

VelocityNews

Velocity news has been moved to <http://velocity.apache.org/news.html>

Old news items are listed below.

Velocity 1.5 Beta 2 Released

The Velocity developers are pleased to announce the second beta release of Velocity 1.5. You may download it at <http://www.apache.org/dist/jakarta/velocity/beta/velocity-1.5-beta2/>.

This beta version is one of the final steps before the long-awaited version 1.5. Since Beta 1 we have added a new InvalidReferenceEventHandler (to catch invalid references), the SecureUberspector (to prevent introspection on "dangerous objects"), and a StringResourceLoader. We've also fixed some critical bugs, including a subtle synchronization problem causing page generation to fail under heavy loads.

(2006-11-24)

Velocity Approved as Top Level Project

The Board of the Apache Software Foundation has passed a resolution to upgrade Jakarta Velocity into an Apache Top Level Project (TLP), to be renamed Apache Velocity. We are excited of the new prominence of the Velocity project.

Please stay tuned for our new website at <http://velocity.apache.org/>. In the meantime, note that our new mailing lists are user@velocity.apache.org (subscribe at user-subscribe@velocity.apache.org) for general questions, and dev@velocity.apache.org (subscribe at dev-subscribe@velocity.apache.org) for development-related activity.

(2006-10-26)

Velocity 1.5 Beta 1 Released

The Velocity developers are proud to announce the first beta version of Velocity 1.5. You may download it from <http://www.apache.org/dist/jakarta/velocity/beta/velocity-1.5-beta1/>.

This is an early release intended as a preview of things to come. Many bugs have been fixed and new features have been added. A sampling:

- floating point number arithmetic
- new event handlers for altering #include/#parse behavior
- literal map syntax A complete list of changes is available at our [JIRA](#). Please report any additional bugs there, especially those that need to be fixed before our final release. (use 1.5 beta 1 as the version).

(2006-09-13)

New Issue Tracker

The Velocity Project has moved from Bugzilla to [JIRA](#). Many thanks to Tim Colson for spearheading this change and to Henning Schmiedehausen and Jeff Turner for helping to execute it.

More info on ASF and JIRA can be found at the [ApacheJira](#) page.

(2005-09-12)

Revised Website

The main [Velocity](#) website has undergone a minor redesign. Content has been added to help new users get up to speed on Velocity and the layout has been converted to CSS.

There's a new home page, a revised [Overview](#) of Velocity, a [Guide to Getting Started](#), a new article on [Web Applications](#).

The Table of Contents has been restructured and all community-based articles and content have been moved to the Wiki. The new CSS layout provides a printer-friendly format for easy screen viewing or generating hard copies.

(2005-07-13)

Notice: JDOM API Change

As part of their effort to reach v1.0, the JDOM community has made slight modifications to their API. This will affect Velocity users that use the 'Anakia' package. Velocity versions 1.4 and older require using a version of JDOM older than beta10rc1. All new releases of Velocity will require JDOM 1.0.

Another Velocity Article

New [article](#) on a JSP to Velocity project.

(2004-04-26)

Velocity Dreamweaver Extension

Jason Gill (aka Pete the Chop) wrote a [Dreamweaver Extension](#) that gives full Velocity support in Dreamweaver. Give it a look if you use Dreamweaver.

(2004-04-14)

New Article on Velocity

Sing Li discusses how to use Velocity in a standalone application as well as a replacement for JSP in the Struts MVC framework in this [article](#)

(2004-02-19)

ALE uses Velocity

Brad Cox is pleased to announce the alpha (0.1) release of the [Action Learning Environment \(ALE\)](#), an open source environment for building experiential learning environments. ALE is open source (free) software and is available

(2004-1-22)

New Article on Velocity

Erik Hatcher's recent article [Velocity: Fast Track to Templating](#) is currently a featured article at [java.net](#).

(2003-12-23)

Velosurf 0.8 Released

[Velosurf](#), a database access tool for use with the Velocity template engine, has released v0.8

(2003-10-21)

Generate SOAP messages with Ivory

[Ivory Soaplet](#)

framework uses Velocity to generate SOAP messages.

(2003-10-14)

IntelliJ IDEA Uses Velocity

[IntelliJ IDEA](#) uses Velocity as its templating system for generating class and method javaodocs.

(2003-10-14)

Cotsec Forms Uses Velocity

[Cotsec](#) has released a cross-language/cross-platform rapid development environment called Cotsec Forms that uses Velocity as its underlying template engine.

(2003-08-23)

Velocity Tools 1.0

The first release of the [tools/index.html Velocity Tools] subproject is [available](#).

It includes a generic tools package, support for clean, quick MVC web development in the [VelocityView] package, and support for integration with the Struts framework.

(2003-07-16)

Velocity Template Editor Plugin for Eclipse

The first public release of an editor plugin for Velocity templates is [available](#) on

(Eclipse Online-Update Site: <http://veloedit.sourceforge.net/updates/>).

(2002-07-22)

Roller Weblogger Brings it Together

_ From the site :_

[Roller](#)

is server-based weblogging software - a web application - that is designed to support multiple simultaneous weblog users and visitors. Roller was originally written as an example application for an article on open source Java development tools. The article describes how the Struts Servlet framework, the Castor JDO persistence engine, the XDoclet code generator, and the Velocity template processor can be used together to create a full-featured database-driven web application.

(2002-07-22)

User's Guide Now Available in French

Thanks to the translation contributed by Jean-Francois El Fouly, the Velocity project can now offer the [user-guide_fr.html User's Guide] in French. Thanks!

(2002-06-17)

New Release : Maverick

Another new release in the Velocity 'powered-by' family - The [Maverick](#) team is happy to announce the version 2.1 release of the Maverick MVC Framework.

(2002-06-12)

User's Guide Now Available in Spanish

Thanks to the translation contributed by Juan Pablo Morales Olaya, the Velocity project can now offer the [user-guide_es.html User's Guide] in Spanish. Thanks!

(2002-06-06)

New Release : vDoclet

Another new milestone release in the Velocity 'powered-by' family :

- [vDoclet 20020422](#)

Check it out!

(2002-06-06)

New Releases : Turbine, [WebWork](#) and JPublish

A few new releases in the Velocity family :

- [Turbine 2.2-b1](#)
- [WebWork 1.0](#)
- [JPublish 0.9](#)

Check 'em out!

(2002-03-23)

[JeeWiz](#) : The Enterprise System Builder

[JeeWiz](#), a new product from [New Technology/enterprise Limited](#), is a J2EE system development tool that uses Velocity templates to generate infrastructure code, deployment descriptors and build jobs for J2EE projects. And it's said Velocity has no place in J2EE... 😊

(2002-03-09)

User's Guide Available in Finnish

Thanks to Juha Kilpi, we now offer a Finnish translation to the [user-guide_fi.html Velocity Users Guide]. Thanks Juha!

(2002-01-27)

Velocity Tool Subproject

The first code for the new Velocity Tool Subproject is in and can be found in CVS as

[jakarta-velocity-tools](#).

The first functionality includes integration with

[Jakarta Struts](#) as well as a generic template-rendering servlet with tool support. Take a look!

(2002-01-03)

Introductory Velocity Article on *JavaWorld*

For a introduction to the Velocity Template Engine, a brief overview of the Velocity Template Language and some basic examples, see is the new

[article](#) on

[JavaWorld](#) by Geir Magnusson Jr.

(2001-12-28)

DVSL XML Transformation Tool Added as Subproject

The DVSL XML transformation tool has been added as a new subproject. Check it out [[/velocity/dvsl/index.html](#) here].
(2001-12-18)

Velocity mentioned in ZDNet Article (last May)

It seems we could be a "can't-live-without-it piece of the infrastructure" of tomorrow. Check [the article](#)

(2001-12-09)

Luxor, Velocity-based XUL Toolkit Released

Luxor is an open-source XML User Interface Language (XUL) toolkit for Java. Read more [here](#).

(2001-12-08)

Generate Code with Velocity in Borland's JBuilder

Read [about](#) how to use Velocity and Borland's [OpenTools](#) API to extend Borland's JBuilder for template-based Java source code generation.

(2001-12-08)

Hey, Maybe We're On The Right Track After All...

Give [this](#) a read. The latest version of [Resin](#), a popular servlet engine, has added what they call a "Velocity-like syntax" to their JSP implementation. As they say on their site :

"The Resin-2.0.3 release allows an alternate JSP expression syntax similar to the Apache Velocity project that many find more maintainable than the JSP pointy brackets. Resin's syntax extension is compatible with the usual JSP features like tag libraries."

We do think that this is a step in the right direction for JSPs, making the page content easier to write and maintain.

However, we want to emphasize to users that this isn't the same thing as using Velocity - this is a small subset of the Velocity syntax which was reimplemented in Resin.

Velocity is much more than an alternative syntax to the scriptlets and tags found in JSPs - it's a full-featured templating engine, fully portable to any J2EE servlet container, that offers many advances over JSPs in the J2EE web application environment. It also an excellent templating tool for other kinds of applications written in Java.

So if you are interested in portable alternatives to JSP, we strongly encourage you look deeper into what Velocity has to offer.

And if you must use JSPs and want to incorporate Velocity into your current or new JSP-based web applications, take a look at our [Veltag](#) JSP taglib which allows the full power of Velocity in your JSPs.

Velocidoc Released

[Velocidoc](#), a Velocimacro documentation tool modeled after Javadoc, is now available. Use Javadoc-style comments in your Velocimacro libraries, and use Velocidoc to generate HTML documentation.

New Apache Site Generated with Anakia

The new web site of the [Apache Software Foundation](#) is now generated using [Anakia](#), the Velocity-based XML transformation tool. Take a look.

Need To Mix JSP and Velocity?

Take a look at a new contribution, a [veltag.html Velocity taglib] that lets you use Velocity right in your JSPs.

4 published articles covering Velocity

[Getting Up to Speed with Velocity](#)

is a really well written article by Jim Jagielski about the merits of using a tool like Velocity.

Many people believe that Velocity can only be used in the context of web applications. This excellent

[JavaWorld article](#)

by Leon Messerschmidt shows that the design of Velocity is such that it can be used in a myriad of applications.

The Java Developer Journal recently

[published](#) an

edited version of the [YMTD YMTD article] by Jon Stevens as the cover story for their July edition.

The Sun *Dot-Com Builder* developer information site has a "Best Practices" product profile on Velocity. Check it out [here](#). Thanks Sun!

4 Products/Projects Now Depend on Velocity

Gentleware, Xadra and Vamp have built products which depend on Velocity.

J/Top, a server monitoring project, also uses Velocity for email output formatting.

We have listed them on our ever expanding [PoweredByVelocity](#) page.

5 Web Frameworks Now Support Velocity

Turbine, JPublish, Melati, Maverick and WebWork all support Velocity.

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