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==== Issue: 1 (inaugural number) Issuer: The Apache Software Foundation Editor: Tetsuya Kitahata Date: July 2003 (15th August, 2003) Url: <http://www.apache.org/newsletter/200307.html>

==== I am glad that this "Apache Newsletter" [1] could be published as a result of the outgrowth of "Jakarta Newsletter" [2] and the newsletter can cover all the projects including infrastructure, incubator et cetera. Who is writing this? .. well I am a Japanese fellow who has been engaged in the community build process for a long time in Japan. I have been translating some of the Apache Jakarta projects' websites into Japanese now [3] and last month I published the Jakarta newsletter issue 9 as a successor of the Rob Oxspring and Robert Burrell Donkin's great works. The newsletter was highly evaluated and now it has been outgrown to the first "The Apache Newsletter". My main job is marketing, business development and IT consulting [4]. Today, 15th August 2003, is the 58th anniversary of the end of the Pacific War (and World War II) and I am very glad to publish this newsletter in this moment. The internet and the wave of internationalization gradually reduced the boundaries of each countries, as well, this newsletter will be one of the *glue* of the communities in the ASF umbrella, beyond the artificial boundaries of technical languages etc. Hope this can gradually lead the good course of the ASF, avoiding the balkanization of each projects and keep the hand tightly with various projects. I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate mailing lists [5]. if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your...

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Jakarta Newsletter Issue #9

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 9 Date: May-June 2003 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200305.html> It's been another good year at the JavaWorld Tools Awards for Apache. Xerces2 Java Parser 2.4 from the Apache XML Project won the Best Java-XML Tool award and Apache Ant 1.5 developed by the Apache Ant Project won the Most Useful Java Community-Developed Technology. Good work! W3C has issued SOAP 1.2 as a recommendation. This means that the SOAP 1.2 specification is now (effectively) a web standard. Apache software related to SOAP can be found in the Web Services and XML projects. The press release is here. This newsletter is the second wiki-built newsletter. See the <http://nagoya.apache.org/wiki/apachewiki.cgi?JakartaNewsletterDrafts> for more details. Also, I sent the announcements to all the developers' list in jakarta. It was a

bit annoying I suppose, however, this newsletter contains a lot of news from various projects, including Jakarta Related Projects. Note: Apache Ant, Avalon, James, Maven, Incubator, DB (OJB/TORQUE) are not subprojects under Apache Jakarta any longer, however, we really appreciate to hear the news from the Jakarta Related Projects. I strongly hope/believe this "newsletter" would be able to become one of the *liaison* for the various projects in ASF. As always, I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Editor: Tetsuya Kitahata Special Thanks: Robert Burrell Donkin Contents Jakarta General Jakarta Commons General Jakarta Commons EL Jakarta Commons FileUpload Jakarta Commons DBCP Jakarta Commons HttpClient Jakarta Commons Lang Jakarta Commons Math Jakarta Jetspeed Jakarta JMeter Jakarta Log4j Jakarta Lucene Jakarta Poi Jakarta Struts Jakarta Tapestry Jakarta Tomcat Jakarta Turbine Jakarta Velocity Apache Ant...

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Jakarta Newsletter Issue #8

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 8 Date: March-April 2003 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200303.html> I'm sad to say Rob Oxspring hasn't been able to edit this newsletter so you'll have to make do with me instead. We'll all miss his observations of life here in Jakartaland. Hopefully, Rob will be again back soon. This is the first wiki-built newsletter. See here for more details. The next few issues will probably be bi-monthly. I'd like to extend the now-traditional thank-you to those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Robert Burrell Donkin Contents Alexandria BCEL Cactus Commons Commons CLI Commons Codec Commons File Upload Commons Betwixt Commons Digester Commons BeanUtils Commons Math Log4j Lucene POI Struts Tapestry Turbine Alexandria Editor: Nicola Ken Barozzi Donated code has been integrated in CVS, and now Alexandria generates: javasrc - fully linked and highlighted java source source javadoc - java docs with standard doclet or in XML jsdoc - initial implementation of javascript docs uml - graph of relationship of all classes in png and svg ant - graphs and docs about the Ant buildfile For more details, see the site [1] and the CVS [2] or look at the initial sample doc generation done for Apache Cocoon [3]. [1] <http://jakarta.apache.org/alexandria/>

[2] <http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs/jakarta-alexandria/> [3] <http://cvs.apache.org/~nicolaken/whiteboard/alexandria-docs/xml-cocoon/> BCEL Editor: Tetsuya Kitahata The Byte Code Engineering Library version 5.1 has been released on 25 April 2003 after a long period of testing. It mainly contains bug fixes and introduces the possibility to use custom repositories. For more details, see the site [1]. [1] <http://jakarta.apache.org/bcel/> Cactus Editor: Christopher Lenz It's now been over half a...

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Apache Newsletter -- Posted by [Tetsuya Kitahata](#) at [2003-05-01T20:41:32](#)

Jakarta Newsletter Issue #7

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 7 Date: January 2003 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200301.html> The month has been quite busy for apache folks, with new apache projects, new jakarta subprojects and talk of even more. In case you're getting concerned that its all talk here, at least Lucene, Ant and HttpClient are expecting releases in the near future. As always, I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Rob Oxspring Contents General Commons db.apache.org Log4j Lucene POI General " Ideas, suggestions, and comments on the overall Jakarta project " Editor: Rob Oxspring Robert Simmons kicked of a debate over the use of forum software to make it easier for users to get involved with jakarta subprojects [1,2]. The Jakarta developers seemed united in preferring mailing lists and pointed out archives [3] and services such as gmane [4] for more casual use of the lists. The Pluto subproject was proposed as a reference implementation of the Portlet API and was heavily discussed [5]. Relating to the portals theme, Charon was proposed to implement the Web Services for Remote specification, although this received only a little discussion [6,7]. Dani Estermann asked for some advice on choosing a logging strategy for future code. Some advocated using the JDK logging if Java 1.4 was guaranteed, others recommended using Log4j whatever the situation. It was also suggested that the use of a facade such as commons-logging should be limited to situations where choice is needed. Browse the archive for further detail [8]. Is it time for a new look Jakarta? Maybe a unified Apache site look and...

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Jakarta Newsletter Issue #6

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 6 Date: December 2002 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200212.html> As you would expect of the holiday season, not a lot was happening at Jakarta other than some discussion, and the usual steady progress in a number of projects. This issue has been delayed somewhat due to commitments to my real work, but the next issue will hopefully be a little more feature rich and prompt as plenty seems to be happening already! As always, I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Rob Oxspring Contents General Commons James Lucene POI General " Ideas, suggestions, and comments on the overall Jakarta project " Editor: Rob Oxspring " If continuous integration is a good thing on a small project, why not apply it recursively and include all dependencies for which access to source is provided " This has been the reasoning behind Gump [1] and since so many Jakarta folk agreed [2] it was decided to promote Gump from within Alexandria to be a first class Jakarta subproject. The tool has been used to build all the latest versions of the Jakarta code for a long time now, and does a great job of keeping the developers on their toes and helps maintain a high level of interoperability between sub projects. For those that like Wikis, the turbine team talked us into starting up our very own. As usual there was plenty of discussion about the pros and cons, and plenty about the implementation [3,4] but Andy Oliver decided to get the ball rolling with a simple system with...

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Jakarta Newsletter Issue #5

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 5 Date: November 2002 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200211.html> It has been a quiet month. Commons has killed an old component and welcomed a new one, while other components have kept up fixes, features and releases. Elsewhere there has been more discussion about the infrastructure and community at Apache, and an attempt to be helpful to those developers using IDEs As always, I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to

general@jakarta.apache.org. Rob Oxspring Contents General Ant Commons Jetspeed Lucene Turbine General "Ideas, suggestions, and comments on the overall Jakarta project" Editor: Rob Oxspring Andrew Oliver decided to do something about the Java developers who "cut their teeth" on IDEs and don't understand the intricacies of the command line tools that are used under the hood. The page [1] was welcomed by many and was rapidly expanded [2] and should hopefully be a resource useful to a wide range of developers. Duplicated or pointless import statements appear over time in most Java code. This is an issue that Tom Copeland wanted to tackle, and sparked a few iterations [3] of the "bad imports" report [4]. [1] - <http://archives.apache.org/eyebrowse/BrowseList?listName=general@jakarta.apache.org&from=28> [2] - <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/idedevelopers.html> [3] - <http://archives.apache.org/eyebrowse/BrowseList?listName=general@jakarta.apache.org&by=three> [4] - http://cvs.apache.org/~tcopeland/jakarta_bad_imports.htm Ant "Apache Ant is a Java-based build tool" Editor: Stefan Bodewig, Conor MacNeill The biggest news in Ant land is that Ant has been promoted to a top-level project at the board meeting in November. Much of the discussion on ant-dev has been centered around the proposed board resolution, the formation of the initial PMC and similar issues during the last months....

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Apache Newsletter -- Posted by [Tetsuya Kitahata](#) at [2002-12-01T20:44:21](#)

Jakarta Newsletter Issue #4

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 4 Date: October 2002 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200210.html> After a break for a month the newsletter is back. Over the last two months there has been lots of organisational discussion. After announcing the Japanese translation project last time round, a similar project in Korean has come to light - a section below has been devoted to bringing you up to speed on progress. The lucene guys have been making the usual steady progress mixing on both bugs and features while the Struts team been introducing future plans and new members. As always, I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Rob Oxspring Contents General Avalon Commons Korean Jakarta Log4j Lucene POI Struts General "Ideas, suggestions, and comments on the overall Jakarta project" Editor: Rob Oxspring Jean-Frederic Clere was looking for a way to identify the version of the current JVM. After questioning the reliability of various options the conclusion turned out to be "It really depends on

what you're trying to discover" [1]. Vincent Massol was wondering just who his fellow apache committers were and the results of his survey sparked a light hearted debate about what we'd learned [2]. Does apache want another web application framework? Howard Ship has put Tapestry [3] on the table and sparked off a long discussion. Can we have too many? Is it different enough? Is code more important than community? all angles are covered [4]. Is jakarta too big? Should project such as tomcat, ant and others be top level projects? All these things are under discussion along with...

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Jakarta Newsletter Issue #3

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 3 Date: August 2002 Url: <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200208.html> The third issue of the newsletter is upon us so lets have a look at what's been happening; I've been given an Apache account and so have been starting to beef up the newsletter archive page <http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/>, hopefully I'll get around to a front page link soon to publicise this better. What about everyone else? Alexandria is attempting a come back, the Ant team have been resting themselves after a heavy couple of months and the guys at Avalon have been writing C# code. The Commons coders have been making the usual steady progress, as have Jetspeed, Lucene and POI, while James has introduced a new committer and begun to work on an IMAP implementation again. The developers of ObjectRelationalBridge developers have been tackling some bugs and features, and the Struts team get ever closer to a 1.1 release. Once again I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Rob Oxspring Contents General Alexandria Ant Avalon Commons James Jetspeed Lucene POI ObJectRelationalBridge Struts General "Ideas, suggestions, and comments on the overall Jakarta project" Editor: Rob Oxspring The Gmane effect was discussed at length thanks to a misdirected news posting from George Hester. The news mail gateway is enabling people to discover and use the Jakarta mailing lists without having to look at the mailing lists guidelines [1]. A couple of solutions were offered namely adding usage information to the list's tag line, and blacklisting the gateways but no real conclusion was drawn [2]. Thanks to a couple of...

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Apache Newsletter -- Posted by [Tetsuya Kitahata](#) at [2002-09-01T20:46:29](#)

Jakarta Newsletter Issue #2

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 2 Date: July 2002 Url:

<http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200207.html> Well, another month has passed and its time for the second monthly review of whats been going on at Jakarta. The Ant team have been working through some of the ideas dubbed too controversial for 1.5, while the Avalon bunch have been fixing up their documentation. CLI have been merging the Avalon-CLI code with their own new features and the Discovery and Morphos projects finally got some CVS space. Finally OJB and Struts have been in a bug fixing phase. Once again I want to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org.
Rob Oxspring Contents General Ant Avalon Commons Log4j
ObjectRelationalBridge POI Struts General Editor: Rob Oxspring After being "beaten up heavily" the last time he proposed it, Pier Fumagalli decided to have a second attempt at allowing people to be members of the Jakarta community without being involved in a particular codebase first [1]. The opinions were mixed as before and one of the proposed solutions was to promote the jakarta-site CVS module to normal subproject status, again views were mixed [2]. Apache software often involves external tools and libraries and a recurring topic on the mailing lists involves how the licences of these libraries interact with the ASF's own licences. This month there were a couple of useful summaries of the major points to watch out for [3] although as ever, don't expect a definitive answer here - speak to a good software lawyer instead. Richard Pitt of TogetherSoft offered Jakarta an academic licence for ControlCenter so that...

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Jakarta Newsletter Issue #1

Jakarta Newsletter Issue: 1 Date: June 2002 Url:

<http://jakarta.apache.org/site/news/200206.html> Welcome to the issue #1 of the Jakarta Newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to try and let people know what's been going on in the jakarta projects when they have been unable to monitor all of them themselves. The editorship of the various sections and overall will probably

vary which should hopefully lead to a fairly dynamic monthly newsletter. So who's sending this to you? I'm a UK software developer working mainly with database webapps, with an interest in the development processes involved. My involvement at jakarta has been mainly as a user of various subprojects, a lurker on the general and commons-dev lists, a long time lurker and occasional contributor to Ant, and lately this Newsletter has become my pet project. This month we have news based contributions from several projects and a plea for requirements from Avalon. I'd like to thank those who contributed and hope that you enjoy the read. If you would like to comment further on any of the highlighted discussions then please do so on the appropriate list, if you want to comment on the newsletter itself then please point your comments to general@jakarta.apache.org. Rob Oxspring Contents General Ant Avalon Commons Jetspeed Log4j Lucene ObjectRelationalBridge ORO POI Struts Taglibs Tomcat General Editor: Rob Oxspring Discussions on general have been fairly light weight this month. The main points have been in regard to issue #0 of the newsletter [1] and some discussion about how best to setup the scarab installation for bug reporting [2]. The other main "on topic" thread regarded java.sun.com's new look. Is it time for jakarta to have a facelift? can we learn lessons from sun? The answer seems to be wait for maven or forrest but generally the familiar open...

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