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The *ws.apache.org* project lives or fails based on its human resources. Users and contributors alike help the project with ideas and brainpower. A common foundation of knowledge is required to effectively participate in this virtual community. The following is a list of documents that we have found helpful for us and may be helpful to you:

## Technical Resources

These resources are required reading for anybody contributing source code to the project.

- The Java Language Specification  
Written by the creators of the Java Programming Language, this online book is considered by many to be the bible for programming in Java. A must read.
- Javadoc  
Javadoc is the automatic software documentation generator used by Java since it was first released. All Java code written for this project must be documented using Javadoc conventions.
- Version Control with Subversion  
Written by Ben Collins-Sussman, Brian W. Fitzpatrick and C. Michael Pilato, this book is the main manual for Subversion.
- Apache guidance for Subversion  
The Apache Guidelines for using Subversion. You should be familiar with them.

## Source Code Philosophy Resources

The following are a set of articles written about the recent source code movements that help illustrate some of the attributes of a collaborative project such as this. You may not agree with all of the points of these articles, but an understanding of them will help in communicating with everyone on the project.

- The Cathedral and the Bazaar  
Written by Eric S. Raymond, this is a must read for anyone willing to join or support a volunteer project.
- Homesteading the Noosphere  
Written by Eric S. Raymond, this is a sequel to "The Cathedral and the Bazaar". It details the property and ownership customs of the open-source culture. This analysis has large implications for anyone interested in organizing large-scale intellectual collaborations such as this project.

## Web Services Resources

A wide variety of Web Services oriented resources are out on the net today. Just a few that we have found useful include:

- Google Web Services Directory
- W3C - Web Services activity
- WS-I
- Java Technology and Web Services
- WebServices.org