Java Community Process
Public Executive Committee Meeting

November 20, 2012
# Roll call

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Agenda

• Election results and the EC merge
• JSR 358 status report
• JCP 2.8 status update and community audit
• Discussion/Q&A
JSR 355 – the EC merge

SE/EE Executive Committee

ME Executive Committee

JCP Executive Committee
Background

• Because *Java is One Platform*, and because we expect ME and SE to converge over time, JSR 355 was introduced to merge the two Executive Committees into one.
• This JSR will reduce the number of EC members and keep the same ratio (2:1) of ratified and elected seats.
• The JSR will be implemented in two phases: after the 2012 and 2013 EC elections.
Implementation plan

• Reduce the size of the merged EC to 25 members.
• Merge the ECs after the 2012 election and eliminate Oracle and IBM's second seats at this time.*
• Allow members elected in 2010 to serve their full terms (until 2013) and then eliminate the remaining seats.
  • All members must stand for re-election in 2013.
  • Reconsider the goal of 25 seats before the 2013 election – if we need to change this, do so with a Maintenance Release of JSR 355.
• Switch to a two-year election cycle after 2013.

* After the 2012 elections we have several ratified seats “in reserve” for next year.
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JSR 358 status report
Using the Process to change the Process

• We modify the Process (as defined in the *Process Document* and the *JSPA*) by filing JSRs.

  • The Chair is the Spec Lead, and the Executive Committee members form the Expert Group.

  • Process-change JSRs go through all of the same stages as regular JSRs.

  • The output is a new version of the Process Document and/or the JSPA.
JCP.next

- A series of three JSRs:
  - **JSR 348: Towards a new version of the Java Community Process** completed in October 2011.
    - This JSR focused on relatively simple changes that we were able to implement within about six months.
  - **JSR 355: Executive Committee Merge** completed in August 2012.
    - Implementation began in October 2012 and will be completed in October 2013.
  - **JSR 358: A major revision of the Java Community Process** is in progress now.
    - This JSR will implement more complex changes and will modify the JSPA as well as the Process Document.
Modifying the JSPA

• The JSPA has not been significantly modified since 2002. (some minor changes were introduced in 2005.)
• Since then the organization and the environment in which we operate have changed significantly.
• The document is long-overdue for updating and cleanup.
• However, it is extremely complex and difficult to understand.
• We must be very careful when making changes.
• Plus…
All the lawyers will get involved
Our shopping list

• Intellectual Property (IP) flow.
• Compatibility policy.
• Licensing and open-source.
• Independent implementations.
• The role of the RI.
• The role of individuals.
• Transparency.
• Refactoring the JSPA.
• Fee structure.
• And lots more (see the Issue Tracker for the full list.)
Why it matters

• The JSPA is the foundation of the Java ecosystem.
• It defines the way in which IP is granted and the terms under which the spec, RI, and TCK must be licensed.
• The JSPA ensures:
  • that implementations of Java are compatible,
  • that the technologies we incorporate into Java are “safe” from an IP perspective (we know who owns them,)
  • that people can implement them and use them with confidence.
Follow us on java.net

• As JSR 348 mandates, all our work is carried out in public.
• Start with our public java.net project.
• There you will find links to:
  • The Observer mailing list (all Expert Group mail is copied here.)
  • The Issue Tracker.
  • The Document Archive (meeting agendas and minutes, task lists, and working drafts are published here.)
Presentation included separately
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