Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Fujitsu: **Kenji Kazumura**
IBM: **Emily Jiang, Alasdair Nottingham, Jared Anderson, Neil Patterson**
Oracle: **Will Lyons, Ed Bratt**
Payara: **Steve Butler**
Tomitribe: **Cesar Hernandez**
Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): not present
Enterprise Member Representative (Microsoft): **Ed Burns, Reza Rahman**
Participant member representative (LJC): **Not present**

We have quorum.

Eclipse: **Tanja Obradovic**

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The Draft Minutes of the [January 14, 2025 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting](#) were approved.

The [Draft Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting](#) will be reviewed next time.

Jakarta EE 11 Update

Reference Information
- The following reflects the release plan of record
  - [Jakarta EE 11 Release Plan](#)
- Tracking [spreadsheet](#) of specifications progressing through the [JESP](#) version [lifecycle](#).
- Azure Boards board we are using for the work. The public access URL is https://dev.azure.com/jakarta-ee-azdo/jakarta-ee-azdo If you want more access, send Ed Burns an email with the email address to which he will send an invitation.

January 28 Update
- The Spec Committee has requested that the individual jar files for the Core Profile TCKs be pushed to Maven Central
  - The above will be provided as a convenience

- ○ Core Profile remains complete/approved
- Status of Web Profile and Platform from Jared
  - ○ The completion targets for Web Profile (Q1) and Platform (Q2) completion remain the same as last time
    - ■ 9 open tests for JPA in Web Profile resolved today
    - ■ Moving forward with:
      - ● User guide updates
      - ● Packaging
      - ● ensuring GF passes
      - ● Validating usabiity
  - ○ The [EE11 project target dates](#) have been updated.
- Reza commented that:
  - ○ He believes we should move forward with announcements of separate Core, Web and Platform profiles.
    - ■ The content is prepared for a "full" announcement
    - ■ Doing "separate" or "staggered" announcements for Core Profile, Web Profile and Platform would require some work, but amenable to this approach
    - ■ There was consensus among the committee that we should proceed with "staggered" announcements as described. We request that Marketing committee proceed on this basis.
  - ○ He suggests that we move forward with EE12 work as the remaining TCK work completes
    - ■ Individuals who are not "engaged' with TCK should feel free to move to EE12 definition. This is already the case to some degree in Spec and Platform committees.
    - ■ There will inevitably be some conflicts among parties involved in both efforts.

February 11 Update
- Spec delivery
  - ○ Web Profile - on track for Q1
    - ■ No TCK blockers for Web Profile, although there are some remaining test failures - thank you Alwyn
    - ■ Working on user guide but fully expect completion in Q1 (no more specific date).
  - ○ Platform - on track for Q2

- ■ The primary TCK team focus remains Web profile at the moment
- ● Marketing
  - ○ Marketing committee has discussed the approach to "staggered" or "rolling" announcements (or drumbest of activity) of Core Profile, Web Profile and Platform?
  - ○ Solicited input from marketing/PR consultants on this topic and formulating a plan. Will consider analyst implications.
    - ■ PR recommendation is to do blogs for each of the profiles as the are delivered, but defer full press release uopn completion/delivery of Platform
    - ■ This will be reviewed discussed at Marketing Committee
  - ○ A plan for target announcements with dates, or a date for a plan for a plan, will follow:
    - ■ Core Profile (complete) - Date
    - ■ Web Profile (assuming Q1 delivery) - Date
    - ■ Platform (assuming Q2 delivery) - Date

- ● Jakarta EE 12
  - ○ [Initial draft](#) for a Release Plan for Jakarta EE 12.
    - ■ Any updates from last meeting (assume no)
  - ○ GitLab open [issues filtered by EE 12 label](#) in the Jakarta EE Platform project
  - ○ From last meeting - In Spec Committee there was discussion about the following specs, and potential inclusion in EE12:
    - ■ NoSQL
    - ■ Config
    - ■ MVC
    - ■ RPC was not discussed
  - ○ There has been a substantial amount of discussion recently related to Jakarta Config, involving members of both the Jakarta EE and MicroProfile communities
    - ■ Is this committee satisfied that the discussion is moving forward in a satisfactory manner, from the perspective of the Jakarta EE Working Group?

- Is there action that this committee feels is necessary to take or that would substantially improve the progress of the discussion, from the perspective of the Jakarta EE Working Group?
- Two paths forward
  - Absorb MP Config "as is"
    - "One Config across MP and Jakarta"
    - Reza raised concerns with this
      - Creating a dependency on the brand of another spec creates branding concern in his view, and possibly IP concerns
        - The IP concerns were debated
  - "Repackage" the MP Config spec to use "jakarta.*" namespace
    - Consistent namespace within Jakarta EE APIs
- There are three separate topics of discussion:
  - What the "repackage" proposal is
  - The process questions related to MP and Jakarta EE decision-making
    - From Will: The Jakarta EE Working Group has a spec process.   This group needs to follow that process.   That process does not permit "delegated acceptance" of a future decision by another body.
  - What this group thinks the decision should be
- My proposed next steps
  - The two proposals should be written down and distributed
    - Ideally in one public doc https://docs.google.com/document/d/1puxrGy7LlgjF4wUHH5EVHWW5W8JrsR5ImF-qg5wpXXg/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.j0c2388rgsed
    - Members of this committee may comment on their views of this proposal
  - I will draft, this week, my opinions for group review, about the process elements that exist and must be followed, or could be followed
    - Members of this committee may comment on this
  - We resume this discussion in the next Steering Committee

- ○ Last time we discussed it would be appropriate to begin working with Ambassadors to providing an (updated) Guide to Contributing to Jakarta EE 12.
  - ■ Updates on progress would be welcome as they become available

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The following topics were not discussed:

Jakarta EE Future Directions Interest Group
- ● See:
  - ○ https://projects.eclipse.org/interest-groups/jakarta-ee-future-directions
  - ○ https://github.com/jakartaee/jakartaee-future-directions
- ● Discussions have been active - Neil and/or Reza would you provide an update
  - ○ Jakarta EE 12 goals drafted by Reza, and summary slide
    - ■ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U2qEqF9K969t5b3YuX4cwex5LJPvF3bt1w27cdKNpDM/edit?tab=t.0
    - ■ https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xUNDHMP_qTHH1wA3m0yCmWVf_sHp41Qd7Opq3FhgINs/edit?usp=sharing
  - ○ Reza has invited SC members to review the doc.
- ● From January 28 meeting
  - ○ Reza shared a proposal he surfaced during the Future Directions meeting.
  - ○ Background - the following Java projects have the most community traction
    - ■ Spring AI
    - ■ LangChain4J has evolved to cover the following
      - ● Java SE API
      - ● Spring API ("Starters")
      - ● Additional references to Quarkus extensions
  - ○ The proposal is that members of the Jakarta EE community participate in providing additional interfaces for Jakarta EE based on CDI, similar to those provided for Spring AI. The proposal is contingent on some cross-vendor agreement/resource assignment and commitment.   Note that this proposal is not to create a "Jakarta EE AI spec", but contributing to another community project.
  - ○ Emily commented that IBM is doing something similar: https://github.com/langchain4j/langchain4j-examples/tree/main/jakartaee-microprofile-example
  - ○ MicroProfile AI is also experimenting with SmallRye integration:
    - ■ https://github.com/smallrye/smallrye-llm
  - ○ Reza requests that vendors respond to him on his proposal
  - ○ In parallel Reza will join the MP discussion (and others are welcome to join)

- - This will require offline discussion, sharing the outcomes or state of that discussion at this Committee would be welcome.
- February 11 discussion
  - From MicroProfile AI Minutes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/14kSPRzEb0_BXrow1ej7Z6cus23uWypR_NcoegimJaBA/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.t16i4s85sj2p
    - Contribute the integration of langchain4j to langchain4j repo
      - Name the repo to be **langchain4j-microprofile-jakarta**
        - Check with Eclipse Foundation to see whether it is okay to use the name of MicroProfile and Jakarta. Emily to check with Eclipse foundation
        - If there is no concerns, I will contact langchain4j community to have this repo created
    - We talked about how microprofile only/specific integration or features should be added in a new project. The idea is to use a sub-directory/module for that and not have it in core/main so that jakarta projects can work without microprofile dependencies.
      - One of the issues may be microprofile config since it's used in core/main. Emily mentioned that config specification is being discussed in both communities.
  - I believe the Steering Committee does not need to delve into the technical implementation details of this proposal, however I believe:
    - An endorsement (or not) of the general approach would be helpful
    - Any concerns (or not) with the approach, including the naming, should be raised

Objectives (were not able to discuss last time)

- Tanja sent a Q4 report on January 16 - Thanks Tanja.
  - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ee2--rIi7L5vsCV52FbO86OsQRsocs59FEaj37dfUGc/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_757
  - Tanja is out this week - I would like to review this briefly to encourage comments and do a full review in the next meeting so that questions may be answered.
- Quarterly objectives for the CY2025 Program Plan
  - Draft 2025 Program Plan by Quarter
    - Would like to update objectives for the "platform specs"
      - If this is not done, let's do it in the meeting
    - Should we track individual spec updates? Last time we discussed the following. I'd like to spend a bit of time on **NoSQL**
      - **NoSQL**
        - Appears to be significant Q4 activity:

- - - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ee2--rIi7L5vsCV52FbO86OsQRsocs59FEaj37dfUGc/edit#slide=id.g21d49052223_0_32
      - According to last meeting notes, the primary issue/barrier to progress is a config mechanism
      - What is the next target for NoSQL - is there something this committee can/should to enable achievement
    - Jakarta MVC
    - RPC (discussion so far is high level)
    - Config (ideally would like to see a 1.0 proposal)
    - Messaging (would like to see a response to the items identified in the EE12 doc. Need a driver for this)
- Marketing committee has updated Q1 objectives - let's review
- On Grow Contributors and Reward Committers
  - Suggest an email, based on a similar mail sent by Tanja last January, from Steering Committee, Spec Committee, Marketing Committee and Platform team to jakartaee-spec-project-leads@eclipse.org, jakartaee-tck developer discussions <jakartaee-tck-dev@eclipse.org>, EE4J PMC Discussions <ee4j-pmc@eclipse.org>, jakartaee-implementation-leads-request@eclipse.org as follows:

"The Jakarta EE Working Group has a strategic goal to grow the number of contributors and committers to Jakarta EE projects. We would like to encourage you and your teams to add labels to GitHub issues for all of the projects under the EE4J top level project, including all Jakarta / Jakarta EE specifications. We have the following labels created which we hope will be helpful to new Jakarta EE contributors and committers:

Please propagate this suggestion to all specification / implementation / TCK teams and hopefully it will start to make a difference, among other initiatives that we are working on to involve new contributors and committers."

- In Tanja's mail from last year, she provided examples from the Eclipse Cargo Tracker project: https://github.com/eclipse-ee4j/cargotracker/issues

  We could continue to use this example, but I believe more work has been done in this in other projects, including "non-specification work" in Marketing Committee.   Can we get this or other examples to propagate.

- From last time, we said that after EE 11 delivery, Ed will encourage (not force) spec teams to tag items for contributions - does this mean it would be better to wait, or focus on "non-marketing" activities at this time?
- Would like to have a draft we can circulate. Comments welcome.
- Tanja will continue to investigate a query mechanism for reporting on this across projects.

Marketing Committee Update (do not expect to cover in Feb 11 meeting)

- Marketing Objectives updated for Q1 - Thank you
- Conference plans:
  - DevNexus Devnexus 2025 and Jakarta EE track
    - Open for registration, gearing up for our presences
  - JavaOne
    - Working on building a presence here as well
  - Looking to sponsor a couple of conferences in Europe
    - JavaLand
    - JCon
- Cloud Native Java Technical Survey
  - I hope this is not premature, but the following was shared in the Jakarta EE Future Directions meeting and I think Steering Committee will be interested:
    - DRAFT Jakarta EE Cloud Native Java Survey results:
    - 📄 2024 Cloud Native Java Survey Findings