



## **Full Qualification & Position Statement**

Azul delivers Java Runtime (JDKs, JREs) for enterprise, cloud, developer, and embedded environments. Azul makes Zulu, the high-quality binary distribution of the OpenJDK 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, ... Java SE platforms. Zulu is freely available for Linux, Mac OS, and Windows, platforms, with optional commercial support. Azul's flagship Zing product focuses on predictable and consistent "glitch-free" performance, scalability, speed, low latency, and production-time visibility for business-critical Java applications.

Azul is a member of the Java SE Expert groups (for 9, 10, 11, ...), and an enthusiastic OpenJDK community member, and recognized as "JCP Member of the Year." Azul was the first non-Oracle company to successfully author an OpenJDK JEP that has made it into the actual Java specification (JEP 285). We are encouraged to see additional community members following that path, with new non-Oracle-originated features making it into Java SE.

Since first being elected to the JCP Executive Committee in 2011, Azul has been an active EC member and an advocate for community interests within the EC. Azul has taken strong positions on protecting community rights, access to technology, and the roles and influence of individual Java developers as JCP members. Azul has specifically taken the position that the Java community process should be largely influenced by the developers that consume and use the technology standards produced, with voting rights and influence paths secured for all members and not limited to the companies that define and form those standards.

## **Biographies of Azul's EC representatives**

Gil Tene is CTO and co-founder at Azul Systems, and has been active on the JCP EC since 2011. Gil is an official "JavaOne RockStar", and a frequent speaker at developer conferences and JUGs, and recognized as "JCP Member of the Year". Gil has been building virtual machines for over 20 years. He founded Azul Systems with the goal of eliminating common Java responsiveness and deployment barriers, and pioneered several Java firsts, including Pauseless Garbage Collection. In past lives, he also designed and built operating systems, network switches, firewalls, and laser based mosquito interception systems.

Simon Ritter is Deputy CTO at Azul Systems. Simon started working with Java shortly after he joined Sun Microsystems in 1996. During his time at Sun and then Oracle he held various roles covering Java development, consultancy and marketing. Since 2000, he focused primarily on evangelising the Java platform to developers culminating in managing the Java Technology Evangelism team before moving to Azul in 2015. Simon has twice been awarded "JavaOne Rockstar" status and is now an elected Java Champion. He has presented at virtually every Java conference around the world on a wide variety of subjects including embedded Java, JavaFX, all areas of Java SE and Java EE. Now at Azul, Simon represents Azul on the Java SE 9, 10, 11, ... expert groups.