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JCP Executive Committee Elected Seat Position Paper

I have been JCP Member for over 8 years and in the JCP Executive Committee for the past 5 years. At least since the EC merge I was the only Individual Member there not acting on behalf of companies or other interest groups. Unbiased of sometimes hidden corporate agendas, Venture Capital or Software Patents.

Beside the JCP I am Individual Member and committer to Eclipse and Apache Foundation, member of W3C, Regenstrief (Unified Code for Units of Measurement) or AUSTRIAPRO, the B2B platform standardization within the Austrian Chamber of Commerce as well as the Agile Alliance.

I use Java ever since Version 1 for over 17 years, out of my 25 years total in IT and the Software industry. I am proud of having provided input to earlier versions of Java, e.g. i18n of Swing and I was already JCP Member when Java SE 6 was released. From Java EE 6 on I was both member of its Umbrella EG and involved in reviews and approval by the EC. I was also member of the Java EE 7 EG which recently finalized its release and I help the Java ME 8 JSRs hold the promise of the EC and Java merge. A couple of JSRs would either not even exist as we know them or be dormant or withdrawn by now without either my own effort or that by EG Members I helped to find and get involved. My work and regular travel around the world gets me in touch with JUGs or other similar Developer Communities anywhere from South America to South East Asia. I helped some JUGs e.g. JUG Chennai, now active part of Adopt-a-JSR, JavaOne India speaker and organizer of its own Java events to join the JCP.

I am myself regular speaker on every continent except Australia so far. At conferences like JavaOne, JAX, DevoXX, QCon, Social Media Week, STPCon or GiDS, just to name a few. Founder or co-founder of several Open Source projects like Unit-API, Eclipse Babel and UOMo, Agorava, Barbeque (barcode), Sysdeo Tomcat Launcher for Eclipse or OpenDDR/Apache DeviceMap. I am author of articles and books on Java, Social Media and Open Source projects like Eclipse, DevOps or Agile Methodologies.
Being a true Individual Member and experience of helping companies around the World become more Agile allowed me to bring some of that into the reform process and “Agile Enablement” of the JCP known as JCP.next. Especially the effort of reshaping the roles and responsibilities of Individuals.

While we archived a lot in those Working Groups and process JSRs, it is not done yet, which is why I want to offer my help and experience getting it done within the JCP Executive Committee for the next turn.

While I approve the easy approach and availability of the Bright Blue Cloud by many people out there, I have been among few people in the industry urging to use Radar if you fly in a Cloud! E.g. that Open Social alone isn’t the ultimate answer to the many questions of Enterprise 2.0 or Social CRM. Large corporations and even more SMEs are unlikely to trust all of their business information into the Cloud without OAuth, OpenID or similar standards (like the Identity JSR) for security and online trust. Renegade vendors and online criminals pretending to be free hosts or social network have not only infiltrated those communities, they also hit the entire industry with spam and malware attacks recently.

This example and the general problem of still insecure and unprotected mass communication and mash ups presents a chance for the JCP to help shape some of these still young and immature trends into real Enterprise grade standards. Not to mention privacy, where it can be archived despite ever-hungry and powerful government agencies or their private sector accessories.

The modularization of Java is still to begin. As well as significant development in areas like Mobile, Embedded and Distributed Computing. To be faced by a new, more modular Java with features like Sensor Support blurring the boundaries between ME, SE and EE towards the age of Ubiquitous Computing, the Next Web (also known as Semantic Web) and the Internet of Things. The first Home and Greenhouse Automation project I did in a Distributed Sensor Web backed by JavaEE for multiple mobile devices and smartphones of their time (Nokia/Symbian, PalmOS and Windows CE all supported) went into production 10 years ago. Aside from Banking or Finance, most work I did since then was related to Distributed Systems, Mobile or Embedded. Whether it was tracking parcels at Deutsche Post WorldNet or smart containers at Maersk Line. Helping Dubai and other nearby countries get an “Oyster” like Public Transportation experience via NFC tickets, or my recent projects around ETCS, the European Train Control System and similar technologies to increase passenger security prior to self-driving cars or the Hyperloop, should it ever happen;-) Trains from America to South East Asia or Australia already are partially self-driving thanks to M2M, Embedded and Real Time technologies. Many parts of those chains use Java already, more are likely to come in the near future.