

Position Statement for Geir Magnusson Jr.

I have been a professional software developer since age of 15, and have been using Java since 1998 in a range of industries from e-commerce, media delivery, mobile, and adtech. I was a member of the JCP EC for 7 years representing the Apache Software foundation until 2010, and then as an independent individual from 2014-2016. During my tenure as EC rep, the ASF won EC Member of the Year three times. I have been heavily involved in open source over the years, having served several times as a Director of the ASF, and helped co-found and lead several Apache projects, including Apache Geronimo (Java EE), Apache Harmony (Java SE) and other projects. In 2010, I took a break from JCP activities at the conclusion of the Apache-Sun/Oracle dispute over open and fair access to TCK licenses. In 2014, I felt it was time to re-engage, and served for two years as an independent. While I remain a Member of the Apache Software Foundation (ASF), I again am running as an independent individual, and do not and will not speak for the Apache Software Foundation.

I have a strong commitment to Java technology in general and a strong interest in the governance of the Java ecosystem. As the industry continues it's shift to "cloud", I believe we need to actively work to ensure that Java remains a competitive technology platform and one that developers choose to use. The recent changes in Oracle's stance towards Java SE and Java EE are laudable, but we must be careful and thoughtful in how we move forward. The JCP EC plays an important governance role that should be defended, and I wish to help shape and defend that role for the years ahead.

I continue to believe that the Java ecosystem is by far the best general purpose development platform we have available today, and I believe that with continued good governance, will remain the best general purpose development platform for the foreseeable future. I am an active developer - I write and deploy code to production multiple times per week. I think that I bring a valuable perspective to the JCP, one that spans commercial enterprise development, commercial individual/consultant development and community-oriented open source development, and this perspective incorporates an understanding of the balance between the needs of commercial development and the importance of open source and free software. Finally I believe that my previous years of experience on the EC representing the ASF and myself gives me a solid understanding of the general dynamics at play in the ecosystem, and am able to leverage that experience as a representative of the associate members.

Biography

Geir Magnusson, Jr. is Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Sourcepoint Technologies. Geir was previously CTO and SVP of Engineering at AppNexus responsible for technology strategy and product delivery, as well as driving the evolution of the company's product architecture. Geir has served as a technical executive and

leader for companies including Viggle, Gilt Groupe, 10gen, Joost, Adepra, Bloomberg, and Intel, and has built systems and solutions for industries ranging from financial markets to fraud contact to digital audio to mobile consumer. He also has broad experience in open source, having founded several significant open source projects, such as Apache Geronimo, Apache Harmony and Apache Velocity. Geir is a member of the Apache Software Foundation, and has represented the Foundation as a member of the Executive Committee of the Java Community Process, as well as served as a past member of the Board of Directors. He is also an international speaker on open source and software technology. Geir holds degrees in Physics and Electrical and Computer Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.