Apache Incubator Project

by The Apache Incubator Project

1. What Is It?

The Incubator project was created in October of 2002 to provide an entry path to the Apache Software Foundation for projects and codebases wishing to become part of the Foundation's efforts. Code donations from external organisations and existing external projects wishing to move to Apache will enter through the Incubator.

A large part of the Incubator's effort will be devoted to providing documentation on how the Foundation works, and how to get things done within its framework. As a consequence, it is expected that the Incubator will also become a reference for new contributors to any of the Apache projects.

Since the Incubator project is one of the primary gateways into Apache involvement, a lot of the documentation about the structural and philosophical details of the Foundation will probably be prototyped and developed right here. When they seem to accurately reflect reality and cover the information they should, they'll probably be moved up to the Foundation's main Web site.

2. The Apache Software Foundation

The Apache Software Foundation (ASF) is a non-profit (USA IRS 501(c)(3) compliant) membership organisation. You can find out more about the ASF proper at the Foundation's [main site](#).

The main unit of participation in the ASF is the individual. Individuals may have one or more roles in the ASF; you can find out more about them [here](#).