

JCP EC Ballot 2025

1) Contact Information / Biography

Each EC seat is represented by two people- a primary and alternate representative. Provide the following information for each representative:

- Name
- Title
- Email Address
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- A brief biography (3-5 sentences / ~100-200 words) for Primary Contact; a long biography may get truncated on the ballot but will be posted in its entirety on our nominations page.

Primary		Secondary	
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Biography	https://jcp.org/en/press/news/ec-feature#ellison	Biography	https://jcp.org/en/press/news/ec-feature#little

2) Qualification Statement

A brief (2-3 paragraph) description of your qualifications for an EC seat; a long description may get truncated on the ballot but will be posted in its entirety on our nominations page. This is a Qualification Statement for the organization you represent. It should include the value and perspective you bring to the EC, your interests in the JCP program, as well as a summary of your current participation or planned participation in the JCP program (your

entire organization)-- JSRs, participation on Expert Groups, meetings/events attended, etc. This statement will appear on the ballot and will convince community members that they should vote for you, so please include relevant information about your experience within the JCP program and your investments in Java technology.

IBM has been part of the Java Executive Committee and standardisation Expert Groups for well over a decade, representing the best values of open source development, communities and innovation. We bring a wealth of experience in creating standards, growing vibrant open source communities and feeding that experience into a wide variety of contributions and implementation work in OpenJDK and Eclipse.

Now combined with Red Hat, IBM works extensively in OpenJDK main stream and updates projects, and leads platform work taking place in Jakarta, MicroProfile, Adoptium, and GraalVM. We are committed to broadening the JCP membership and streamlining the JCP Program to help continuously improve the JCP processes, executive committees and approach to openness.

3) Position Paper

One of the pieces of information we make available to the JCP membership for voting purposes is a position paper. If you would like to provide this type of information for the ballot, please prepare in a PDF format for posting. This would be more detail on areas that you would put focus into during your tenure on the JCP EC.

As Java enters an exciting era of innovation driven by AI, cloud, and vast data landscapes, strong, experienced, and community-focused stewardship is more critical than ever. IBM leadership and contributions have long been woven into the fabric of Java's history, having led and shaped numerous JSRs and JEPs including CDI, JPA, Java Batch, Virtual Threads, Scoped Values, and Compact Object Headers. We are excited to continue driving the Java SE platform forward to meet the next generation of technological challenges.

Red Hat and IBM have joined together to deliver Java products and runtimes that fully support open source and open standards as a fundamental part of their value. IBM's developers regularly contribute to a wide variety of projects, conferences, and publications worldwide, proving to be strong advocates for the language over many years. We believe that the JCP has an important role to play in Java/JVM open source and standards. Today's IBMers have worked to ensure that all of the JSRs that we lead are open and fully inclusive and JEPs are advanced in the open. We believe strongly that this benefits the industry and wider communities as a whole. Innovation and standards are at their best when objective facts are used to drive efforts and politics are left behind.

We are a large contributor to all parts of OpenJDK, working across a wide variety of areas covering the class library, JVM, JIT compiler, security vulnerabilities, and tooling. In recent years, amongst other efforts IBM continues to be leaders in Eclipse Jakarta, MicroProfile, Adoptium, Quarkus, and GraalVM covering the full range of Java platforms. We deliver and support high-quality, trusted runtimes like Temurin and Semeru that are used pervasively in

modern development environments, application stacks, and operating systems. We remain steadfastly committed to the advancement of open source Java SE and enterprise Java, wherever it resides.

If re-elected to the JCP Executive Committee IBM will bring many years of community and commercial experience across Red Hat and IBM to the role and a focus on high quality data-driven technical decision making. Our goal is for the continued success of open source Java.