A Primer on Committee Responsibilities for Jakarta EE Releases

As we all know, often the same people are sitting on the multiple Jakarta EE WG committee calls. Because of that, sometimes lines of responsibility get blurred. It could be helpful to layout for each committee / team the key focus areas with regards to producing a Jakarta EE release.

Note: While the intention is to have a release independent short summary of roles and responsibilities, this document is created at the time of Jakarta EE 9 release.

According to the [Jakarta EE Working Group Charter](#), here is the list of Committees (governance bodies) responsible for ensuring the progress of all aspects of Jakarta EE program..
  ● The Steering Committee
  ● The Specification Committee
  ● The Marketing and Brand Committee
  ● The Enterprise Requirements Committee (*not defined yet*)
You can find the full list of responsibilities of each of the committees in the Charter (linked above), but here is a summarized short version that is focused on responsibilities relevant to producing a release. Should there be any discrepancy between the Charter and this Summary, the Charter shall prevail.

Steering Committee

  ● Owns the overall strategy and the high level, long term roadmap spanning across multiple releases
  ● Has ultimate responsibility for the progress of all aspects of the release
  ● Gets periodic updates from the Specification and Marketing Committees and Jakarta EE Platform Project on the status of the release and any related activities
  ● Produces the Jakarta EE release key messaging

Marketing Committee

  ● Based on the Jakarta EE key messaging provided by Steering Committee, produces and executes marketing plan for the release
  ● The committee is focused on the marketing / branding / social / community awareness

Specification Committee

- Ensures that [JESP](#) is followed as intended (Note: though not directly related to the release process, the Specification Committee also has responsibility for any modifications or refinements of JESP should it determine it appropriate)
- Reviews and votes to approve various reviews submitted by Specification projects
  - Creation / Plan reviews
  - Progress reviews
  - Release reviews
- Ratifies the final specifications
- Has Jakarta EE Platform Project lead periodic reports on progress

Beside the JESP, please refer to this [Specification Committee GitHub link](#) for additional information and supporting documents.

Jakarta EE Platform Project team has been tasked to deliver a Jakarta EE 9 detailed Release Plan to the Jakarta EE Steering Committee, based on that here is what that team has been tasked with

Jakarta EE Platform Project team

- Produces the roadmap and Release Plan of each Jakarta EE release (in conformance with JESP), based on the Steering Committee proposed requirements
  - The Release plan (beside description, theme and milestones) will include all the details necessary for producing Final Specifications, including specific goals, dates, including those for milestone builds, staging to Maven, ballots for all reviews.
- Provides project management oversight for the release to see that it is tracking to Release Plan timelines
- Raises blocking issues to the Steering Committee for assistance
- As part of the JESP requirement, ensures at least one Compatible Implementation is available in order to produce a Final Release of the Specification.
- Provides regular, periodic updates to Steering Committee and Specification Committee

EE4J PMC

The EE4J Project Management Committee (PMC) is not a Working Group governing body and in that respect does not report to any Jakarta EE Committee. The PMC provides oversight and

overall leadership for the Projects that fall under their Top-Level Project, including all EE4J Specification projects.

Here is where you can find all the details about [EE4J PMC](#) and [EDP / PMC](#)

Having said that, in general, here is the focus of the EE4J PMC

- Supervises all Jakarta EE projects (specifications and implementations) that are under EE4J Top Level Project, and ensures their continuous progress.
- While the EE4J PMC is primarily focused ensuring on making sure the EDP is followed as intended, along with the Specification Committee, ensures the JESP is followed, and the Eclipse Intellectual Property Policy is respected.
- Responsible for approving the election of new committers, and--in the unlikely case of disruptive events--removing and/or replacing committers and project leads.
- Provides oversight, and when required, approval of intellectual property contributions.