

Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura

IBM: Emily Jiang, Neil Patterson

Oracle: Will Lyons, Ed Bratt

Payara: Hadar Vorenshtein

Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez

Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): not present

Enterprise Member Representative (Microsoft): Ed Burns (alternate)

Participant member representative (LJC): Marcin Kruglik

We have quorum.

Eclipse: Tanja Obradovic, Paul Buck, Shabnam Mayel

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The [Draft Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting](#) were approved.

The [Draft Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting](#) will be reviewed next time.

Jakarta EE 11

- I assume the following reflects the draft release plan of record
 - [Jakarta EE 11 Draft Release Plan](#)
- Noticed the following mail from Ivar Grimstad from the Platform Project to Spec Committee on May 15:

*The Platform Project has received a request for guidance regarding backward compatibility for the upcoming plan reviews for **Jakarta EE 11**.*

<https://github.com/jakartaee/jakartaee-platform/issues/683>

*Since the due date for plan reviews (**May 30**) is fast approaching, it is fairly urgent to provide some guidance to the projects regarding the direction we are headed with this.*

- I don't believe I have seen a reply in mail, though the following update from Ivar was posted on in the [github issue](#) approximately May 17:

The Specification Committee is working on composing a deprecation process to ensure that backward incompatible changes can be done in a controlled manner. Conceptually, this is where we are headed:

The deprecation process that is being worked on broadly has two steps:

A feature is marked as deprecated in release N (N can be a MINOR release)

A feature is then removed in release N+1 (or beyond where N+1 is a MAJOR release)

More details and descriptions will follow, but this is basically the concept.

Ivar, on behalf of the Jakarta EE Specification Committee

- Is this discussion progressing appropriately such that plan reviews are not adversely impacted, and if not, would any Steering Committee action be helpful?
 - Per Ed, the plan review process is in good shape - expect to have all PRs available for review by May 30
 - Per Paul, there is a solid draft being worked on
 - Paul's request is that all WG member Spec Committee members encourage their spec reps to give this item the attention it is due

Jakarta EE Developer Survey

- Tracking results published here (1856 surveys completed as of May 23, 1582 surveys completed as of May 16, up from 1463 on May 2):
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18sRRewEVMcczu2h_OByGxqD2H9Q18IOE0UJbLFZXHlw/edit#gid=213240262
- Survey closes May 25 per [2023 Jakarta EE Developer Survey Report Timeline](#).
 - The Marketing Committee is planning to close the survey by May 25 or within a week
- See the link above for language specific URLs and social kit to promote the survey
- Exceeding the number of responses from last year (1400).
- Members please use links in the tracking doc above

EclipseCon 2023 - Ludwigsburg, Germany | October 16 - 19, 2023

- [EclipseCon CfP](#) is open
 - Members encouraged to submit by June 16
- EclipseCon: Community Day for Java Developers - October 16
 - Collaborating with iJUG to expand the reach to local java developer community
 - They will be heavily involved in the organization of the event, and the program will be created by inviting speakers and also have CfP
 - Including other Java related projects, like Dev Tools, Adoptium
 - Topics that would be good to be covered from the WG members if there is interest are
 - How to get up to date with my existing application (x → EE 10)?

- How do Jakarta EE specs influence other frameworks (e.g. Spring, Micronaut, Quarkus, Helidon ...)?
- Please let Tanja know if there is interest to cover these topics by any of our members - no response received as of yet

JakartaOne Livestream

- Events
 - August - Portuguese
 - September - Mandarin
 - November - Spanish
 - December - English
- Tanja has sent out a note with link for signup sheet for vendor presentations
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jkvN2BxqJHvnknpMbEZj_zmCa0xMIRjzhXHO7Gn-LLE/edit#gid=30278074

Objectives

- Q1 report discussed last time (link provided for reference)
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Kbs2Th0si6ZTUhTPbeDSmv8qFNzfb1JDYqPHp-I_RqE/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_757
 - Thank you Tanja for your effort on this report
- Q2-Q3 objectives
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QQL-mlohA-I5-3z2vcVL8tkiBEYX_LPSBmuwy77ALco/edit#slide=id.g1c9824dfc74_0_936
 - Ed Burns will consider adding relevant Q3 objectives
 - Committee members in general are encouraged to identify meaningful objectives

Deprecation and backwards compatibility policy (Abraham)

- Related to Agenda item above
- The following topic was added to the Steering Committee meeting agenda on March 28
 - In the last Spec Committee meeting there was a conversation about backwards-compatibility and deprecation. The conclusion was that this was probably a steering conversation. Essentially, the crux of the matter is that the [Compatibility Requirements](#) page talks about deprecating methods, but it doesn't seem to allow making backwards-incompatible changes; this is a bit odd because that would imply that one can deprecate a method but never remove it! Also, there are specs (like CDI) which have made backwards-incompatible changes, so in theory we've got specs that have violated these requirements.
 - Paul summarized the Spec Committee discussion

- The Spec Committee has recognized that the actual level of compatibility being provided is not completely consistent with our published [Compatibility Requirements](#).
 - The Spec Committee is in the process of refining these requirements at a detailed level.
 - When this work results in a detailed proposal it will be brought to the Steering Committee for review.
 - There is no specific target or deadline at this time.
 - We will keep this on the Steering Committee agenda for tracking purposes and awareness.
- This topic is still a work in progress
 - Steering Committee review is not required at this time