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Community
Process

The JCP and the future of Java

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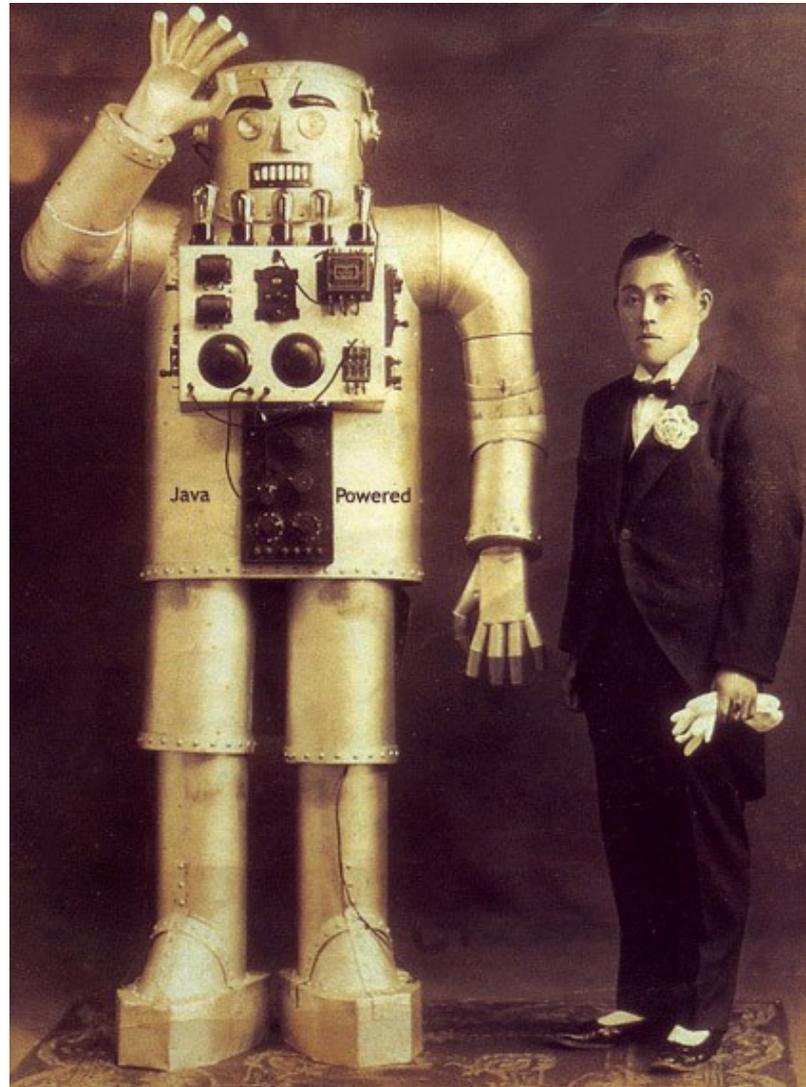
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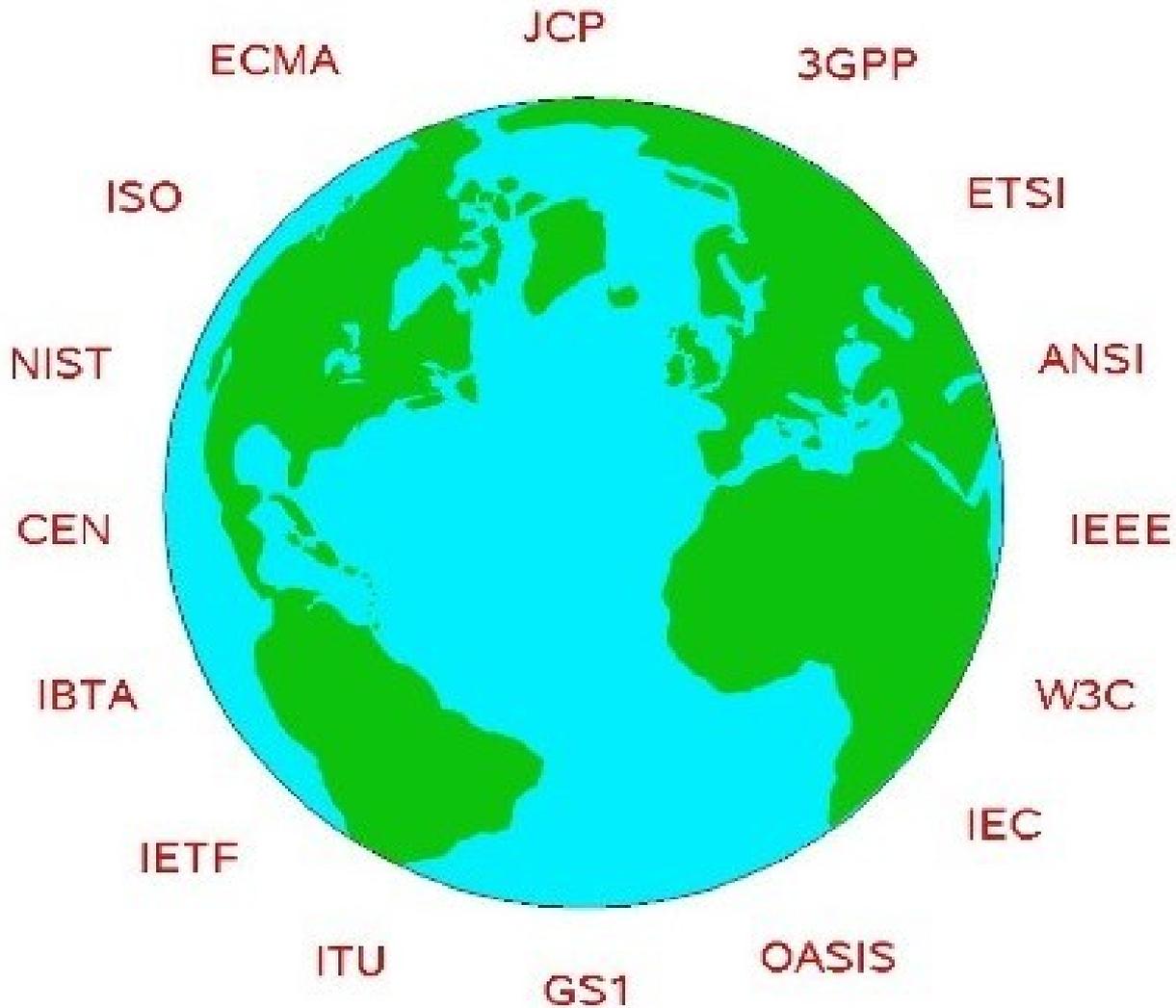


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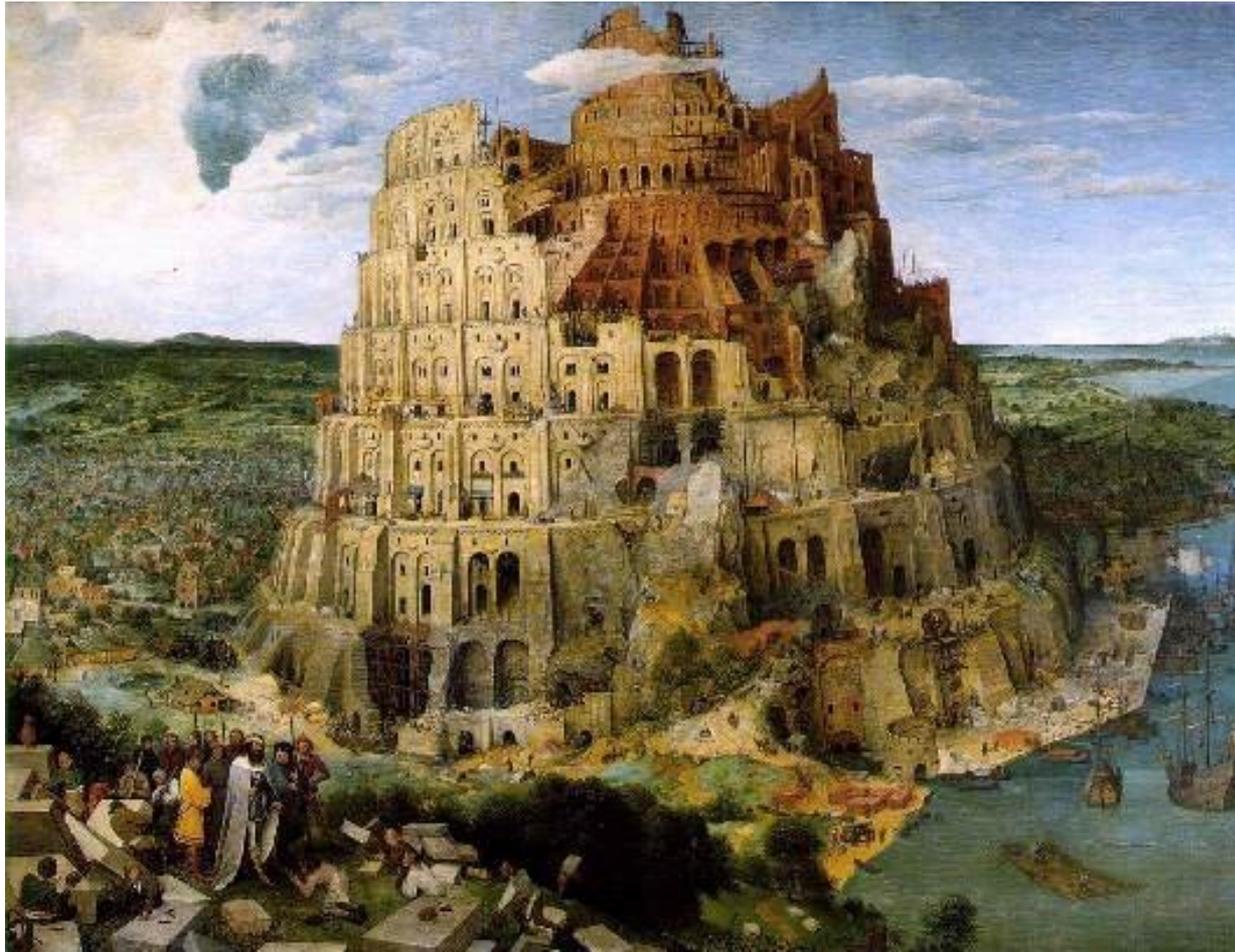


- Standards, Java, and the JCP
- How the JCP works
- The JCP and Open Source
- Current events
- Participation

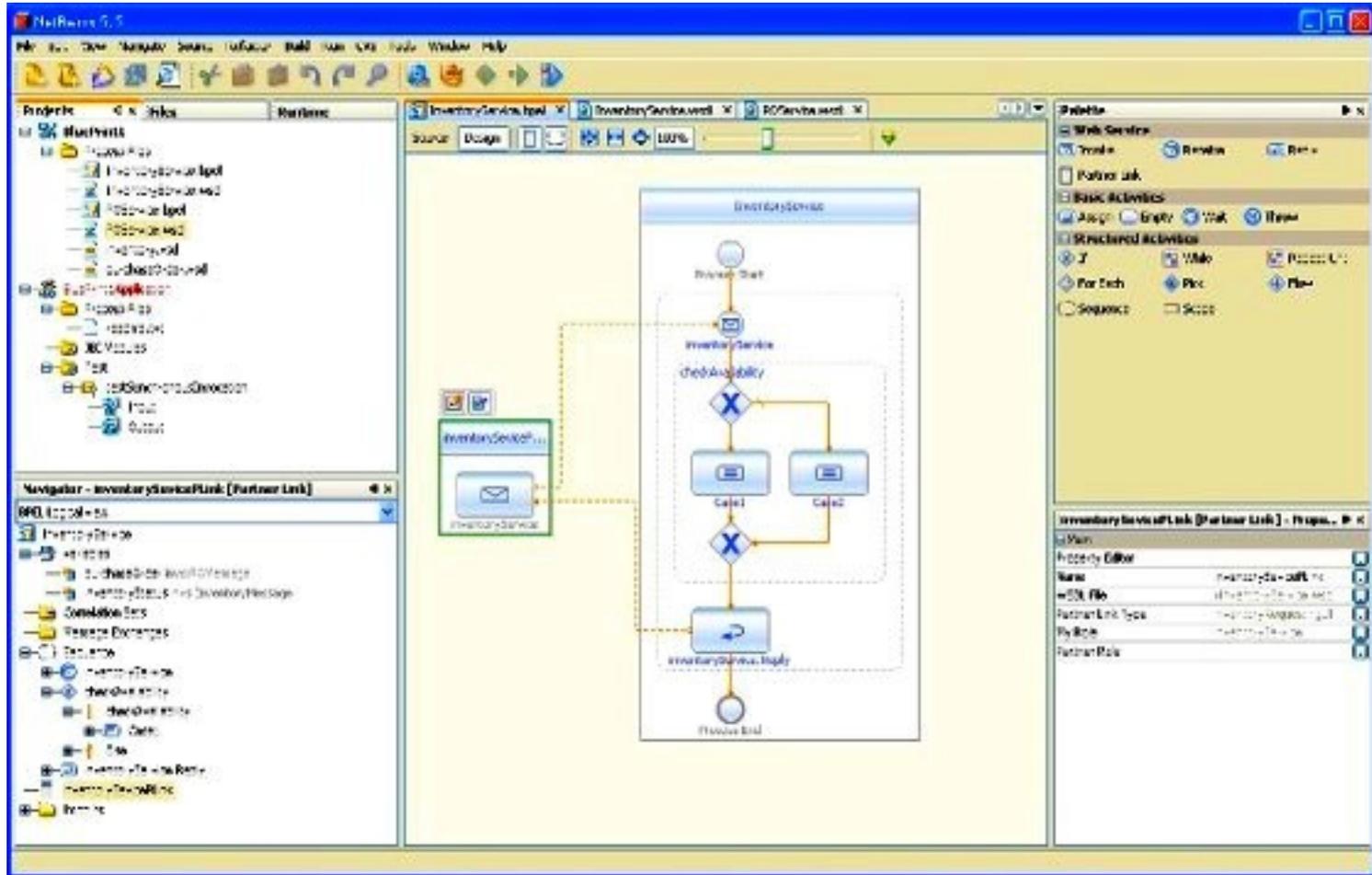
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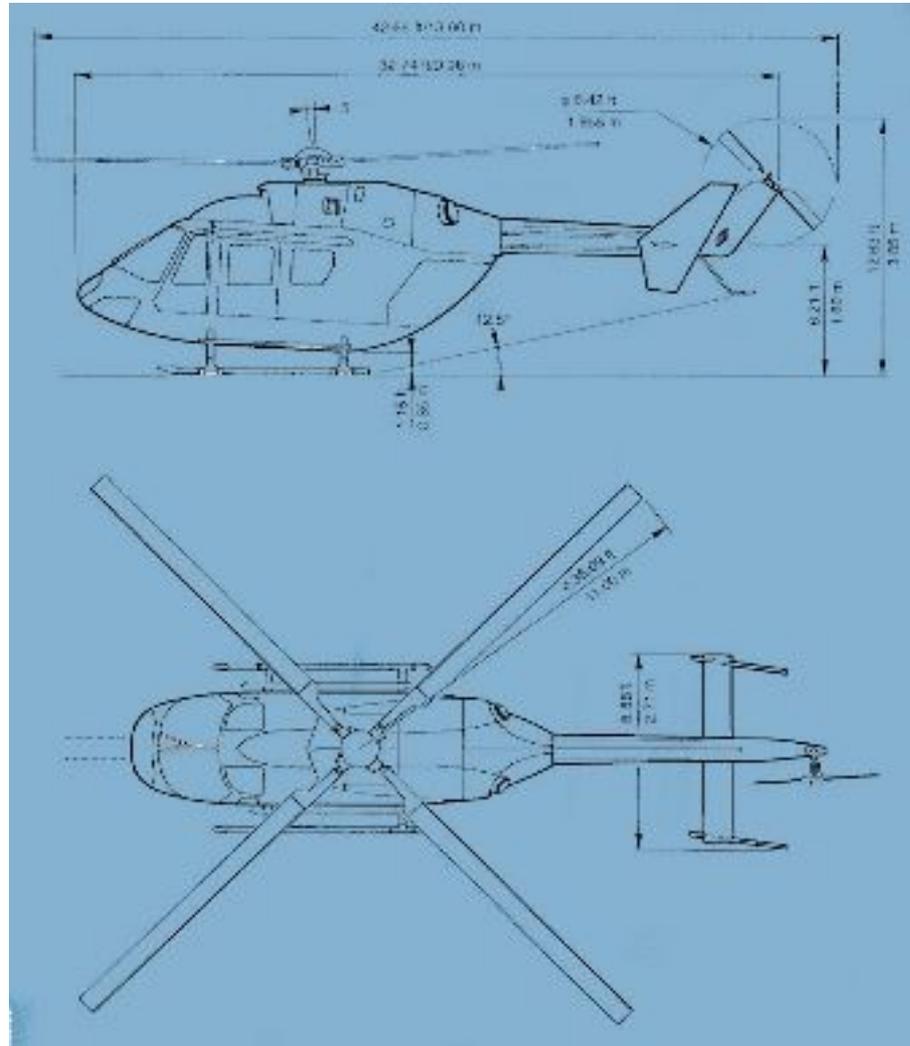
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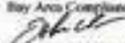
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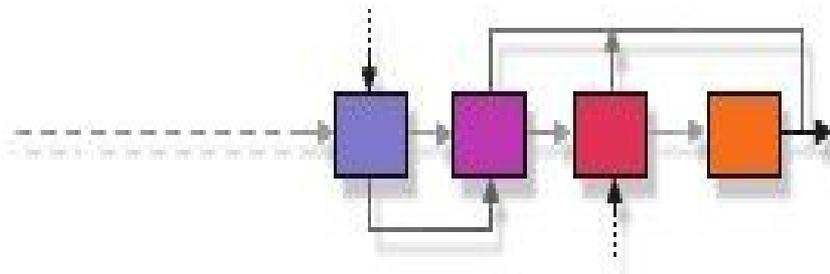
No vendor lock-in



Industrial-strength systems



Java standards

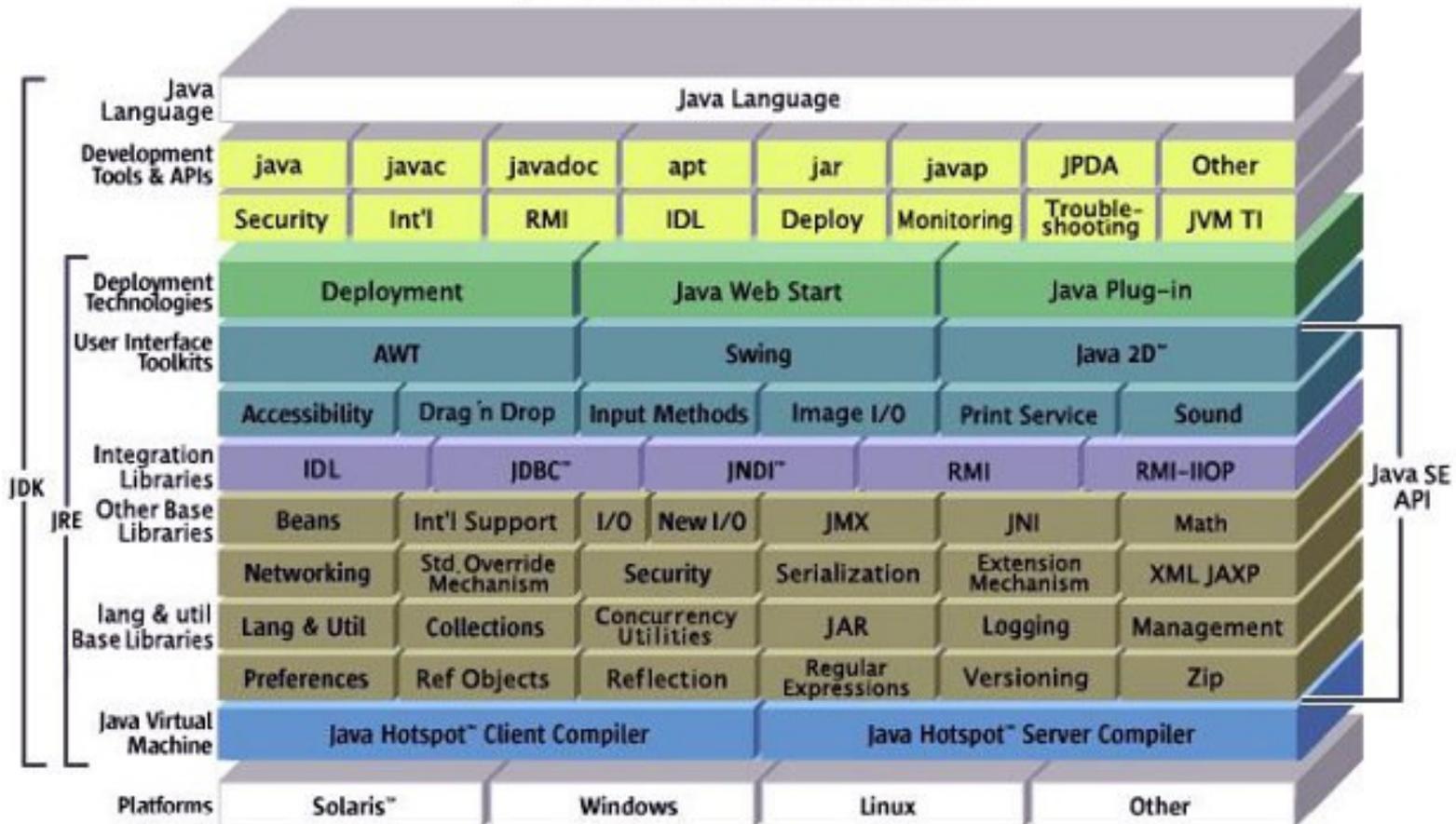


Community Development of
Java Technology Specifications

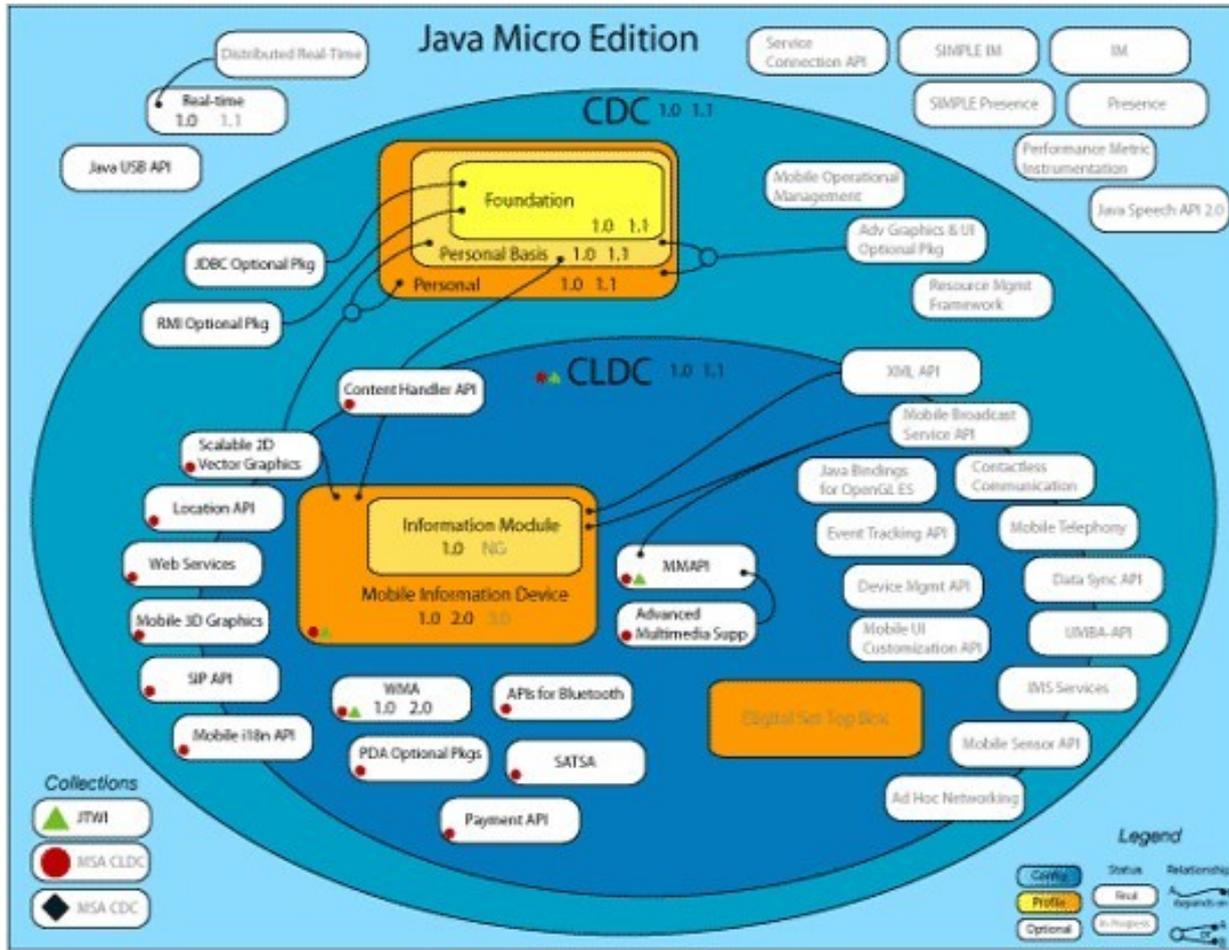
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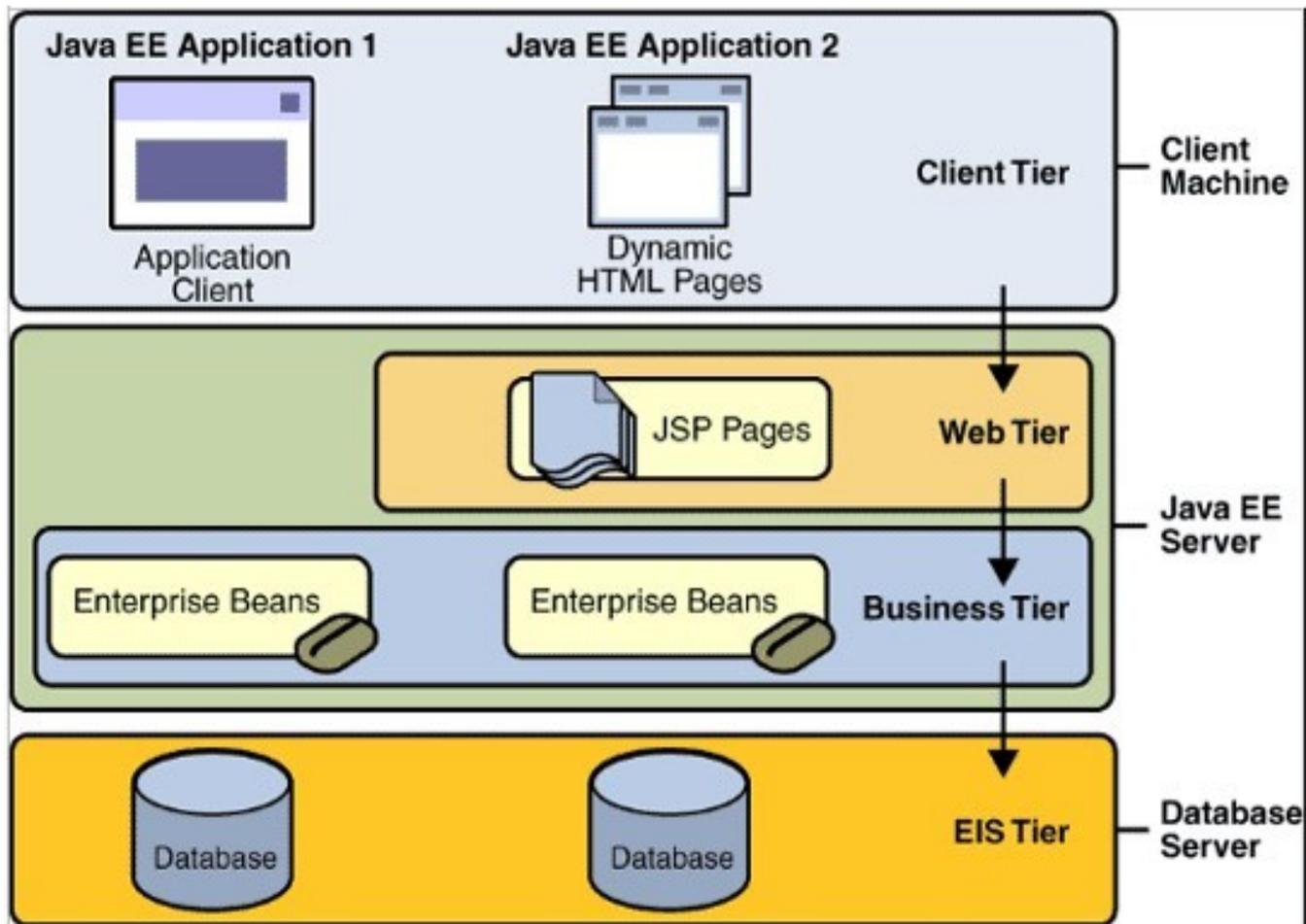
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Java Enterprise Edition



How the JCP works



How we do it



- Java Specification Requests (JSRs)
 - A JSR is a single version of a Java specification.
 - JSRs are led by a community member (the *Spec Lead*), with a group of interested members (the *Expert Group*) helping with the day-to-day decisions and work.
 - Any community member can submit and lead a JSR.
- Each Expery Group must deliver:
 - The Specification
 - The Reference Implementation (RI)
 - The Technology Compatibility Kit (TCK)

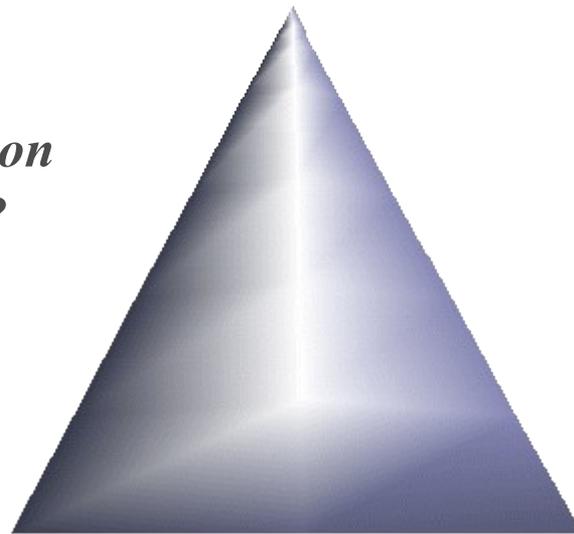
The compatibility triangle



Specification

*In the specification
unambiguous?*

*Can you build an
implementation?*



**Technology
Compatibility Kit**

**Reference
Implementation**

*Is the TCK correct?
Does the RI conform?*

Deliverables



Compatibility testing

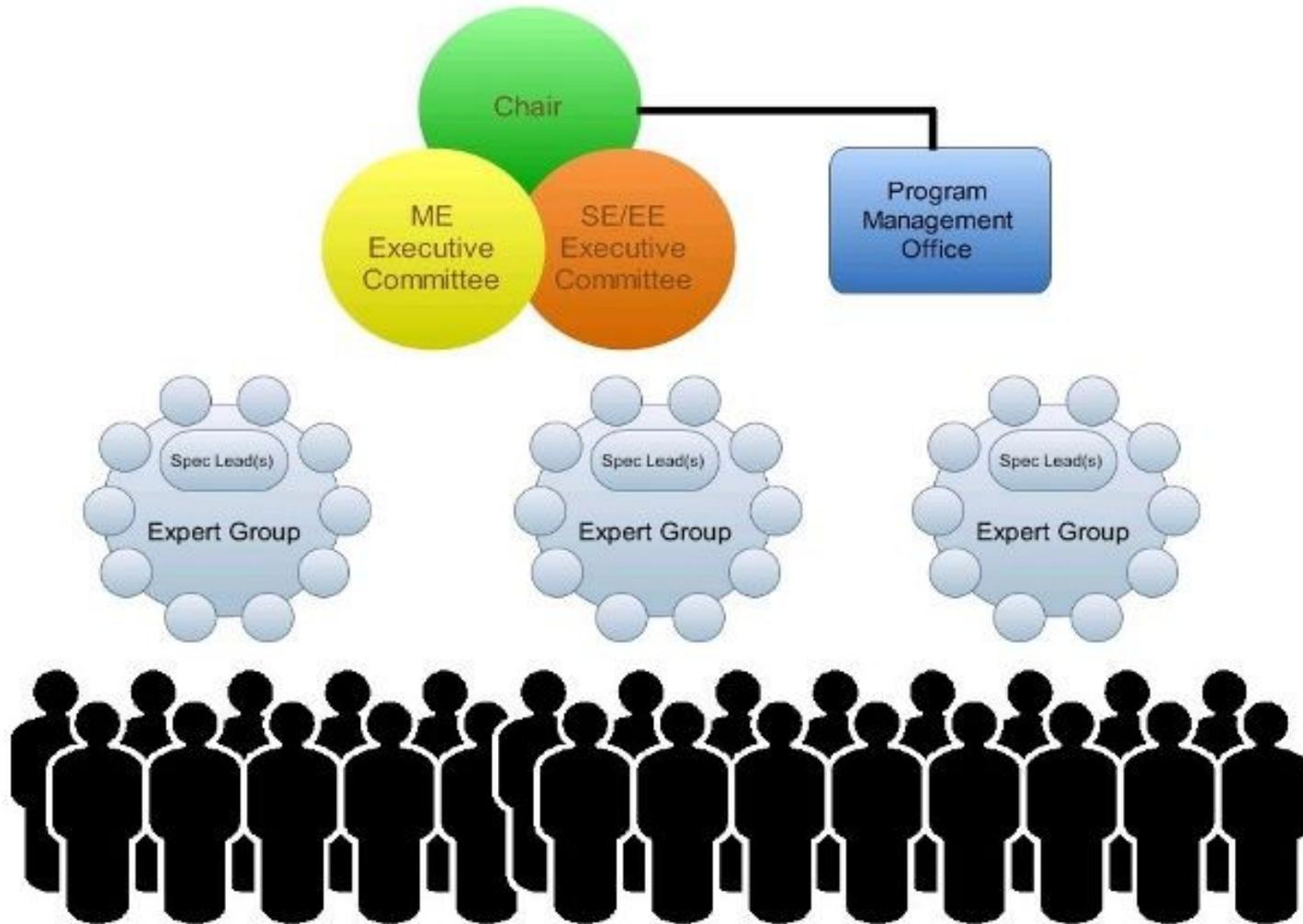


Governance



- Java Specification Participation Agreement (JSPA)
 - A legal contract between members and Oracle.
 - Addresses Intellectual Property (IP) grants and the terms under which the spec, RI, and TCK should be licensed.
 - <http://www.jcp.org/aboutJava/communityprocess/JSPA2.pdf>.
- JCP 2: Process Document
 - Defines the governance of the organization.
 - Defines the processes that are used to submit define, develop, review, approve, and maintain specifications.
 - Defines the obligations to produce an RI and TCK, and to define a test challenge process.
 - <http://jcp.org/en/procedures/jcp2>.

Organization



Roles



- JCP Chair
 - Leads the organization and manages the PMO.
- Program Management Office (PMO)
 - Manages day-to-day operations of the organization.
- Executive Committees
 - Define JCP governance, processes, and contractual terms of membership.
 - Vote on JSRs at defined stages through the process.
- Expert Groups
 - Create JSRs (write the spec, develop the RI and TCK).
- Members
 - Review specs, may participate in Expert Groups, vote in Executive Committee elections.

The Executive Committees



- Two Executive Committees:
 - One for Java ME and one for Java SE and Java EE combined.
- Each EC has 16 members.
- Oracle has a permanent seat on each EC.
- 10 of the other 15 seats are *ratified* by Oracle.
 - Oracle nominates a candidate; the entire JCP membership approves via ballot.
- The remaining 5 seats are *elected* (any JCP member may nominate themselves.)
- Yearly elections reconfirm or replace one-third of the members.
- ECs meet ~monthly by phone, 3 times a year face-to-face.
- EC meeting minutes are public.
 - See http://jcp.org/en/resources/EC_summaries.

Executive Committee responsibilities



- Review and vote on all JSRs associated with their EC.
- Evolve the JSPA and the Process Document.
 - The JSPA and Process Document are modified through the JSR process itself.
 - The Executive Committees serve as the Expert Group for JSRs that make these changes; the Chair is the Spec Lead.
 - JSR 99 defined the JSPA, JSR 215 defined the Process Doc.
 - Two new JSRs to evolve the JSPA and Process Doc will be filed soon (*JCP.next.*)
- Represent their own interests to the JCP and the JCP to the developer and user community.
- Advise the PMO.

Current Executive Committee membership



- Java ME EC
 - Stefano Andreani, Aplix, AT&T, CableLabs, IBM, Nokia, Oracle, RIM, Samsung, Sean Sheedy, Siemens, SK Telecom, T-Mobile, **Alex Terrazas**, TOTVS, Vodafone.
- Java SE/EE EC
 - Credit Suisse, Eclipse, Ericsson, Fujitsu, **Goldman Sachs**, Google, HP, IBM, Intel, **London Java Community**, Werner Keil, Oracle, Red Hat, SAP, **SouJava**, VMware.
- **Elected in the recent *Special Election*.**

The Spec Lead



- The individual or institutional owner and driver of a JSR.
 - Recruits and organizes the activities of the Expert Group.
 - Responsible for delivering the Spec, RI, and TCK.
- Intellectual Property rights to the technology incorporated in the JSR accrue to the Spec Lead.
 - Subject to obligations incurred under the JSPA.
- The Spec Lead is free to define the terms under which the RI, and TCK will be licensed.
 - Subject to obligations incurred under the JSPA.
- Oracle is the Spec Lead for the three existing Platforms: Java ME, Java SE, and Java EE.

The Expert Group



- The Expert Group is recruited and led by the Spec Lead.
 - All members of the JCP are eligible to join.
 - Participation by all interested parties is encouraged and desirable.
 - The EG works as a team to define the JSR and to develop the Spec, RI, and TCK.
- The EG is free to define its own working style.
 - When and how often it meets, how it makes decisions...
- Transparency is strongly encouraged.
 - EGs must explain their transparency strategy:
 - Public aliases, public issue list, Wikis, blogs...
 - EGs must respond publicly to comments.

The membership



- Anyone can join.
- Total membership is approximately 1200.
- 3700 registered users at jcp.org.
- Fees:
 - Java Licensees: free.
 - Individuals: free
 - **Java User Groups: free.**
 - Non-profit organizations: \$2K/year.
 - Commercial organizations: \$5K/year.

Who are the members?

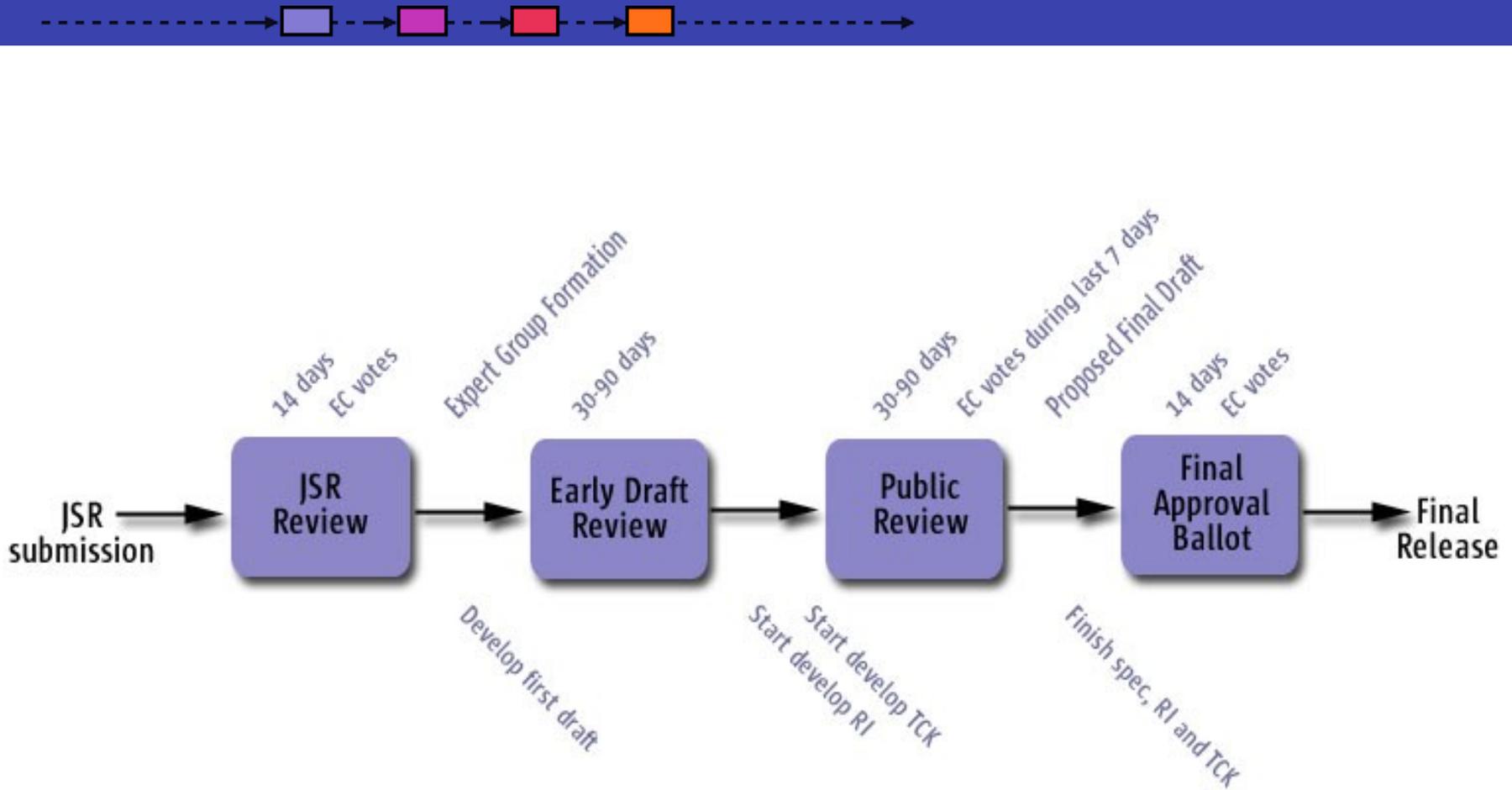


- Membership distribution by type:
 - 77% individual.
 - 21% corporate.
 - 2% non-profit.
- Membership distribution by location:
 - 50% North America
 - 32% Europe and the Russian Federation
 - 13% Asia and the Middle East
 - 5% South America

A typical individual member?



The JSR development cycle



JSR Submission



- Identify the submitters, the Specification Lead(s), and the initial members of the Expert Group.
- Describe the proposed specification and the reasons for developing it.
- Identify the target Platform(s).
- Estimate the development schedule.
- Describe the working model the Expert Group will adopt, and how it will involve the community and the public.
- Identify preexisting documents, technology descriptions, or implementations that might be used as a starting point.
- Publish the licensing terms for the Spec, RI, and TCK.

JSR Approval Ballot



- JSR proposals are published on the JCP website.
- JCP members, the Executive Committees, and the public review and comment.
- JCP members may request to join the Expert Group during this period.
- The Executive Committee(s) vote on the JSR during the final two weeks of the review period.
- If the JSR is voted down, submitters have 14 days to revise and resubmit for a second vote; if this fails the JSR is closed.

Expert Group formation



- Expert Group formation begins when the JSR is approved.
- Members request to join the EG through an online form.
- No size limit; Spec Leads should ensure that all interested parties are represented, but should keep the group small enough that it will be able to function efficiently.
- Members may be added at any time, subject to the agreement of the existing membership.
- EG decides its mode of operation (communication mechanisms, meeting schedules, etc.)
 - Transparency and community involvement are strongly encouraged.

Early Draft



- The Expert Group's first deliverable is the *Early Draft*.
 - Provides the JCP membership and the public with a draft that is detailed enough to generate useful feedback.
- No fixed deadline for generating the draft – EGs should take as long as they need (but no longer!)
- Early Draft is published for review on the JCP website.
 - Review period is typically 30 days but may be longer.
- No ballot at this stage – the purpose is to gather feedback.
- EGs may choose to revise the draft and resubmit if feedback indicates that significant changes need to be made.
 - OK to iterate through several Early Draft reviews.

Public Review



- Spec should be relatively complete before *Public Review*.
- Expert Group should also be developing the RI and TCK while working on the spec.
- Spec is published for review on the JCP website.
 - Review period is 30–90 days (the EG decides how long).
- All public comments should be considered and addressed.
- The Public Draft Specification Approval Ballot takes place during the final 7 days of the review
- If the ballot fails, the EG has 30 days to resubmit for a *Reconsideration Ballot*.
 - If this ballot fails, the JSR is closed.

Proposed Final Draft



- The EG submits a Proposed Final Draft of the spec to the PMO.
 - This should incorporate and address feedback from the *Public Review*.
- Spec is posted on the website for public download.

Final Approval and Release



- The EG prepares the Final Draft of the spec and completes the RI and TCK.
 - The TCK must meet quality and coverage goals.
 - The RI must pass the TCK.
 - A test appeals process must be defined.
 - Final RI and TCK licensing terms must be published.
- The EC has two weeks to review these materials and to cast their votes in the Final Approval Ballot.
- If the ballot fails the EG has 30 days to resubmit for a Reconsideration Ballot; if that fails, the JSR is closed.
- Approved JSRs are posted for Final Release and may then be implemented commercially.

Maintenance



- Spec Leads are expected to make a long-term commitment to revise and update the spec, RI, and TCK.
- Spec Lead typically takes on the role of *Maintenance Lead*.
 - Gathers *Proposed* changes, deciding which to *Accept* and which to *Defer*, publishing these on the JCP website.
- 30-day public *Maintenance Review* period (no ballot unless EC members intervene to request items be deferred).
- RI and TCK must be synchronized with spec changes.
 - *Maintenance Release* is final when this is completed.
- More significant changes (beyond minor clarifications of the spec) require a new JSR.

Summary of JSR Stages



- JAB: JSR Approval Ballot - Mandatory - 2 weeks.
- EDR: Early Draft Review - Mandatory - 30/45/60/90 days.
- PR: Public Review - Mandatory - 30/45/60/90 days.
- PRB: Public Review Ballot – Mandatory - 7 days.
- PFD: Proposed Final Draft - Mandatory - no time frame.
- FAB: Final Approval Ballot - Mandatory - 2 weeks.
- FR: Final Release - Mandatory.
- MR: Maintenance Review - Optional - 30/45/60/90 days.
- MREL: Maintenance Release - Optional.

Each stage must be completed before the Expert Group moves on to the next.

Open Source



Open Source processes



- Approximately half of all currently-active JSRs are developed as open source projects.
 - Java SE: OpenJDK.
 - <http://openjdk.java.net/>
 - Java EE: Project Glassfish.
 - <http://glassfish.java.net/>
- Most Expert Groups have adopted some aspects of the open-source development process.

Transparency



Participation



Teamwork



Agility



Hmmm...



- **L**inux
 - POSIX (IEEE 1003, ISO/IEC 9945)
 - Single UNIX Specification (SUS)
 - Linux Standard Base
- **A**pache
 - HTTP, HTML, XHTML, authentication
 - http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.0/misc/relevant_standards.html
- **M**ySQL
 - ANSI/ISO SQL
 - <http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.0/en/compatibility.html>
- **P**HP
 - ??? (but see Fortran, COBOL, C, C++. Java, C#...)
 - And don't forget Ruby.

Open source *and* open standards



The latest news



Special Election – completed May 9



- New EC members took office May 10:
 - On the SE/EE EC
 - SouJava (JUG)
 - Goldman Sachs.
 - London Java Community (JUG)
 - On the ME EC
 - Alex Terazzas.



Platform updates



- Java SE 7 and Java SE 8 JSRs launched in late 2010.
 - JSR 336: Java SE 7 Release Contents.
 - JSR 337: Java SE 8 Release Contents.
 - Plus many component JSRs.
- Java EE 7 JSRs launched in early 2011.
 - JSR 342: Java EE 7 Specification.
 - Plus many component JSRs.
- Watch for Java ME JSRs coming soon.

Java SE updates



- Java SE 7 - 2011.
 - JSR 203: More New I/O APIs
 - JSR 292: “InvokeDynamic.”
 - JSR 334: Small Language Changes (“Project Coin.”)
 - Worldwide release announcement on July 7.
 - Live from Redwood Shores, Sao Paulo, London.
 - More than 200 Java User Group events.
- Java SE 8 - 2012.
 - Enhanced annotations.
 - Improved parallelization in Concurrency and Collections.
 - Lambda expressions (“Closures.”)
 - Modularity.

Java EE update



- Java EE 7: *Cloud* support – 2012.
 - Multitenancy support, application versioning, service metadata.
 - Modularity metadata compatible with Java SE 8.
 - Full modularity must come after SE 8.
 - Concurrency utilities (JSR-236.)
 - Revive and complete JCache (JSR-107.)
 - Updates to many component JSRs.
 - JMS 2.0, JAX-RS 2.0, JPA 2.1, JSF 2.2...
 - Web sockets, HTML 5, JSON.

JCP.next



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.
- *JSR 348: Towards a new version of the Java Community Process* is in progress now.
 - This JSR is focusing on relatively simple changes that can be implemented within about six months.
- Follow-on JSRs will merge the two ECs into one, and implement more complex changes, including any that require modifying the JSPA.

Transparent operations



- As JSR 348 itself will mandate, all our work is being done in public.
- A [public java.net project](#) has been created with a Wiki, *Expert Group* and *Observer* aliases, discussion forum, issue tracker, and file download area.
- All EG mail traffic is copied to the *Observers* alias.
- All our documents (meeting agendas and minutes, task lists, working drafts) are published in our [Document Archive](#).
- We want your input!

Themes



- Transparency
- Participation
- Agility
- Restructuring and cleanup

Expert Group transparency



- Must do all substantive business on a public mailing list.
- Must track issues in a public issue tracker.
- Must respond to all comments before moving to next stage.
- Must specify collaboration software used and report its Terms of Use.

Executive Committee transparency



- Must hold semi-annual teleconferences and an annual open meeting at JavaOne.
 - All JCP members are free to attend these meetings.
 - Agenda will be chosen from topics suggested by members.
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- Undocumented license review process now specified.
- Escalation and Appeal process defined.
 - Spec Leads, EG members and JCP members can appeal to EC for help in resolving disputes.

License transparency



- NOTE: public disclosure of complete licensing terms is already required.
- Changes in license terms between releases must be explicitly called out.
- Previously-offered licenses cannot be withdrawn during the lifetime of a JSR (though new terms may also be offered.)
 - Implementors required to adopt a new version of the TCK must be offered the old terms if they wish.

TCK transparency



- Spec Leads must submit to the PMO (quarterly, and at every Maintenance Release) a list of all devices/platforms that have been certified as compatible.
 - These will be published on jcp.org.
- TCK documentation must be publicly & freely available.
- TCK User's Guide must include Compatibility Requirements.
- Implementors must be free to discuss detailed TCK test results.

Election transparency



- PMO to host “Meet the Candidates” teleconference(s) before the election. All Members are free to join.
- If a suitable venue (e.g. JavaOne) is available, the PMO should host a “Meet the Candidates” public meeting.
- Employees of a Member Company cannot run for election in their own right.
- Employees of a Member Company cannot vote in their own right.

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Participation



- Requests to join EGs, the Spec Lead's responses, and decisions to remove or replace EG members, must be reported on the EG's public alias.
- Any 3 EG members can request the Spec Lead to remove a disruptive, uncooperative, or unresponsive EG member.
- Any 3 EG members can request the EC to replace an uncooperative or unresponsive Spec Lead.
- EC members who miss two consecutive meetings lose their voting privileges until they have attended two.
- EC members who miss 6 (5?) meetings in a row lose their seat.

Agility



- Time-outs for inactive JSRs.
 - Must reach Early Draft within 1 year, Public Draft within 2 years, Final Release within 3 years else can be withdrawn by EC vote.
 - We may tighten up these requirements.
- Clarify the Final Release and Maintenance processes to ensure that completed/updated Spec, RI, and TCK are posted promptly.
- Ensure that links to RI and TCK are maintained.
 - If broken and not fixed, JSR must revert to “incomplete” stage.

Restructuring and cleanup



- Private and non-normative EC policies and procedures made public and normative in new EC Standing Rules.
- Some material moved from the Process Document into this.
 - Standing Rules can be changed with a more lightweight process than a JSR.
 - Publish a Final Draft, conduct a 30-day review, then hold an EC vote.
- Process Document definitions consolidated at front of document.
- New *General Requirements* section created for material that is not specific to a particular phase of the process.
 - This permitted some additional refactoring.

Current status and next steps



- We're in good shape for Early Draft Review (scheduled to begin July 13.)
 - Very few issues still under discussion.
 - Much polishing, word-smithing, editing still required.
- Need to obtain broader community feedback.
 - That's what EDR is for!
- Start planning for follow-on JSRs after EDR.
- When the JSR completes, Oracle will lead by example and adopt the new Process for all in-flight JSRs.
 - We cannot impose this – only *strongly encourage*.

Call to action



- Download the EDR documents from <http://java.net/projects/jsr348/pages/WorkingDocuments>
 - The “clean” version of the Process Document.
 - The “clean” version of the EC Standing Rules.
- Join the Observer alias or browse the archives here: <http://java.net/projects/jsr348/lists>
- Provide feedback to the Observer alias: observers@jsr348.java.net.

Get involved



Why participate?

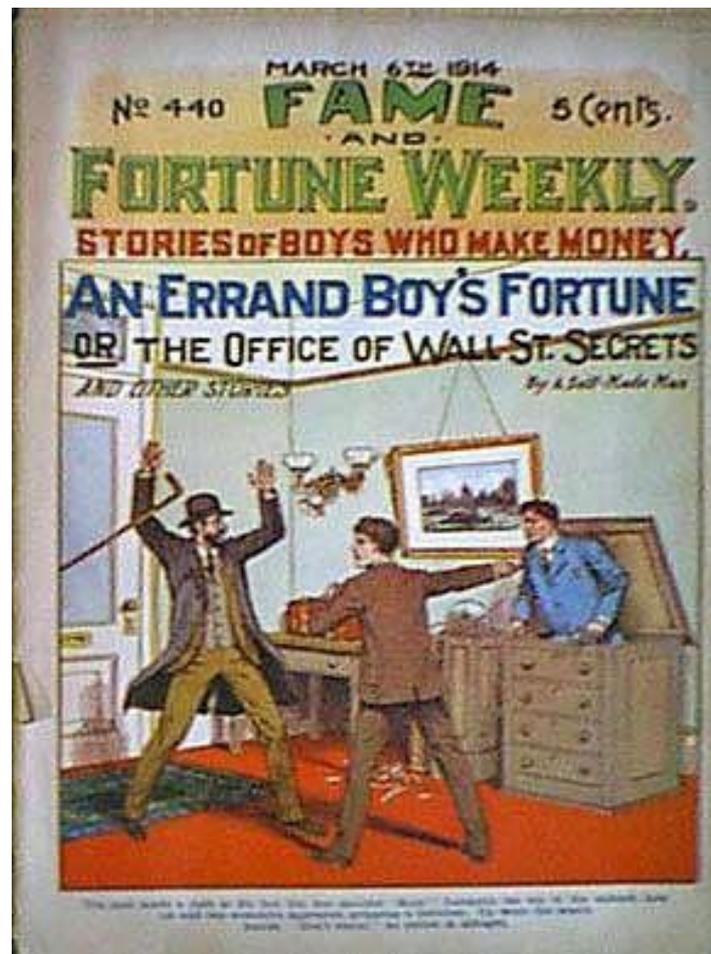


- As an individual or through a Java User Group:
 - Good Karma!
 - Experience.
 - Fame and fortune.
- As a corporation:
 - To influence the technologies that drive your market.
 - Because it's cheaper than developing everything yourself.
 - To provide opportunities for your developers.
 - To increase the size of your market.
 - To gain a competitive advantage (ship new products faster.)

How to participate



- As a non-member:
 - Participate in OpenJDK or Project Glassfish.
 - Review specifications and provide feedback.
- As a member:
 - Vote in the elections.
 - Join an Expert Group.
 - Lead a JSR.
 - Run for the Executive Committee.
- You can gain membership privileges through your JUG.



JUG members



- Connecticut JUG
- Detroit JUG
- Houston JUG
- Japan JUG
- Rio JUG
- Utah JUG
- Oklahoma City JUG
- Central Ohio Java Users Group
- Duchess (Women)
- Breizh JUG (Brittany)
- Java Student UG (Vienna)
- Japan JUG
- Riviera JUG (France)
- SouJava (Brazil)
- IndiJUG (India)
- BeJUG (Belgium)
- JUG-AFRICA
- JUG-EG (Egypt)
- JUG-MK (Macedonia)
- JUG-RU (Russia)
- JUG-USA
- Malaysia-JUG
- London Java Community
- JUG Chennai (India)

Java and the JCP: providing solutions for everyone



Questions?



Thank you!

