

JDK 7 Updates: Ground Rules

After a new Project Lead was not identified and several months of inactivity, the Project was [dissolved Apr 2023](#). Discussion about reinstating a JDK 7 Updates Project may be held on [discuss](#).

Rule 0

This process is subject to change. Changes **MUST** be approved by Project Lead and Technical Lead. Changes considering development in OpenJDK **MUST** be publicly discussed on the `jdk7u-dev` mailing list prior to approval to allow for public feedback. Project Lead is Andrew Haley.

Rule 1

Any change that is not specific to JDK 7 Update **MUST** go into the JDK feature release code line first. The change **MUST** then be backported to the different JDK Update forests starting with the latest family version first. As a special exception, a change **MAY** go into the JDK 7 Update forest if sufficient reasons are given for not forward porting it or if forward port planning is already in progress.

Rule 2

The always open mainline JDK 7 Update forest is maintained by the Project Lead. Exceptions to that are e.g. specific release repositories, where the Project Lead **MAY** delegate that authority.

Rule 3

Changes submitted for a JDK 7 Update forest **MUST** go through code review, and **MUST** be approved by the maintainer for that forest. The maintainer of a forest **MAY** delegate that authority, allowing for approvals to happen in a more finely granular fashion - per repository, for example.

Rule 4

Maintainer approvals for public JDK 7 Update forests **MUST** take place on the jdk7u-dev@openjdk.org mailing list. Code reviews **SHOULD** take place on that list - if they take place somewhere else, as part of the approval request a URL for the public code review **MUST** be provided.

Rule 5

A maintainer for a forest **MAY** pre-approve JDK 7 Update changes undergoing code review for a later JDK release family version.

Rule 6

A maintainer for a forest **MAY** request additional reviews for changes to be performed before it is approved for their forest.

Rule 7

A maintainer for a forest **SHOULD** coordinate with the appropriate stakeholders to determine whether changes are appropriate for their forest.

Rule 8

For changes submitted for inclusion into a public JDK 7 Update forest, the corresponding bug tracker entry **SHOULD** be publicly visible.

Rule 9

If the corresponding bug tracker entry is not publicly visible for a change submitted for inclusion into a public JDK 7 Update forest, the submitter **SHOULD** provide guidance for code review.