat will drive the EE 10 release (Scott is designated release lead)

- We are targeting Q1 CY2022 GA (per the release plan), which will require that all individual component specifications be released by Q4 CY2021.

Patent License Option

- The following options were discussed last meeting:
 - From Paul Buck: “As noted, a tie means the resolution that was voted on in the August 3rd Steering Committee meeting did not pass with the required simple majority. This doesn’t necessarily mean there is an impasse. Rather, as a next step at the next meeting, the Steering Committee can proceed to vote on an option to adopt the Implementation Patent License option as their default. Here is a proposed resolution:
 - Resolved that the Jakarta EE Working Group Steering Committee has selected the “Implementation Patent License”, as defined in the Eclipse IP Policy, as the default Patent License option to be used in Jakarta EE specifications created using the Jakarta EE Specification Process.”
 - From Scott Stark: “We would suggest that a new resolution for the Implementation Patent license be put forth that contains a rider to look into how the concern over compatible implementation can be addressed via more carrot-like offerings.”
 - From Kevin Sutter: “Do we have to have a default patent license? Why can't this selection just be a required item when creating the project (and not provide a default)? This would force the people creating the Project to understand and select the proper patent license based on their needs and wants. It would also be very clear when we're voting on the Project Creation as to which Patent License was selected. Could this approach be a suitable compromise?”
- Dan suggested we pursue the options indicated, in the order listed. He noted that Kevin’s suggestion may require EFSP changes, or modifications of changes that are currently being proposed in the draft update to the EFSP. So this option would need to be contingent on implementing these changes. There was consensus on this approach.
- Red Hat has advanced the following resolution:
 - Resolved that the Jakarta EE Working Group Steering Committee has selected the “Implementation Patent License”, as defined in the Eclipse IP Policy, as the default Patent License option to be used in Jakarta EE specifications created using the Jakarta EE Specification Process.
- Mike Milinkovich had commented in mail, prior to the meeting, as follows:

“I want to ensure that everyone is on the same page as to how the draft resolution for tomorrow's meeting is being interpreted by everyone.”

I believe that the intent is that this resolution would only apply to the following cases:

Future new Jakarta EE specifications.

New versions of the 3 JCP specifications where Oracle was not the JCP Spec Lead.

I wanted to make sure that everyone is on the same page here, as the wording of the draft resolution could be considered ambiguous.”

There was discussion on this input from Mike, which resulted in the more explicit restatement of the second paragraph above, as follows:

“I believe that the intent is that this resolution would only apply to the following cases:

- Future new Jakarta EE specification projects.
- New versions of the Jakarta EE CDI, Batch, Bean Validation, MVC and NoSQL specification projects, and would not apply to the Jakarta EE equivalents of the other Java EE specification projects, such as JMS and Servlet and Java EE Platform, that were led by Oracle”.

There was understanding and acceptance of the clarified intent of the resolution.

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

Fujitsu: -1 (no)

IBM: +1 (yes)

Oracle: -1 (no)

Payara: abstain

Red Hat: +1 (yes)

Tomitribe: +1 (yes)

Enterprise Member representative: +1 (yes)

Participant member representative: abstain

Committer member representative: Not present

The resolution was passed.

There was not time to cover the items below. Members should review emails on the following and come prepared to vote next time on:

- The following resolution:
 - RESOLVED, the Steering Committee approves the allocation of the \$56,000 in unallocated contingency funds towards the badging program scoping and the enhancements to the jakarta.ee website.

- Proposed changes to the Jakarta EE Charter document
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Proposal on [Developer badging / certification](#) - Neil Patterson

- Reference - Marketing meeting minutes
 - [Link to minutes](#) - Scroll down to the August 12th minutes
 - From last time, Paul W had defined next steps for this in an email sent just before the Steering Committee meeting:

Neil Patterson of IBM has led initial discussions with both the Steering and Marketing Committees re. the development of a Jakarta EE badging program. This work captures many of the technical aspects of what the badging program might accomplish.

The Foundation has spent some initial time and effort on this in conjunction with IBM's more significant effort, but in order to effectively develop an appropriate badging program plan for Jakarta EE/Eclipse Foundation to operate requires the Foundation to do a deeper dive, and will include seeking the support of someone from industry with appropriate experience.

As we reported in the update to the Steering Committee in July, the updated budget still includes \$56K that is as yet unallocated. These funds should be used prior to the end of the year in support of Jakarta EE initiatives.

As described at the last meeting, the Foundation is proposing to allocate \$25K of the unallocated funds towards developing and defining a potential Jakarta EE badging program. The targeted outcome would be to develop a proposal for the Steering Committee to consider that outlines a potential badging program, including an estimate of both start-up and ongoing costs and potential outcomes.

- Budget update from Paul related to the above

As mentioned during the Q2 program plan and budget update, there are \$56,000 in funds as yet unallocated in the Jakarta EE 2021 working group budget. These were funds that the Steering Committee had asked the Foundation to not allocate in the budget approved last fall, with the intention of applying them to initiatives throughout the year. As a reminder, the expectation is that funds collected by the working group in

any calendar year be allocated in that fiscal year (i.e., carry forwards from one fiscal year to the next are not expected).

There are two activities that the Foundation proposes to allocate these funds towards:

1. Badging program scoping. As I indicated in my email on August 17, we are proposing to allocate \$25,000 to enable the Foundation to develop and define a potential Jakarta EE badging program. The funds will be used by the Foundation to carry out research and engage with industry in this work. As I had noted earlier, the targeted outcome would be to develop a proposal for the Steering Committee to consider that outlines a potential badging program, including an estimate of both start-up and ongoing costs and potential outcomes.

2. Jakarta.ee website enhancements. Recall the proposed 2021 budget originally had \$40,000 allocated to enable the Foundation to carry out significant enhancements to the Jakarta EE website. Some initial design had been done in 2020, but at the time the Steering Committee held off on including the website enhancements in the budget “as a precaution” in case new priorities arose. The allocation of the remaining \$31,000 in funds will enable us to do the bulk of the intended work in 2021. While less than the original \$40,000 earmarked, we believe we can complete most of the intended enhancements based on this allocation by year end.

Below is a proposed resolution related to these allocations.

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee approves the allocation of the \$56,000 in unallocated contingency funds towards the badging program scoping and the enhancements to the jakarta.ee website.

Charter Update (Sharon Corbett)

The following proposed amendments to the Jakarta EE Working Group Charter have been prepared:

- * Remove requirement of new strategic members to commit to joining for a 3-year period
 - This will make future recruiting of Strategic members simpler
- * Remove the Requirements Committee
 - The committee has never taken flight and no appetite to do so
- * Add Governance Applicable Documents (general alignment):
 - Eclipse Foundation Code of Conduct

- Eclipse Foundation Communication Channel Guidelines

* Add Governance Language:

- “The working group is designed as a welcoming and professional environment”

* Adjust Elected Representatives Term to reflect a 12-month period rather than April to March

* Remove the requirement of Guest Member invitation to join the Working Group (align with Working Group Process)

* Remove references to “Good Standing” (align with the Eclipse Foundation Bylaws)

The [Draft](#) is now ready for the Steering Committee's review. Please feel free to make any suggested edits/comments to the Google Doc.

Should additional revisions be required, we will summarize those in a subsequent email with a view to final approval. Best Regards,

Budget/Program Planning for Next Year

Will begin discussion in September.

Objectives Review - Reminder of action items, please review spreadsheet for your items

- Review, adjust and redefine Q3 objectives that we set out early this year.
 - The [2021 Jakarta EE Program Plan - by quarter](#) presentation and
 - The [corresponding Q3 2021](#) tab in the spreadsheet
- Follow-up items from last time:
 - Cesar Hernandez to check in w/ David progress and expectations regarding “Advance Implementation Neutrality” objectives - no update
 - If we do not have a plan by end of Q3 for pursuing this, I prefer to drop this topic
 - Paul Buck has followed up w/ Neil and Shabnam to request updates to the “Drive Jakarta EE Brand, Awareness and Adoption” objectives
 - Is “Content for Jakarta EE as a reliable, trusted platform for End-User Innovation” a Q3 objective - no update
 - [\[Neil - Marketing committee agreed that we would be producing articles aligned with the objective “Promote Jakarta EE as a reliable, trusted platform for cloud-native innovation”\]](#)
 - Paul Buck has followed up with Martijn on “Enable Ecosystem Transition to jakarta namespace” objectives
 - There are a number of objectives listed as dependent on a “lead” (see xls) - these are being pursued

- Will Lyons/John Clingan to define a specific goal for Technical Jakarta EE/MicroProfile alignment forum and plan (e.g. Core Profile, Config) - John has called a meeting for this time next week (August 10).
 - Update from last week's meeting
- Will Lyons to prepare a specific proposal for a meeting of all Working Group members in September.

Jakarta EE 2021 Developer Survey Update - FYI

- [Initial Jakarta EE 2021 Developer Survey findings](#):
- Quotes to send out with a press release are due today.
- Schedule moving to release date of Sept 14, will expect member support to amplify
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LV-_U5KEOq6M5T28wEj_Dd2ZmUcnsLWvQv0jIDeJDHg/edit#gid=599163621

Acquire New Working Group Members

- A Q2 objective is to "Identify ways to find potential new members".
- Paul reviewed a short [presentation](#) on June 22
- Kevin expressed interest in seeing pipelines.
- Questions were raised about whether we could do more for JUGs and cloud providers.
- A/I: Will volunteered to draft specific suggestions for group review
 - Will will do so for next meeting.

Jakarta EE Presence in Asia

- See the [short report](#) we discussed on the Steering Committee call on June 8.
- A/I: Committee members were requested to propose someone from their organizations, or from external organizations, who can help organize Jakarta EE activities and:
 - Speaks Chinese and English
 - Is local to the China timezone
- A/I: It was agreed we should hold a meeting with Chinese members to hear directly from them what would be most helpful to them in promoting Jakarta EE in China. Such a meeting would need to be moderated by someone who is bilingual.
 - No member has identified such a contact
- Will to follow up with Tanja on this after Labour Day

Elections are coming up

- Chair, committer members representative and participant member representative
- Paul Buck will identify the dates
- Discussion on charter documents:

- Regarding the Jakarta EE Charter Document, SC members are encouraged to comment on issues or changes they may want to raise