



From the editor

This is the first Wicket newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to give the Wicket community another way of getting news and information concerning the Wicket project and its surroundings. Expect to find news regarding new project members, Wicket projects in the wild, profiles on contributors, Wicket in the News, places and moments to meet the team, etc. I hope that you will like this format and by all means, everybody is invited to write a piece for the newsletter and share it with the world.

Have fun!

– Martijn Dashorst

New members

In the aftermath of the JavaOne conference, two new core members were added to the Wicket team. Ate Douma will be working on the Portlet integration and Jan Blok will be working on the

AJAX support. I welcome both and invite them to write a small piece on where they will take Wicket in the future.

Wicket Outranks Spring Framework!

In a recent survey, I checked the statistics of several of our competitors, and compared them to our statistics. The statistics come from the SourceForge and the Apache statistics pages. Unfortunately I wasn't able to find numbers for Tapestry and Echo2.

Ranking higher than Spring

Wicket ranks higher on the SourceForge ranking system than the Spring Framework! The Spring Framework ranks around 140, whilst Wicket ranks currently around 120.

Wicket has more downloads than the open source JSF frameworks MyFaces, WebWork and Echo. I wasn't able to find download statistics for Tapestry. Just for the record, Struts still dwarfs every framework with their download numbers.

<i>Framework</i>	<i>Last week</i>
Wicket	303
Echo (1)	149
WebWork	22
Struts	4800 ¹
MyFaces	1 ²

Other interesting statistic: The user mailinglist has accumulated almost 1400(!) messages in July. Apparently, Wicket is somewhat of a summer holiday programming fest!

1 Visual guess

2 Visual guess



Release news

Wicket 1.0.1 has been released. This release fixes several bugs. If you are still working with 1.0, please upgrade to 1.0.1. We don't foresee a 1.0.2 release coming soon, as all development effort is going into the 1.1 release.

The 1.1 release is slightly behind schedule. We would like to be in release candidate status, but had to put out a second beta release. We expect to finalize the 1.1 release in the first half of September.

Wicket 1.1 features

The 1.1 release will feature the following list:

- JavaScript support
- CSS support
- Markup inheritance
- Experimental AJAX support
- Improved URL handling
- Include of external markup
- Simplified Choice component
- Improved Feedback support
- Thread safe validation (bug fix)
- Immediate button support for Forms
- Panel support for TreeView
- Date picker component
- Component reference examples

JavaOne 2005

Our JavaOne presence has been quite fruitful. The technical session completely devoted to Wicket, which Martijn Dashorst held together with Miko Matsumura was attended by roughly 300 people. Considering that almost nobody had even heard of Wicket, and that we had both a Spring and JSF/Ajax sessions scheduled in the same timeslot, this is actually a pretty high number. The talk went very well and we got quite some good questions from the audience. Eelco Hillenius defended Wicket very well in the

WebFramework Smackdown. You can read a lot about this session on several blogs. It was probably the most fun session of this JavaOne. This session was attended by some 1200 people. You can download the PDF presentations from the JavaOne site. Later this month, Sun will release the multimedia versions of the presentations. When that happens, it will be publicized around most blogs, so keep an eye out!

Upcoming Articles/Events

Romain Guy has written an article for a French magazine which will be publicized in September. A few weeks later he will publish the article on his blog. Eelco and Martijn will be presenting

Wicket on the Dutch JUG meeting on October 12th, and they will repeat that trick on JavaPolis 2005 in Antwerp, Belgium!