Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Fujitsu: **not present**
IBM: **Emily Jiang, Jared Anderson, Neil Patterson**
Oracle: **Will Lyons, Ed Bratt**
Payara: **Steve Millidge**
Tomitribe: **not present**
Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): not present
Enterprise Member Representative (Microsoft): **Ed Burns, Reza Rahman**
Participant member representative (LJC): **Marcin Kruglik**

We have quorum.

Eclipse: **not present**

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The [Draft Minutes of December 16, 2024 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting](#) were approved.

The Draft Minutes of the [January 14, 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](#)
  - **Comment:** Tanja has requested that this doc be updated - see below. Updating the doc may not change actual delivery timelines, but it's best to update reference material like this, especially for Web Profile and Platform completion.
- 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 14 Update
- Status of Web Profile and Platform

- Will continue to attempt to complete Web Profile "first"(prior to Platform)
- An additional Web profile issue was surfaced yesterday, however, we are optimistic about Q1 for Web profile
- Following that, we will refocus on Platform.   Have identified an issue with remote EJB lookup that is not essential to the tests, This issue can be resolved by using Servlet in the TCK implementation (instead of Remote EJB).   This MAY unblock as many at 6500 (or so) persistence tests that were persistently blocked. We are hopeful that Q1 may be achievable for platform also.
- Tanja requested an update to the [EE11 project target dates](#).

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.

- 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
  - In Spec Committee there was discussion about the following specs, and potential inclusion in EE12:
    - NoSQL
    - Config
    - MVC
    - RPC was not discussed
  - Data 1.1 has requested a plan review (the first component spec in EE12 is moving forward)
  - Reza raised the question of whether it would be appropriate to begin working with Ambassadors to providing an (updated) Guide to Contributing to Jakarta EE 12
    - There was a consensus that beginning work on this would be appropriate
    - Emily suggested that we plan or otherwise consider translating this doc into Chinese and possibly other languages as we progress through the process

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.
- Recap of topics discussed in last Future Directions Interest Group 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.
- Discussion at January 28 Steering Committee meeting
  - ■ 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.

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The Following topics Were Not Discussed

Marketing Committee Update

- Marketing Objectives updated for Q1 (we will discuss below) - 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

Objectives

- ● 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.