

State of the Cat

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Introductions

- Mark Thomas
- Tomcat committer since 2003
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- ASF, Eclipse, VMware

Retrospective

- Looking back over the last 12 months
- Community
- Code
- Future plans

Community

People

- ~2,900 subscribers to the users list
- ~80 contributors
- 28 PMC members ~16 active
- 19 committers ~3 active
- No new committers or PMC members

Events



- ApacheCon Asia 2021
- ApacheCon @Home 2021
- <https://tomcat.apache.org/presentations.html>
- Still have \$5,000 from Google for a security event

Translations

- <https://poeditor.com/projects/view?id=221603>
- Anyone can contribute
- Small (few %) improvements this year
- Opportunity to contribute



Code

Releases

- Tomcat 8.5.x
 - Java EE 7
- Tomcat 9.0.x
 - Java EE 8 / Jakarta EE 8
- Tomcat 10.0.x
 - Jakarta EE 9 (the one where the packages were renamed)
- Tomcat 10.1.x
 - Jakarta EE 10

Releases

[illegible]

Notable new features

- Jakarta EE 10
- Experimental supports for OpenSSL via Panama API
- Custom static resource caching strategies
- Expand support for key / cert formats
- k8s service binding PropertySource

Notable bugs

- Linux kernel duplicate accept bug
 - Great community effort
 - Bug report from danielra
 - Spring MVC team
 - OpenJDK team
 - Christopher Gual

- Reproducible builds
- Switched from Cobertura to JaCoCo
 - Java 11+ support
 - Multi-threading support
- Use of JSign for signing Windows binaries
 - Platform independent signing
 - No native tools required
- Obtain ASF build dependencies from the CDN

Jakarta EE 10 / Tomcat 10.1.x



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ASIA 2022

- Minimum Java 11
- Remove deprecated code
- Servlet
 - Clarified decoding and normalization of URIs
 - RFC 6265 for Cookies
 - Request and connection identifiers

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- JSP
 - Option for unknown identifiers to throw an exception
 - Deprecate jsp:plugin
- Expression Language
 - Default method support for BeanELResolver
 - Coerce LambdaExpression to functional interface invocation
 - Array coercion

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- WebSocket
 - Client side TLS configuration API
 - Allow programmatic deployment of endpoints at any time
 - Separate JARs for client and server

Reproducible builds

- Tomcat releases are reproducible
- Requires
 - Same Java version
 - Same Ant version
- More detail in the Reproducible Builds session
- Allows for validation of binaries

Tomcat Native

- 1.2.x
 - Minimum OpenSSL 1.0.2
 - APR/Native connector support
- 2.0.x
 - Minimum OpenSSL 3.0.x
 - No APR/Native connector support
- Long term plan is to use project Panama
 - See modules in 10.1.x

OpenJDK

- Java 16 reached EOL
- Java 17 (LTS)
- Java 18

- Java 19 EA
- Java 20 EA

Security

- 6 issues in last 12 months
 - None particularly notable
- Not affected by Log4shell

Future Plans

Tomcat 9

- Last Tomcat version to support Java EE
- Will be maintained as long as there is demand
- Tomcat 9.10.x
 - Once 10.1.x is EOL (~8 years away)
 - Retain Java EE 8 API
 - Back-port all (most?) other changes (e.g. removal of APR connector)
- Tomcat 9.11.x
 - Once 11.0.x is EOL (~10+ years away)

Tomcat 11

- Jakarta EE 11
 - Work expected to start later this year
- No plans at this stage for QUIC support
- Currently no other significant changes planned
- Timescales still TBD
 - Best guess mid-2024
 - Tomcat 8.5.x will EOL around the same time

Jakarta EE 11

- Removal of the Security Manager
- Servlet clarifications
 - Asynchronous error handling
 - Unlikely all issues will be addressed
- WebSocket
 - Mostly enhancements
 - A few clarifications

- Pages
 - Very stable
 - Removal of deprecated code
- Expression Language
 - Removal of deprecated code (java.desktop dependency)
 - Small number of enhancements
- Authentication
 - Possible combination with authorization

Contribute

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- Ask questions
 - Answer questions
- Bug reports
- Translations
- Release candidate testing
- Maven Plugin

THANK YOU

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A dark silhouette of a city skyline with various skyscrapers of different heights and shapes, set against a dark blue background.