

SouJava - the Java Users Society

Is Java an important technology for you and your company? Do you believe that the evolution of Java is better and more efficient if it is open and transparent? Do you think that the JCP is a better process if it has a strong relationship with the community? Do you want to guarantee that you can be part of the evolution of Java, at your company or wherever your career takes you? Do you want the Java ecosystem to be open to multiple vendors, ideas and technologies?

SouJava (the "Java Users Society") is an established non-profit organization and Java User Group, and we believe in an open JCP, that will always allow you and your company to be part of, and benefit from, the evolution of the Java technology and ecosystem.

This is what we have been doing in the JCP since we joined as the first JUG to be part of the JCP process.

The group is focused on strengthening the Java developer community. Founded in 1998 and based in São Paulo (Brazil's technology and business hub), SouJava has over 40 thousand members throughout the country. It has hosted activities and events in dozens of cities in Brazil and is committed to the Java technology ecosystem, actively promoting and defending the technology since its foundation. The group participated in many discussions about Java adoption inside companies and Government agencies and has facilitated Java standard and technology adoption for major enterprises in the public and private sectors.

SouJava considers the JCP a fundamental part of the Java ecosystem. The long-term success of Java depends on a process that encourages vendors, developers and users to contribute and innovate, and that gives everyone the necessary rights to implement the results. SouJava is committed to ensuring that the JCP is balanced and transparent, and that there is an equal standing among JCP members. The group intends to represent the main concerns of Java developers (individuals as well as companies), in order to help ensure the JCP is not a process dominated by vendors. From its good standing with many of the

most active Java vendors and corporations, SouJava will help mediate disputes, while bolstering developers' best interests.

Moreover, as an active participant in open-source efforts, the group will help ensure that FOSS projects and implementations of Java standards are able to both bring contributions, and also to share process results. As a leading member of the worldwide Java Users Group Community, SouJava is committed to defend and promote JUG participation at the JCP. SouJava has always been a place of education about Java, and we are part of the Java in Education effort of the JCP, where we will continue to support and help build the next generation of Java developers.

SouJava was the first JUG to join the Program and has been a member of the JCP for over 10 years, and has a seat in the EC for over 5 years. Having promoted the Java Community Process in Brazil for many years more, the group worked heavily to get the Brazilian Government to participate and recognize the importance of the JCP – and to add open source, standards and Java to the Government's agenda. SouJava also facilitated Brazilian developer participation in the JCP. Additionally, many of the group's directors are experts in JSRs, which worked to extend the group's experience.

SouJava intends to bring its passion for open source, standards, and Java technology to the JCP, and thus foster transparency and participation. We look forward to expanding our relationship with the Java community as an EC member, and appreciate your support in making this possible.

Thank you for your trust and support!

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