



GLASSFISH COMMUNITY™ CLEARLY OPEN.

What Is the GlassFish Community?

GlassFish™ is a vibrant community building high-quality, open-source, software. The main deliverables are the GlassFish application server, the Java™ Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE platform) reference implementation, and the Java Persistence API reference implementation. The GlassFish project also includes many other open-source projects and technologies such as SailFin, Open ESB, OpenDS™, OpenSO, Open Message Queue, and next generation portal technology. You're invited to get involved.

The GlassFish community was launched in 2005 when Sun Microsystems open-sourced the Java EE platform 5 reference implementation and Sun's commercial application server. The GlassFish v2 application server added robust features such as advanced clustering, centralized administration, and outstanding performance. The GlassFish v3 application server is the next major release and will provide a multi-framework OSGi platform and true Web 2.0 engine with a modular, embeddable, extensible architecture.

Why Should I Care About GlassFish?

GlassFish adoption and momentum are building on campuses and in corporate enterprises around the world. As a student, the GlassFish project enables you to:

- Participate in open-source projects and enhance your open-source development, collaboration, and community-building skills—critical for success in today's world.

- Learn innovative and open technologies related to the Java EE platform, Web 2.0, Web Services, and the Java Persistence API.
 - Gain valuable experience using the latest frameworks, development methodologies, tools, and integrated development environments, including the NetBeans™ IDE.
 - Explore dynamic languages and frameworks such as Ruby on Rails and Groovy on Grails.
 - Engage with technology experts on mailing lists and forums.
 - Work on interesting projects with mentors from the GlassFish community and develop world-class, resume-worthy applications and contributions.
- For resources and information tailored specifically for students, including screencasts and tutorials, visit the GlassFish student site at spotlight.dev.java.net/. Also visit the student developers site at developers.sun.com/students/training.jsp and take advantage of free training offered through the Sun Academic Initiative.
 - For hands-on projects with assigned mentors from the GlassFish community, visit the GlassFish student projects page at wiki.glassfish.java.net/Wiki.jsp?page=ProjectIdeas.
 - Read The Aquarium at blogs.sun.com/theaquarium/ to keep track of the latest GlassFish news and happenings—there's a lot going on!

How Do I Get Started?

It's easy—just download and use the GlassFish application server. Explore the features, build some applications, communicate with other users and developers, join the community, get involved. These resources will help you get started:

- Visit glassfish.org to learn more about the GlassFish project, download the software, and join the community. Also visit the GlassFish wiki at wiki.glassfish.java.net/.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the GlassFish community, contact users@glassfish.dev.java.net. The GlassFish community is standing by to help. Questions and new members are always welcome.

