Minutes of June 25 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

The Zoom ID is:
https://eclipse.zoom.us/j/499849869

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura, Mike Denicola
IBM: Kevin Sutter
Oracle: Will Lyons
Payara: not present
Red Hat: Scott Stark
Tomitribe: David Blevins, Richard Monson-Haefel
Martijn Verburg
Ivar Grimstad

Eclipse: Paul Buck, Paul White, Tanja and Wayne

Review of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Minutes of the June 11 meeting were approved.

Draft minutes of the June 18 meeting will be reviewed next time.

Jakarta EE 8 Release

References

1) The scope of the release has been agreed to as described in the following document:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/15rsZ5e3ONjsJjP635yev3dVjV5ZiKdIvRuHXQXpwQus/edit

2) The "Next Steps" document provides an overview of the current plan:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VFaaE5-HaDIdm4c-IdJTcyO0sGoYcumGchq_aoNUq2M/edit#slide=id.g4d87466c3c_0_0

3) The following Google doc is being updated:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15HdTmpvlVIW53zm6wGwZoli5c1kRzM79G-ZDHe4FVMs/edit#gid=503170349

4) Ed has drafted the following which was referenced in the May 7 and 14 meeting:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZtVZBLY2Q-zze0ftF0T0_7i0OlvhOVEkDTcBml2mG3E/edit?usp=sharing

Review of required Steering Committee decisions and guidance, including a weekly update on the status of the TCK (Scott), PMC (Ivar) and Spec Committee (Scott) process was requested.

- PMC update on the progress of spec project renaming and creation of scope statements (Ivar)

  Links to GitHub projects below:
  - Scope statements tracking: https://github.com/orgs/eclipse-ee4j/projects/10
  - Project renaming tracking: https://github.com/orgs/eclipse-ee4j/projects/11
  - Spec project creation tracking: https://github.com/orgs/eclipse-ee4j/projects/13
  - Jakarta EE 8 TCK jobs tracking: https://github.com/orgs/eclipse-ee4j/projects/14

  - All names are ready
  - All scope statements are complete and will be forwarded to the Spec Committee for ballot approval.
  - Other tasks (project renaming, spec project creation, TCK jobs) will align with the creation review process.
    - See above on spec project creation
    - See project board 14

  - Wayne was to research prior consideration by Eclipse Foundation on acquiring NexusPro for the purposes of holding TCK binaries being proposed while in use by compatible implementations. This requirement/issue is out of scope for Jakarta EE 8 discussion as deferred.

- Update from Scott on TCK and Spec Process progress

  Scott sent the following in mail on June 19:

  > I believe we are not adding significant new content to the TCK process doc and will have reached enough density for projects to proceed by this Friday's meeting, so I intend to request an approval vote of the process doc: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eg7nqACM59Ptn6ph20WVifvjkadsI-yfpe5TPUlscx8/edit#
  >
  > At the June 26th meeting.
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  > The main outstanding issue is the promotion of the final EFTL TCK binary, and based on today's discussion, the bulk of this lies in the spec committee projects promotion build that should just be taking the candidate TCK release binary from the projects download.eclipse.org area. Therefore, all we need to define from the specification project's perspective are the requirements on making that binary available when requesting final approval. Working on that in addition to the

prototype effort discussed today is what I intend to have sufficient progress on for a vote on the 26th.

Per discussion in the meeting, a draft will be sent out June 25 for vote hopefully by June 26. Several issues will affect Jakarta EE 8. Will need project pages created so they can be referenced in specs - will soon be a blocking issue.

Discussed next steps on the JESP Operations Document, and whether spec projects can proceed:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DoGhd7_d6SBD-GhiiI-9J1iiG_I99ZqWae0WAS7eYUg/edit#heading=h.vfkw0dmqrp52

This topic will be the focus on Friday's call. Do not believe that any projects are currently blocked, though if we make process changes they may be.

- Release timing

The goal is a target date of August (prior to Code One start date of Sept 16 and JakartaOne Livestream date of Sept 10).

Ed's schedule spreadsheet was reviewed and there was no change:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14zRq36PiAmsNQuVB6t3ligCXlP3TGRCGqgDmlGnAPyc/edit#gid=297538807

- Was EFSP 1.2 and the JESP update voted on in Spec Committee?
    - EFSP 1.2 is being voted on and Wayne will request final approval by Executive Director end of the week.
    - JESP will be delivered to Spec Committee tomorrow for a vote. Major changes are:
        - Adopt EFSP 1.2
        - Shorten review period - Wayne will work on the draft

- The EFSP, JESP, TCK Process, Spec Operations Document must all be approved by July 22 given the current review period. Discussed whether we are on target for this.
    - Spec Operations document may be a concern.

- Proposal to split specification repositories

It is assumed this requirement/issue is out of scope for Jakarta EE 8 and we deferred this discussion.

- Progress on the discussion on the use of acronyms. Vote on the following: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aPMyCGAEuVR0rP149si4bb7FaRUvHWTEdjkw3A76NZo/edit?ts=5d121599

  The Steering Committee unanimously approved these guidelines for public communication. We will post this at a location on the Web Site and email it to the community alias.   Will Lyons will forward the Web Page link to the community list.

- Approach for creation of boilerplate specifications. Vote on the following: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EGSnr8mmNKlp3eb7odz6jpOoc3qwTISO3uzFMuvf5wc/edit?ts=5d122bdd

  > There was general consensus on the recommended approach. It was requested that the doc provide up-front context that we expect to have text for a Platform Specification, but will not have copyright clearance for many of the component specifications.

  > Will forward for +1 approval in email. Will get PMC to communicate this.

- Update on obtaining clearance for copyrights to Java EE 8 specifications?

  > No update at this time.   The Eclipse Foundation may request Steering Committee for help with this. The current focus is on obtaining clearance for the Platform spec - will have a date by the end of the week.   This is a critical path item for the Jakarta EE 8 release. The spec project committee needs to put together a plan for this. This will be placed at the top of the Steering Committee agenda next time (there will be a meeting on July 2).

- Question on the recording of ballots.

  - Eclipse will come back with a description of what exists today and what they propose going forward. Something similar to the JCP ballot process where comments could be captured.

Jakarta EE Next and Evolving the javax namespace

- Status of the discussion on evolving the javax namespace to the jakarta namespace.   May 6 document referenced below: https://www.eclipse.org/lists/jakartaee-platform-dev/msg00029.html

In effect, this discussion is paused because of Jakarta EE 8 work.

> *What is the status of this discussion? For example, something that outlines the current primary options that are under discussion, and the process we will use to select a direction. Variables under discussion that we are aware of are:*
> - *Will Jakarta EE 9 focus on renaming only, with no new "functionality"*
> - *Which packages will be renamed:*
>   - *All*
>   - *A designated subset (which subset)*
> - *How deep will the renaming go (javax to jakarta only, or down to lower layers)*
> - *Will we seek to implement all renaming in Jakarta EE 9 or will we allow for future renaming*
> - *Approaches for implementing compatibility in the context of renaming*

Marketing Committee Update

- An email proposal from Paul White was discussed briefly "Longer term plan to engage with enterprise Java developers at the grassroots level". Paul does not believe this is necessarily a marketing activity per se. Paul will bring this back to the Steering Committee agenda late fall.

Eclipse Foundation Update

- Will Lyons recommended review, perhaps in a separate meeting, of research reported on at the Eclipse Foundation Board of Directors meeting: "Strategic Research to Grow and Deepen Foundation Member Commitment". Will place this higher on the agenda for next time.

Jakarta EE Working Group committee elections

- See below taken from Paul White's email of June 12. The elections below take effect on July 1, 2019.

    > ...I'm pleased to announce the representatives for 2019-20 on the [Jakarta EE Working Group] committees, beginning July 1, are:
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    > Participant Representative:

STEERING COMMITTEE - Martijn Verburg (London Java Community)
SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE - Alex Theedom (London Java Community)
MARKETING COMMITTEE - Theresa Nguyen (Microsoft)

Committer Representative:

STEERING COMMITTEE - Ivar Grimstad
SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE - Werner Keil
MARKETING COMMITTEE - Vacant

Thank you to Simon Maple for his service to the Marketing Committee for the past 12 months.

Jakarta "Summit" - Not discussed

Consensus has been to work on defining an agenda when there is more clarity on the resolution of legal issues.
Tomitribe does not intend to join
Payara has other commitments.
Oracle continues to be interested. IBM is supportive (Kevin continues to be supportive).
Paul will inquire about the possibility of keeping this on the calendar. Suggests 20-30 attendees is minimum for viability. Still working on Ottawa as the location.