

JSR 282 Review

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Goals

- The original goal was to addresses some of the simpler enhancements that have been requested in the Real-Time Specification for Java (RTSJ) of which 21 where listed explicitly.
- This has lead to a re-evaluation of the specification to clarify ill defined parts of the specification and complete partially defined features such a user defined clocks and happenings.
- Providing better integration with current conventional Java implementations has also become important.



Background

- Update to JSR-1 Real-Time Specification for Java (RTSJ)
- RTSJ refines Java semantics and adds APIs for realtime
 - no changes to Javac necessary
 - fully compatible with conventional JVMs
- Targets all platforms
- Was included in J2ME
- This is a single JSR platform
- Necessary for extending Java ecosystem into realtime and embedded systems



Business/marketing/ecosystem justification

- The RTSJ was a good starting point for using Java for realtime and embedded applications.
- JSR 282 updates the RTSJ to the current state of the art by clarifying its semantics and filling in major gaps.
- The RTSJ extends the Java ecosystem into deeply embedded systems, especially where realtime response is required.
- This is not a new standard, but a refinement of an existing one based on field experience.
- Required to make further inroads in replacing C and C++ in embedded systems, thus broadening the Java ecosystem.



History

- The RTSJ was completed in December 1998
- JSR 282 was approved in August 2005
- Early Draft Review was started in March 2009 and completed in May 2009
- Peter Dibble left TimeSys in May 2010
- aicas became specification lead in October 2012
- Just finished IP transfer from TimeSys in August 2014



The Expert Group

- The EG consists of the following members:
 - Industrial: aicas, IBM, Atego, Ethan Blanton
 - Academic: Andy Wellings (realtime system expert)
 - Other Communities: Ben Brosgol (Ade Industrial)
- The EG meets weekly by teleconference
- The EG communicates internally with webex, e-mail, and an SVN repository



Technical scope and features

- Raw Memory
 - Typed device access
 - Factory Base
- ActiveEvents
 - Unify API for Timer, Happening, & POSIXSignal
 - Happening as Object
 - User defined Clocks
- CPU Affinity
- Interrupt Service Routine Support



Technical scope and features

- Stateful Events & Handlers
 - Object and long payloads
 - POSIX Realtime Signals
- New Scope Types
 - PinnableMemory (support for PC pattern)
 - StackedMemory (support for JSR 302)
- Modularization
 - base and three optional modules
 - make selectable at a reasonable granularity



Implementations

- There are not yet any publicly available implementations besides the TimeSys RI
- Two other vendors testing features on their own JVM



RI and TCK development

- The TCK is an extension to the RTSJ TCK and is being developed by the EG
- TimeSys had published an RI
- aicas is developing a new RI



IP flow

- The licenses will be broadly similar to the RTSJ
 - just received text from TimeSys
 - in legal review
- We have not had any, but will set up a Contributor Agreement similar to that of OpenJDK
- The collaboration tools are free to use as EG member
 - Webex guest
 - open source tools
- Completed IP transfer from TimeSys



Other deliverables

- The Specification is more than just the JavaDocs.
- It includes
 - Semantics and
 - Rationale (including some examples)
- EG will consider providing
 - additional documentation,
 - user's guide,
 - sample code, and
 - FAQ
- How do other EGs integrate this with their work?



Schedule

Second Draft Review Start	Waiting on JCP
License Legal Review finished	07 Oct. 2014
Publish Licenses	10 Oct. 2014
EG Face-to-Face before JTRES (Full document review)	12 Oct. 2014
Next RI Release	1 Dec. 2014
Second Draft Review End	End Dec. 2014
TCK finished	End Jan 2015
Final Review Start	Feb 2015



Publicity

- Java Technology for Real-time and Embedded Systems
 - yearly conference dedicated to RTSJ and SCJ issues
 - meets every year since 2003
 - more than 100 papers published
 - jtres2014.compute.dtu.dk/
- Open Group Real-Time and Embedded Forum
 - regular updates presented
 - http://www.opengroup.org/sanfrancisco2014/rtes



Collaboration with other community groups

- We are collaborating with JSR-302 to ensure maximal compatibility between the specifications.
 - issues where collected from the JSR-302 EG
 - all changes have been feed forward to JSR-302
 - some small changes where made to support implementing JSR-302 on the RTSJ
- Three EG members are also JSR-302 members
- We also collaborate with the Open Group Realtime and Embedded Forum.



Participation and transparency

- Provide a pointer to the JSR page on JCP.org
 - [Reviewers: check that is this up to date. Does it point to the JSR's project page and/or explain how to participate?]
- Provide a pointer to the "JSR project website" (eg, on Java.net.)
 - [Reviewers: how much content is here (how many pages)? Is the online project easy to navigate? Does it clearly explain how to participate?].



Issue tracker

- The work is nearly complete.
- Processed 38 specification issues
 (major issues to RTSJ that drove the JSR)
- 8 issues where dropped (considered detrimental or too complex)
- 3 issues where delays to the next RTSJ version (would overly delay specification release)
- 2 Superseded by later issues
- 3 issues are not completely resolved
- 22 are finished
- User issues will be tracked from upcoming Draft Review



Mailing lists or forums

- This is a new requirement for us.
- Mailing list: jsr282-feedback@aicas.com
- Twitter: @realtimejava #RTSJ
- Discussion: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/RTSJ-8147216?gid=81 47216
- The Spec Lead has posted a few messages to twitter.
- We expect that the Draft Review that we are preparing will bring traffic to the discussion page
- These are listed on JCP.org



Document archive

- Again, this is a new requirement for us.
- Spec revisions are available on the JSR-282 page: https://www.aicas.com/cms/en/rtsj
- Old versions will be maintained there as well.



Adopt-a-JSR

- Again, this is a new requirement that we where not tracking until now.
- What do we have to do?



Implementation notes

- Specifying a realtime language extension for realtime programming is quite complex:
 - differing scheduling requirements:
 fairness vs timeliness
 - Synchronization is more critical
 - must pay more attention to allocation
 - must specify timing behavior without loss of portability



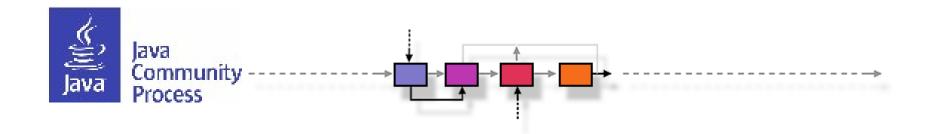
Issues

- Should be RTSJ 2.0, not 1.1.
- How to include key API in OpenJDK?
- Where does J2ME fit in today?



Questions, discussion, next steps





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