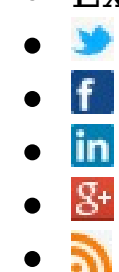


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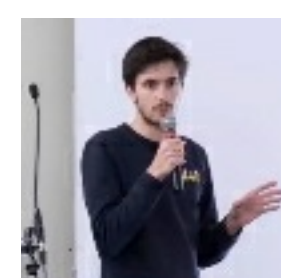
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Oracle has released the full NetBeans source-code to the Apache Incubator almost a year after InfoQ first [reported on the plan](#).

Since then Geertjan Wielanga, Product Manager for Oracle JET and NetBeans, [writes](#):

Oracle legal has worked through the Apache documents and has approved them. It's a big step -- we've now (1) completed the code audit with Oracle's Java team and (2) completed the Apache documentation approval with the Oracle legal team. The final step is that the Apache documents need to be signed by Oracle, which is what's happening now and should be done soon.

This first code drop was intended to make it possible to release Apache NetBeans along with JDK 9 (on September 21). However due to the lengthy process Wielanga feels it probably won't meet that schedule. He expects the first release to happen soon after JDK 9 is released.

Wielanga said in [an email to the incubator-netbeans-dev mailing list](#) that this repository contains around four million lines of code.

The 1st code donation, i.e., the NetBeans Platform + the Java SE tooling, which includes the new Jigsaw and JShell features, comprises around 45,000 files (around 4 million lines of code) to be transferred from Oracle to Apache.

You can check out the repository from Apache's Git repository, build it (using Ant 1.8.0), and run it with the following commands:

```
git clone git://git.apache.org/incubator-netbeans.git netbeans
cd netbeans
export ANT_OPTS="-Xmx1G"
ant build -Dcluster.config=java
ant tryme
```

The NetBeans community website has [more detailed instructions on how to build the project](#). Next steps include changing all the license headers to Apache and repeating the process for the next code drop.

There is more code to come in a further two drops. "We've learned a lot from the process involved in the 1st code donation," Wielanga writes, "and [we] believe that the two subsequent code donations will go faster."

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