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For more than two decades, I have been part of the Java community. Most of that time I have been involved in open source, mainly within the Apache Software Foundation.

Over the years I have learned to see Java more as a group of communities rather than “just a programming language.”

Log4Shell made one thing especially visible: maintaining open-source software can be much more than just a hobby. Companies, big and small, governments and individuals rely on open source as critical infrastructure.

Yet, many open-source maintainers are unpaid volunteers.

The Java Community Process can’t change that, but with its special role it helps shape the future of Java. Its decisions can help make the Java ecosystem more robust.

Compatibility, openness and the ability to participate matter especially to smaller companies and open-source projects: they can often simply not adapt to decisions in the same way large vendors can.

AI is creating new questions around quality, security and trust in software development. The cost of creating patches has fallen dramatically, but the cost of reviewing them has not.

This imbalance should at least be part of the discussion.

I’m an independent Java developer, running my own small business. My perspective is that of an open-source maintainer and naturally different from the perspectives of large companies.

Compatibility and openness are important to me.

It is equally important to me that smaller companies and individuals can participate. I believe this is one reason why Java has remained strong for 30 years.

If elected, I’d like to bring my perspective to the JCP.