

Position Statement for JCP SE/EE Executive Committee Elected Seat

CloudBees
Steven G. Harris, SVP Products

Company Background:

CloudBees is focused on servicing the complete Java application lifecycle for cloud development and deployment. The CloudBees Platform today includes DEV@cloud, a service that lets developers take their build and test environments to the cloud, and RUN@cloud, which lets teams seamlessly deploy applications to production in the cloud. CloudBees is also the world premier expert on Jenkins, the most widely used continuous integration server. The company was founded by former JBoss CTO Sacha Labourey. The CloudBees team includes developers with deep Java expertise and roots in great Java products across the industry, with many years of hands-on experience being active and visible members of the open source community. The cloud is changing the way Java applications are developed and deployed. CloudBees' pure focus in this area will bring a viewpoint driven by the real-world market needs of the cloud into the JCP EC and will help ensure that Java remains the best platform in the emerging cloud and PaaS world.

As a company betting on the future of Java and our ability to prosper within its ecosystem, there are several major issues for the JCP over the coming year or more that motivate our participation.

1. **Improving the JCP in the follow-on to JSR 348.** The easy fixes are done, and now the harder ones that require changes to the underlying structures within which the JCP operates must be addressed. The community has expectations that are going to be difficult for Oracle and potentially other vendors to support, so it's important to use the JCP EC to drive consensus and make some meaningful progress. The EC has also expressed a desire that "there should be a single EC" (as opposed to separate committees for SE/EE and ME) and to explore how to do that over the next year. This should be done in a manner that is consistent with community interests.
2. **Impact of Modules.** While the technical issues around the Java module system can be resolved in expert groups and in OpenJDK, the emergence of modules in the base platform opens up the door for more flexible delivery models and is a basic ecosystem issue the EC needs to be active in. It's not clear how compatibility processes/testing, licensing, and branding rights will change. The answer is important for Java adoption in the cloud and in delivery of PaaS, and the EC should play a role in ensuring the solution works well for the community.

These are issues that our candidate, Steve Harris, has been involved in for years from the inside. Now that he is an outsider, he can be a more effective voice to represent and advance community interests.

Nominee Background:

Steve Harris is SVP of products at CloudBees. He acted as Oracle's point person and development lead on Java server technology for most of his 13 years at Oracle prior to joining CloudBees in September. At Oracle, he was responsible for the Java EE platform and commercial products based on it. In that capacity, he participated with the Java community and with vendors like Sun, IBM, RedHat, and SAP from the earliest days of the JCP. This experience gives him a unique perspective on the challenges that face the Java community today and how best to work within the JCP EC to address those challenges with the community.

Steve has engineering degrees from the George Washington University and UC Berkeley. He's lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for 30 years. He's one of those "old guys who know Smalltalk" who adapted to life at Oracle after building a successful bootstrapped startup. He's now adapting back to the startup life at CloudBees and having a great time doing it!