

## **Position Statement for JCP SE/EE Executive Committee Elected Seat**

### **CloudBees Steven G. Harris, SVP Products**

#### **Company Background:**

[CloudBees](#) delivers the Java platform as a service, addressing the entire development-through-deployment lifecycle in the cloud. The CloudBees Platform today includes DEV@cloud, a service that lets developers run their build and test environments in the cloud, and RUN@cloud, that lets teams seamlessly deploy and manage applications in the cloud. The company was founded by former JBoss CTO Sacha Labourey and is the home of Kohsuke Kawaguchi, founder of the open source Jenkins continuous integration project. 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 startup 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.

We believe the JCP itself is at a bit of a crossroads today. Oracle continues to invest in Java and to foster broader community involvement. JUGs and regional communities continue to grow in importance. Many developers point prospective employers at open source projects rather than send a resume. We all feel the impact that mobile apps are having, but developers and businesses are faced with difficult choices on technology investments and platforms.

The JCP needs to adapt to this whirlwind of change along with the community and the world around it. The JCP Executive Committee plays a key role in making that happen, by driving changes to improve openness and finding more effective ways to engage directly with developers. Many of the "easy" JCP procedural changes have already been made, and the changes ahead will likely be more difficult for Oracle to embrace. Deeper community involvement is only possible when engagement is frictionless and developers and companies can see a reward for their investments within a reasonable timeframe. Let's move the JCP toward an as-a-service model of helping the community deliver value and away from being a process-bound handmaiden of Oracle.

#### **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 last year. 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 use the JCP to address those challenges with the community. Today Steve works at CloudBees with a group that wakes up across seven countries, delivering Java platform technology as a hosted service in the cloud.

Steve has engineering degrees from the George Washington University and UC Berkeley. He's lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for 30 years.