

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Apache Avalon FAQ

Welcome to the Apache Avalon wiki-based FAQ. Here are some helpful suggestions for using it:

- If you cannot find the specific answer you are looking for, try the wiki search
- Feel free to add a new question to the FAQ at the bottom of the list. When it is answered, it may be re-categorized.
- When in doubt, just email the [users@avalon.apache.org](mailto:users@avalon.apache.org) mailing list

*Note: this FAQ is still under **heavy construction**. Feel free to pitch in and help or direct your questions to the mailing lists.*

## General Information

General information about Apache Avalon.

- [What is Avalon?](#)
- [Where do I find out more?](#)
- [What does `{insert-jargon-term-x}` mean? \(See the \[AvalonGlossary\]\(#\)\)](#)
- [Where should I start?](#)
- [Which container should I use?](#)
- [What if my question isn't answered here?](#)

## Contributing

How to contribute to Avalon and how the Avalon community works.

- [BugReports](#): How do I submit bug reports?
- [SubmitPatches](#): How do I submit patches?

## Avalon Concepts

Questions about the concepts, philosophies, and design patterns which form the foundation of Apache Avalon.

- [What's the difference between Component and Service?](#)

## Avalon Website

Questions about Avalon's website and wiki resources.

## Avalon Source Repository

Questions about Avalon's source repository (subversion).

## Legacy Content

Questions about older Avalon products.

## Installing Avalon Platform

Questions on installing the Avalon Platform

## Building from Source. Using Avalon Magic

Questions about building Avalon from source and using Avalon Magic.

## Running Avalon Merlin

Merlin container runtime questions.

# Avalon Component Development

Questions on developing Avalon components.

- [How do I use 3rd party services/jars/etc in my Avalon application?](#)

# Testing with Avalon

How to run unit tests with Avalon applications.

# Avalon Application Assembly and Deployment

How to assemble and deploy Avalon based applications.

# Avalon and other Technologies

About Avalon and other related technologies.

# Avalon Migration

How to migrate older Avalon or non-Avalon apps to the new Avalon platform.

# Miscellaneous Questions

New questions that have yet to be answered and/or categorized.