

# Apache News Online: Apache Shale

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## 23 January 2007 - Apache Shale 1.0.4 released

[The Apache Shale team](#) is pleased to announce the release of Shale Framework version 1.0.4. The Apache Shale Framework is a modern web application framework offering a set of loosely coupled services, fundamentally based on JavaServer Faces, which may be combined as needed to meet particular application requirements.

Version 1.0.4 can be downloaded from the following page:

<http://www.apache.org/dyn/closer.cgi/shale/>

A final vote on quality has yet to take place for this release. We intend to vote on the quality of each module separately where necessary. For example, the shale-tiles module is likely to receive a grade no higher than "Beta" because it relies on a snapshot of the as-yet unreleased Standalone Tiles package.

This release includes the following significant new features and changes:

- The Shale framework now contains six new modules, allowing application developers greater freedom over choosing the bits they need. The new modules are shale-application, shale-dialog, shale-dialog-basic, shale-dialog-scxml, shale-validator and shale-view. See the version 1.0.4 website for documentation on all modules:  
<http://shale.apache.org/1.0.4/>
- Several outstanding JIRA issues focusing on functional problems with the implementation of the Dialog feature have been addressed along with the refactoring in 1.0.4.
- shale-clay has seen numerous improvements to the non-validating markup parser, template encoding, template namespace support, as well as JSF 1.2 basic support for Clay managed views and reduced inner dependencies for Servlet 2.3 compatibility.
- It is now possible to build unit tests, using the shale-test module, that cater to JSF 1.2 APIs.

Additionally, this version includes a substantial number of bugfixes and enhancements, full details can be found in the release notes:

<http://shale.apache.org/docs/release-notes-1.0.4.html>

Most of the framework APIs are reasonably stable, please see the following web page for more details:

<http://shale.apache.org/1.0.4/api-stability.html>

For comments and questions, join us on the Shale mailing lists:

<http://shale.apache.org/mail-lists.html>

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**Note:**

Apache Shale -- Posted by [Tetsuya Kitahata](#) at [2007-01-23T22:06:56](#)

## **28 June 2006 - Apache Shale to Become Top-Level ASF Project**

On behalf of the [ASF \(Apache Software Foundation\)](#) Board and [Apache Struts](#) PMC, we are pleased to announce that [Apache Shale](#) has been accepted as a top-level project of the Apache Software Foundation.

As a top-level project, Shale will have its own website, mailing lists, repository space, and Project Management Committee. Shale will be an automomous ASF project, rather than a subproject of Apache Struts.

The Shale framework for JavaServer Faces is nearing its first stable release. As a top-level project, it will be easier for Shale to attract new developers and expand its growing community.

The initial set of PMC members and committers for Shale is:

- Craig McClanahan
- James Mitchell
- Greg Reddin
- Sean Schofield
- Wendy Smoak
- Gary VanMatre
- Matthias Wessendorf

Apache Shale has strong ties to both the Struts and [MyFaces](#) projects. Most of the Shale PMC members are already involved in both projects, and plan on continuing to remain involved in them, along with Shale.

Apache Shale is a modern web application framework, intended for developers adopting JavaServer Faces as a core technology.

Shale began as a proposal for Struts 2.0, but instead became a subproject, so as to provide a JSF alternative for Struts developers. Recent developments for Struts Action 2 now make it easier for Struts developers to access JSF components from

within an "action-based" application.

The initial Shale codebase was donated by Craig McClanahan, who also donated the original Struts codebase.

**Note:**

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