

SouJava – the Java Users Society

Is **Java important** to you and your company? Do you believe the evolution of Java should remain **open and transparent**? Do you want the **JCP** to reflect the voices of real developers, not just vendors?

At **SouJava**, we believe that an open and community-driven JCP benefits everyone. We want **developers, Java User Groups (JUGs), and companies** everywhere to have simple, clear ways to get involved and influence the future of Java. That is why SouJava, the **Java Users Society**, has been committed to the JCP since becoming the **first JUG to join the program**.

Who we are

SouJava was **founded in 1998**, the very same year the **JCP was created**. For **nearly 30 years**, both SouJava and the JCP have grown side by side, committed to the evolution of Java and its community. From the very beginning, SouJava's **founding documents defined the group's mission as supporting Java standards**, a commitment we have carried forward ever since.

Based in **São Paulo, Brazil's main technology hub**, SouJava is one of the **largest and most active Java User Groups in the world**, with more than **40,000 members**. We have hosted activities in dozens of Brazilian cities and supported countless initiatives around **education, open source, and developer empowerment**. From the start, our mission has been to support developers, promote Java, and make sure the community always has a voice.

Our work in the JCP

SouJava has been a member of the **JCP Executive Committee for more than a decade**. During this time, we have:

- Promoted **openness and transparency** in the process.
- Ensured **developers, JUGs, and companies** can easily participate in and

benefit from the evolution of Java.

- Supported the **Java in Education** initiative to inspire and prepare the next generation of developers.
- Helped **open-source projects** contribute to and implement Java standards.
- Supported and defended the importance of an **open, standard-compliant Java implementation through the OpenJDK project**.
- Defended the usage of **Java standards by governments and other standards organizations**, and **worked heavily to get the Brazilian Government** to participate and recognize the importance of the JCP, adding **open source, standards, and Java** to its national technology agenda.
- Championed JUG and developer involvement through the **Adopt a JSR program**, enabling communities around the world to engage directly with specifications.
- Expanded collaboration with **international JUGs**, strengthening the **worldwide JUG community voice** in the JCP.
- Actively contributed to discussions around **cloud-native Java, Jakarta EE, and MicroProfile**, ensuring these remain open, practical, and community-driven.

Recent highlights

Since the last election cycle, SouJava has:

- Run **JUG tours** across **Europe, North America, and South America**, meeting developers, visiting JUGs, and spreading the word about Java, the JCP, and community participation.

- Helped **local JUGs restart their activities** after the pandemic, bringing developers back together in person.
- Visited **universities and technical schools** to present the latest in Java and share the importance of **standards, open source, and the JCP**.
- Created **educational content about the JCP**, helping developers understand **why it matters, how to join, and how it connects with open source and the OpenJDK**.

Our commitment

For **nearly 30 years**, SouJava and the JCP have shared the same journey: keeping **Java strong, open, and community-driven**. We will continue to:

- Defend **openness, balance, and broad community involvement**.
- Promote **active participation** from JUGs, students, and professionals around the world.
- Work with **vendors, companies, and developers** to ensure Java remains relevant for the future.

From the very beginning of the JCP to today, SouJava has stood **side by side with the process**, bringing the **voice of developers** into the heart of Java's evolution. We are excited to continue this mission as an **Executive Committee member**.

Thank you for your trust and support!

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