

Sun Denies Open Source Java Imminent

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Sun was quick to deny published reports today that it plans to open source Java in the next few months. The company is working on the project, but any transition to open source is closer to a year away.

Simon Phipps, chief open-source officer for Sun (Quote, Chart), made a comment he said was misconstrued at the Open Source Business Conference (OSBC) in London earlier this week concerning Sun's efforts to release Java as an entirely open source project.

Sun made the commitment to open sourcing Java at the JavaOne conference earlier this year, but gave no timetable for a release. When asked after his presentation at OSBC by a member of the audience about the progress of preparing the software for release, Phipps said it would be "months rather than years."

Faster than you could say "bytecode," other news sites said Java would be open sourced in a matter of a few months.

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