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Azul Intelligence Cloud: JVM Inventory

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<b>Entry Title</b> Azul Intelligence Cloud: JVM Inventory
<b>Category</b> H05. New Product of the Year - Business Technology
<b>New Product Submission Format</b> Written Answers

**a. Briefly describe the organization that developed the nominated new product: its history and past performance (up to 200 words). Required**

Azul, the only company 100% focused on Java, provides the Java platform for the modern cloud enterprise. Millions of Java developers, hundreds of millions of devices and the world's most highly regarded businesses trust Azul to power their applications with exceptional capabilities, performance, security, and value. With Azul, Java developers, engineering and cloud teams can reduce the cost of app development and deployment vs Oracle Java, and reduce cloud spend while ensuring compliance with industry regulations and government legislation. Azul is ideal for all cloud-using Java organizations, streamlining app modernization by helping to rid codebases of dead code.

Since its founding in 2005, Azul has delivered many seminal Java innovations in its solutions, including its three core offerings: Azul Intelligence Cloud (IC) increases DevOps efficiency, Azul Platform Prime delivers an enhanced OpenJDK build for superior application performance, responsiveness and efficiency, and Azul Platform Core offers a replacement for Oracle Java SE that delivers identical functionality and service/support options at 70% of the cost, on average.

Azul is trusted by customers, including 36%+ of the Fortune 100, 50% of Forbes', and all the world's top 10 trading companies. They include leading software companies such as Workday, Salesforce and Bazaarvoice.

**b. Specify the date on which this nominated product was introduced to the marketplace. Outline the nominated product's features, functions, benefits and novelty (up to 250 words). Required**

Azul Intelligence Cloud, a cloud analytics solution, provides actionable intelligence from Java runtime data that can be used to dramatically boost DevOps productivity while ensuring resources are optimized. It supports any OpenJDK-based Java Virtual Machine (JVM) from any vendor or distribution.

By providing unparalleled visibility into runtime data, IC identifies CVEs at the class level, reducing false positives, which enables more effective triage. It can also detect if vulnerable code was exploited before being recognized as vulnerable – something traditional tools cannot achieve.

Additionally, access to JVM data means IC can identify which code is being run, and which is not. This significantly lowers developer's time and resources required to identify dead and unused code for removal.

Azul's latest update to IC, in April 2025, JVM Inventory, enables enterprises to confidently migrate off Oracle Java. Oracle's shift to an employee-count pricing model in 2023 has meant a two-to-five-fold increase in Java licensing costs for most organizations—a key factor in driving Oracle Java migrations. JVM Inventory is designed to remove the barriers that delay and disrupt migration efforts, including:

Discovering and inventoring Oracle Java instances (JVMs)

Accurately classifying and prioritizing JVMs for replacement/removal

Efficiently migrating off Oracle through continuous JVM tracking

Maintaining license compliance post-migration by detecting any new Oracle Java instances that may be mistakenly installed enterprise-wide

Benefits include:

Dramatically reduces migration's critical path by providing accurate, comprehensive Oracle JVM discovery and classification, faster

Reduces migration risks through accurate Oracle instance classification

Ensures Oracle license compliance through continuous monitoring.

**c. Explain why the nominated product is unique or significant. If possible compare the product to competitors' offerings and/or to the organization's other or past products (up to 250 words). Required**

Intelligence Cloud’s JVM Inventory offering solves a critical business challenge facing 88% of organizations considering moving to an OpenJDK alternative and the 82% having concerns with Oracle’s Java SE pricing and licensing policy (Azul 2025 State of Java Survey & Report). Oracle's pricing model shift has increased financial pressure to migrate quickly and efficiently.

However, traditional software asset management (SAM) tools slow this process due to their lack of runtime context, often requiring 6-9 months of manual effort to identify which Oracle JVMs are actually running versus merely installed, which fall under bundled licenses, and which are sitting idle, consuming licensing dollars. The result: delays, errors and increased risk of non-compliance or unnecessary licensing costs.

JVM Inventory solves this by collecting data directly from the JVM. It delivers real-time, runtime intelligence on vendor, version, location, and associated applications—facilitating the identification, replacement, and removal of Oracle Java. Once eliminated, JVM Inventory ensures Oracle JVM instances stay out of an enterprise’s application infrastructure through continuous runtime detection.

By maintaining an up-to-date, runtime-level inventory, teams can automate alerts, streamline removal/replacement of Oracle JVMs for compliance, and can confidently defend against possible audits.

Azul partner, Evan Boyd, VP, Global Operations at Software Licensing Compliance, stated, “For partners like us, JVM Inventory allows us to deliver faster, higher-value advisories, JDK migrations and better ongoing compliance services that reduce risk for our clients. Azul is giving us the tools we need to help enterprises get Oracle Java out — and keep it out — with confidence.”

**d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words). Optional**

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