Fujitsu Position Paper
Java Executive Committee

Fujitsu is a long-time supporter of Java and of making the Java Community Process fairer, more open, and more transparent. We believe a look at what we have done as an EC member is the best indicator of where we stand and what we will do in the future.

Fujitsu was a participant in the JSR 99 Expert Group and EC Ad Hoc Committee responsible for JSPA 2. The JSPA sets forth the basic legal structure for the Java Community Process. JSPA 2 addressed patent provisions and independent implementations. In 2012, Fujitsu participated in the JSR 355 Expert Group that reduced the size of the Executive Committee and merged the two ECs into one. Fujitsu is now an active participant in the JSR 358 Expert Group; including the IP Working Group and the Individuals Working Group that are looking at modifying JSPA 2. In 2014, Fujitsu also participated in JSR 364 Expert Group that defines new membership classes and changes existing membership categories.

Wanting to continually improve the JCP Process, in addition to the JSRs noted above, Fujitsu has been an active member of the Expert Groups for JSR 913, JSR 171, JSR 215, and JSR 348; each of which revised the JCP Process.

This is a list of some specific issues that Fujitsu has supported:
1) The JSR defined when a JSR could span Editions and therefore spans the ECs and how that works.
2) Making JSRs more transparent to the community, and easier to tell when a JSR is working and when it is dormant.
3) The JSR established ways to enable observer memberships to Expert Groups.
4) The JSR gave Executive Committee members the right to assign a member as an observer to the expert group for any JSR that is assigned to the EC on which they serve.
5) The JSR changed the process from requiring super majority ballots to J2SE umbrella JSRs that propose language changes to requiring super majority ballots on any JSRs that propose language changes.
6) In order to promote more feedback at the review periods, the JSR changed Community Review to Early Draft Review, thereby making it open to the public. Also, this JSR removed the Community Review Ballot and replaced it with a ballot after the second public review, called Public Review Ballot.
7) The JSR moved the disclosure of TCK and other business terms to a point earlier in the process.
8) A reduction is the number of members in the Executive Committees.
9) Merging the two ECs into one Executive Committee.

These changes also enabled JSRs to have more effective interactions with external groups, and helped to improve the completion rate of JSRs.

Fujitsu will continue to work with our fellow EC members to accomplish fairness, openness, and transparency in the JSPA and the JCP Process.