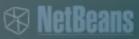
Hitchhiker's Guide to the NetBeans Platform

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NetBeans: What Is It?

- NetBeans IDE
- NetBeans Platform
- NetBeans Community



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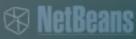


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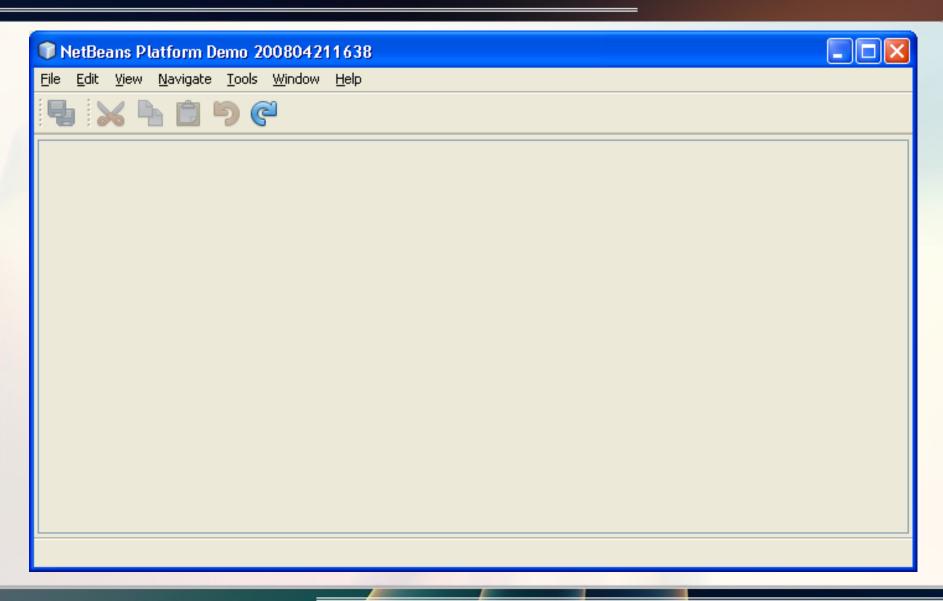


NetBeans Platform

- Overview
 - Framework for developing large Java desktop applications.
 - > Provides
 - > Runtime container.
 - > APIs solving typical desktop problems.



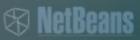
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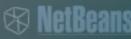
Why Use the NetBeans Platform?

- Pre-defined generic features.
- Code generators for custom features.
- Less boilerplate code, less cycles.
- Consistency of user interface.
- Modularity & loose coupling.



NetBeans Platform Features

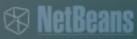
- Pluggable:
 - > menubar
 - > toolbar
 - > window system/docking framework
 - Options settings
 - > JavaHelp
 - > custom features
- Update Mechanism
- Modularity
- Generators for launchers, ZIP distributions, installers, and JNLP.

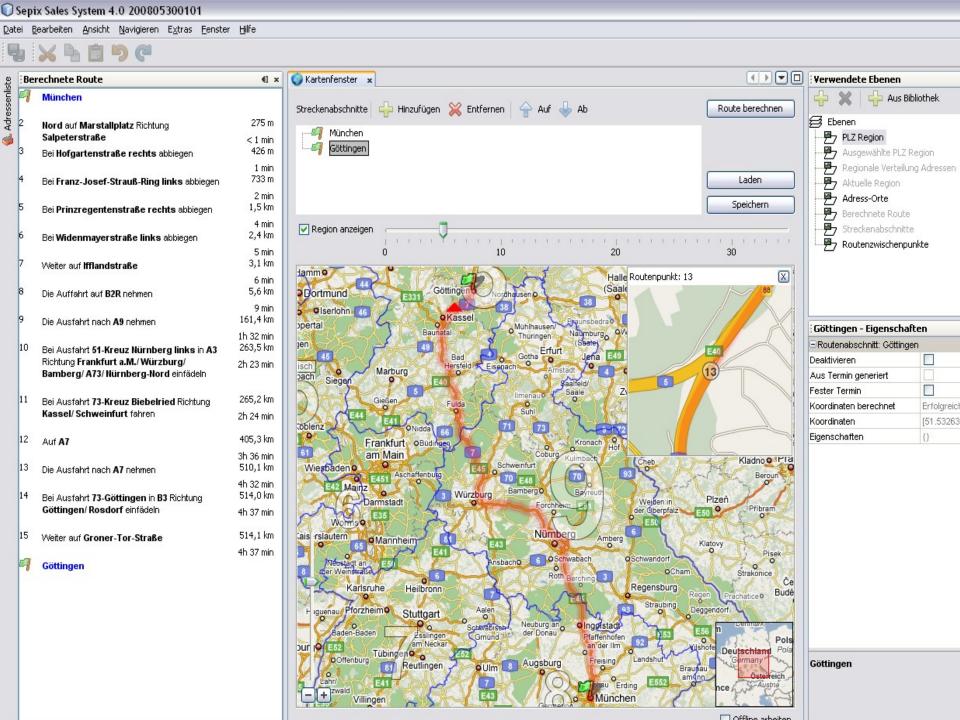


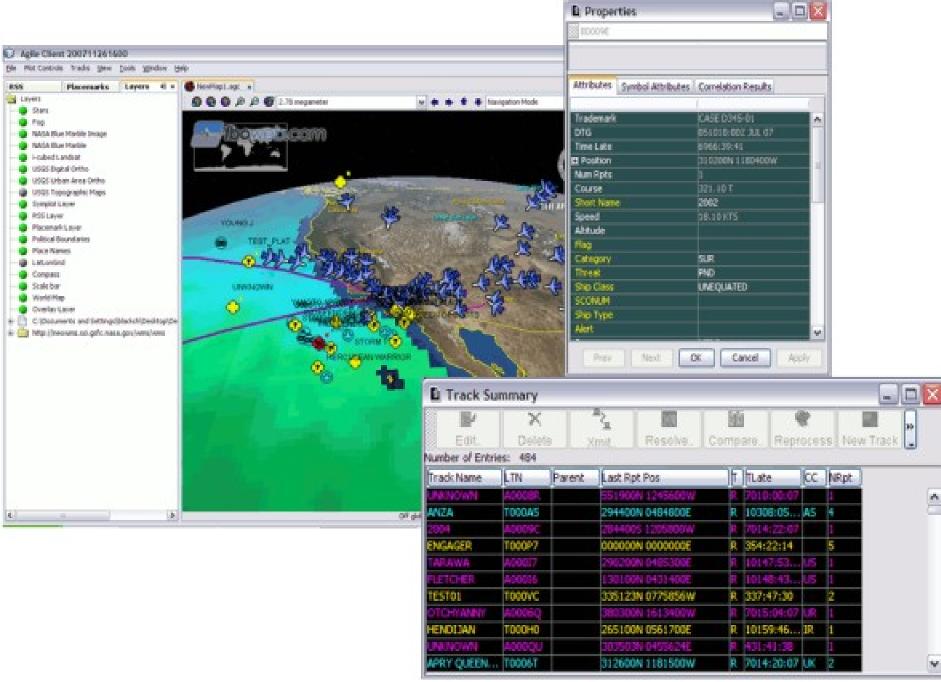
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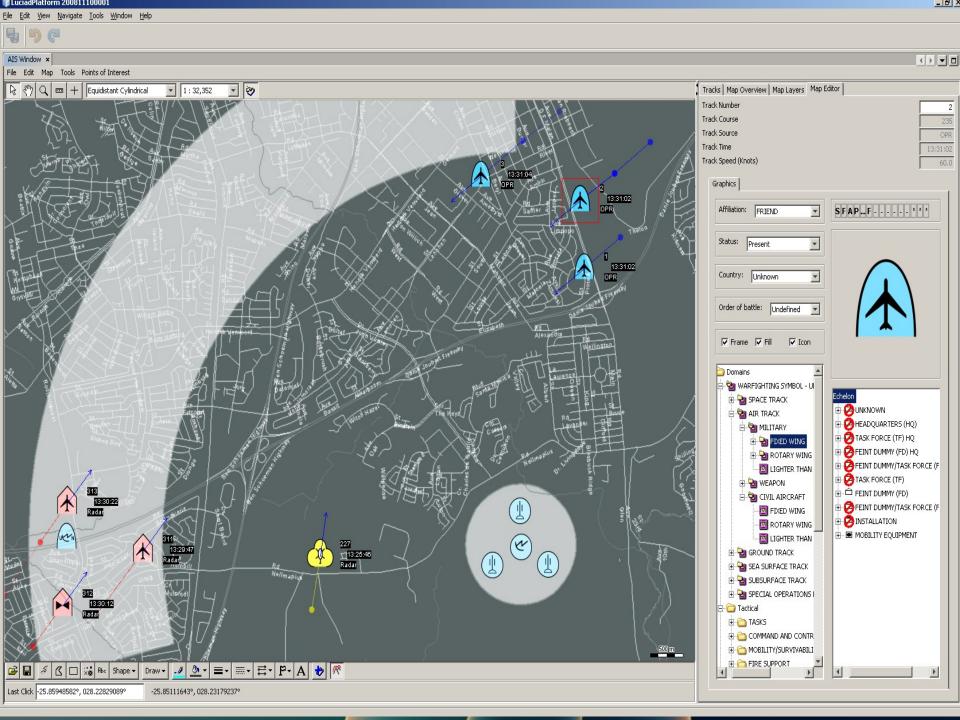
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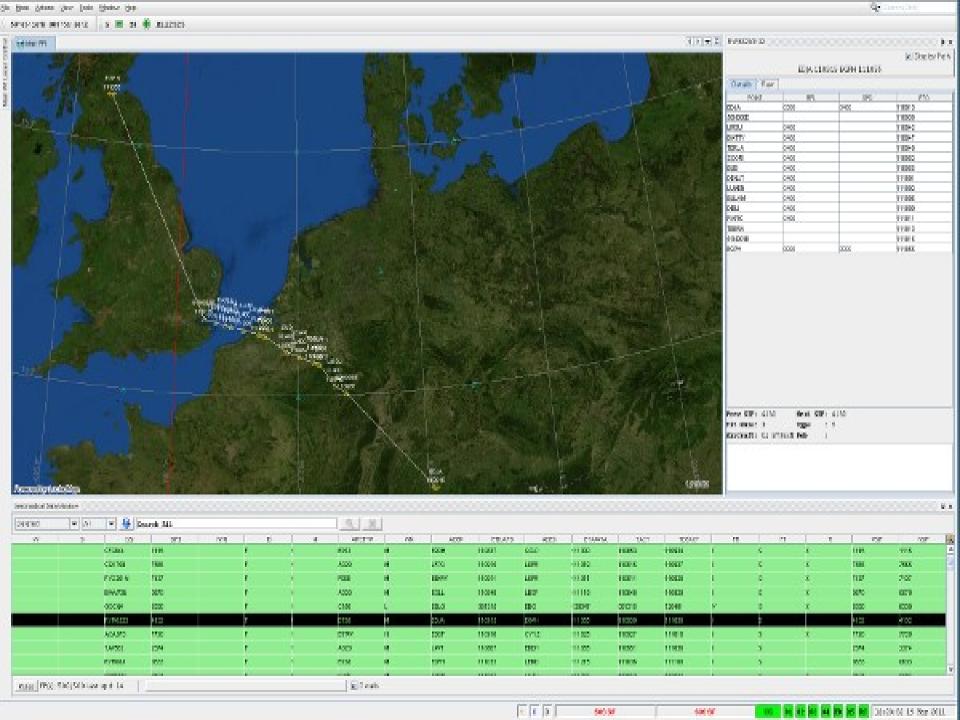
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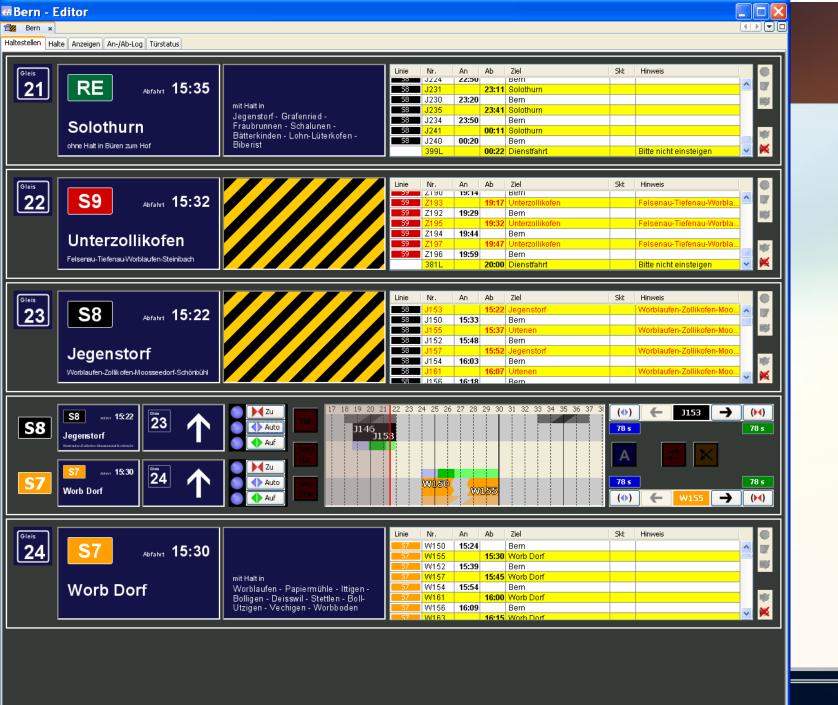


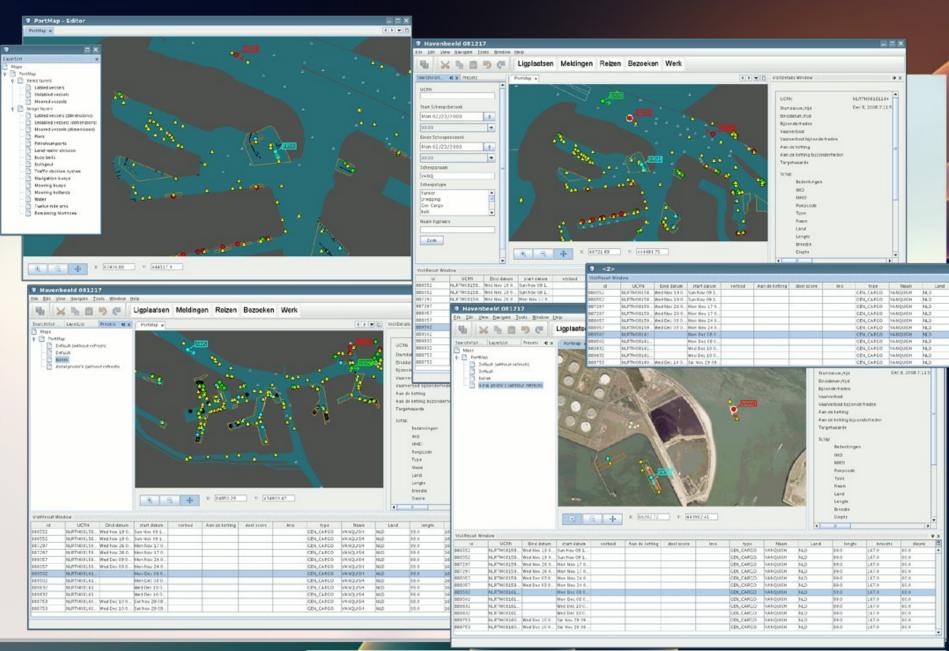


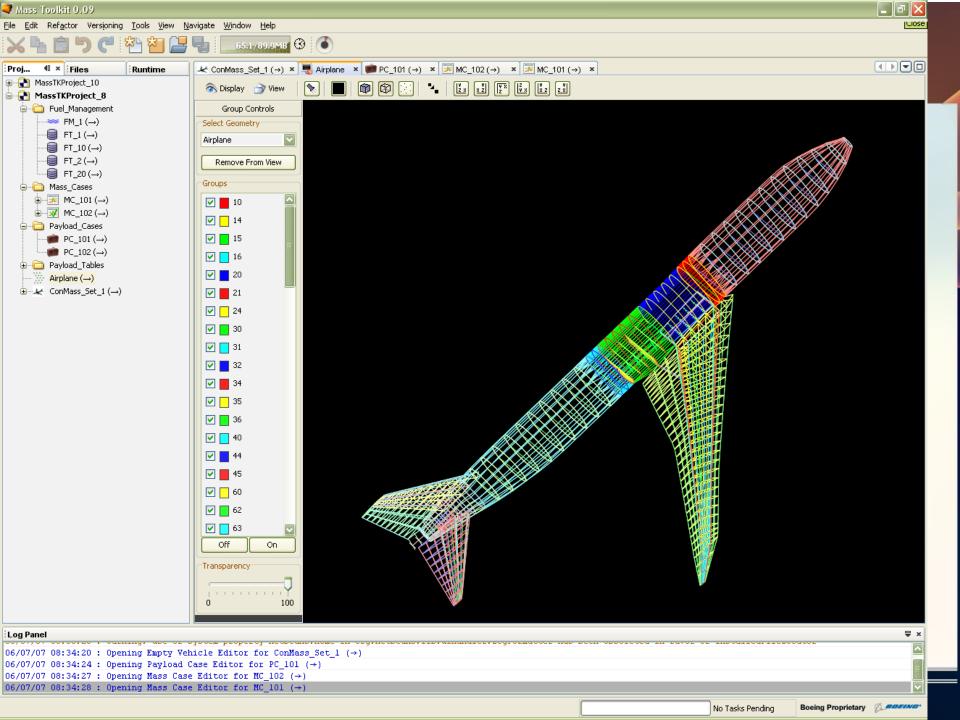






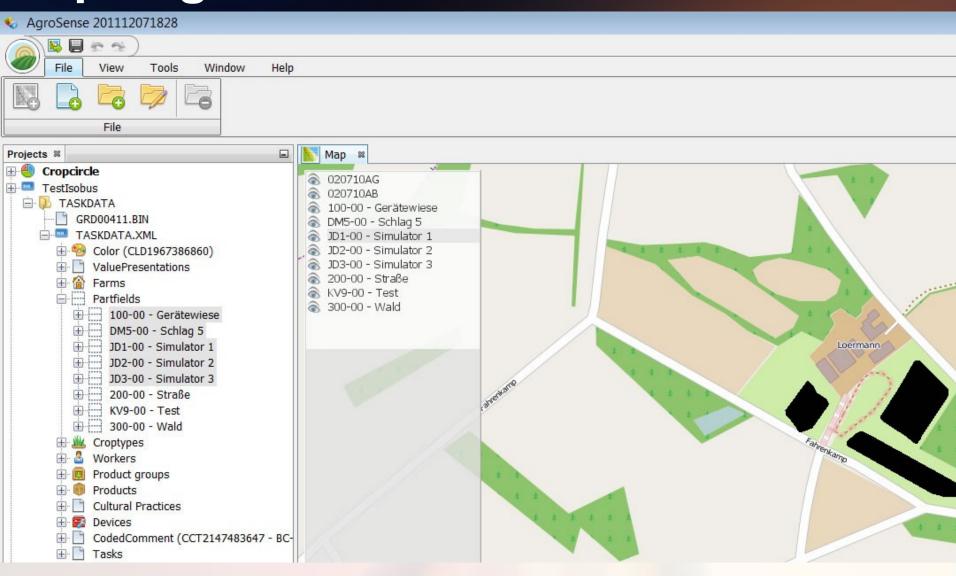


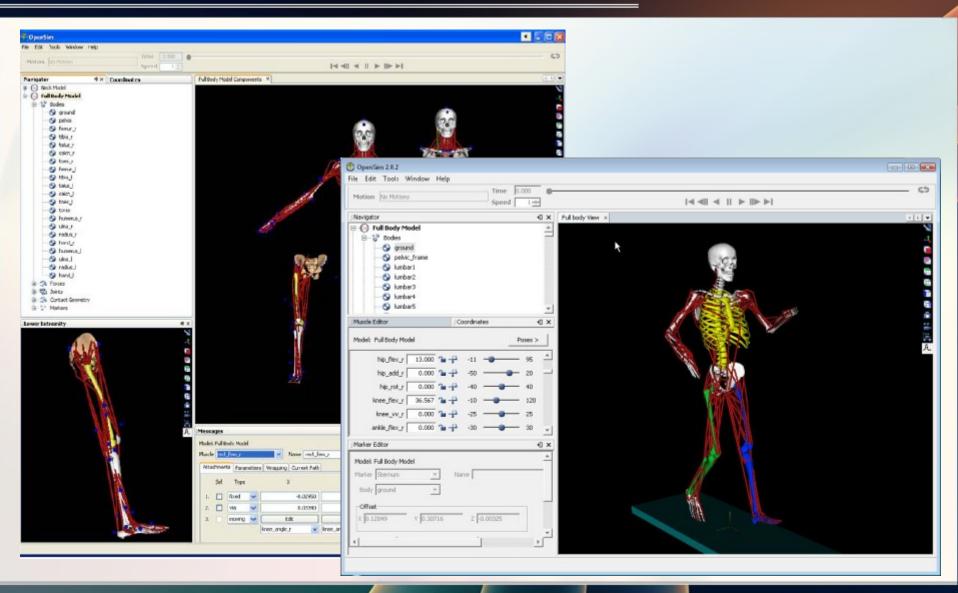


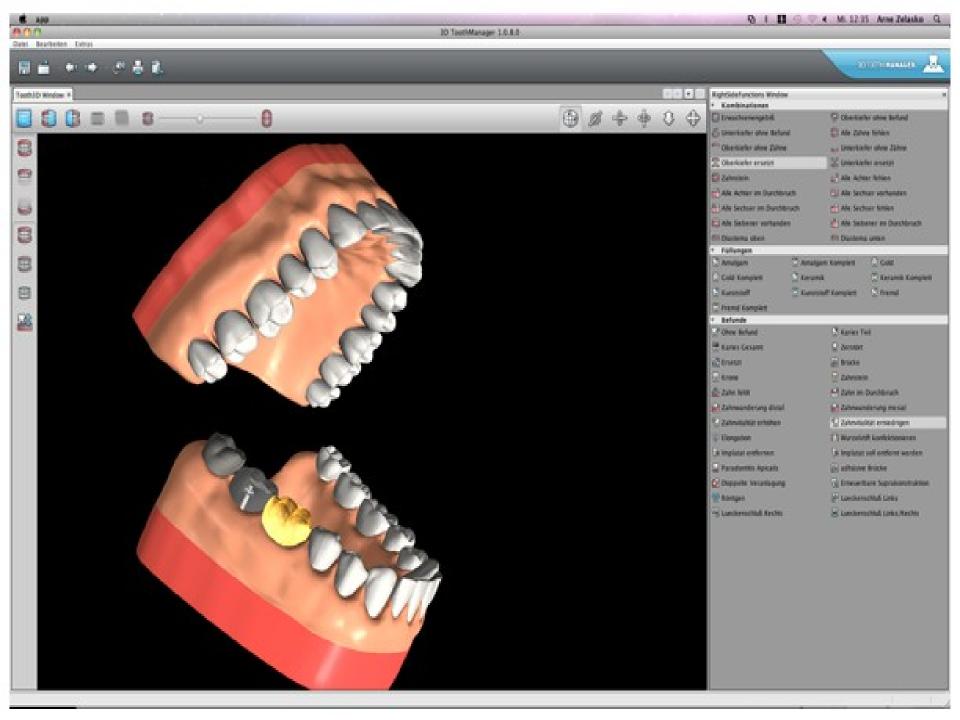


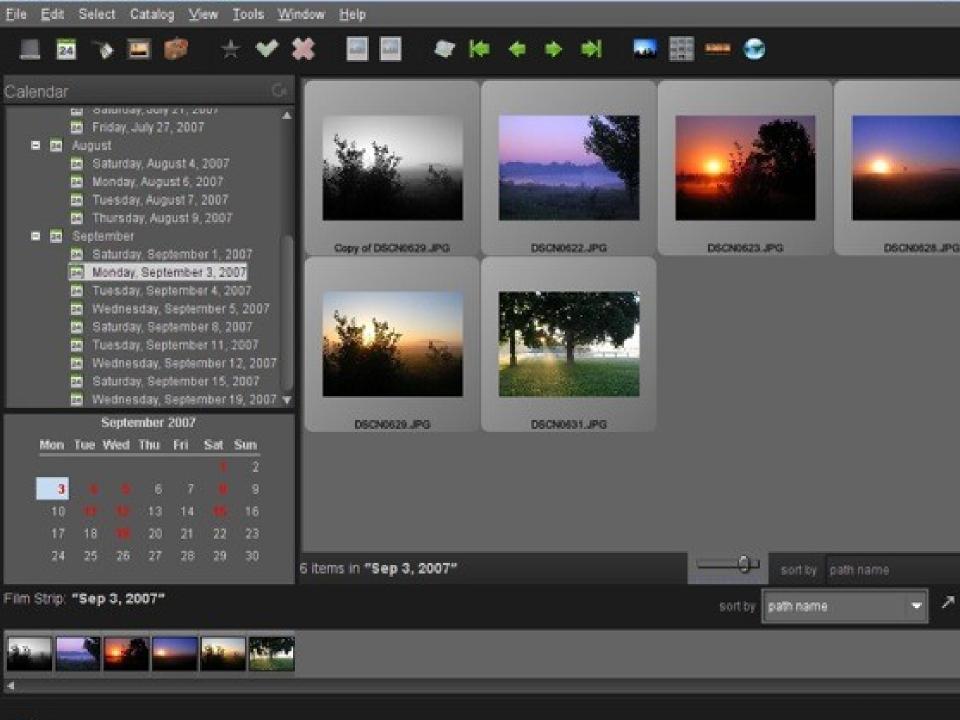
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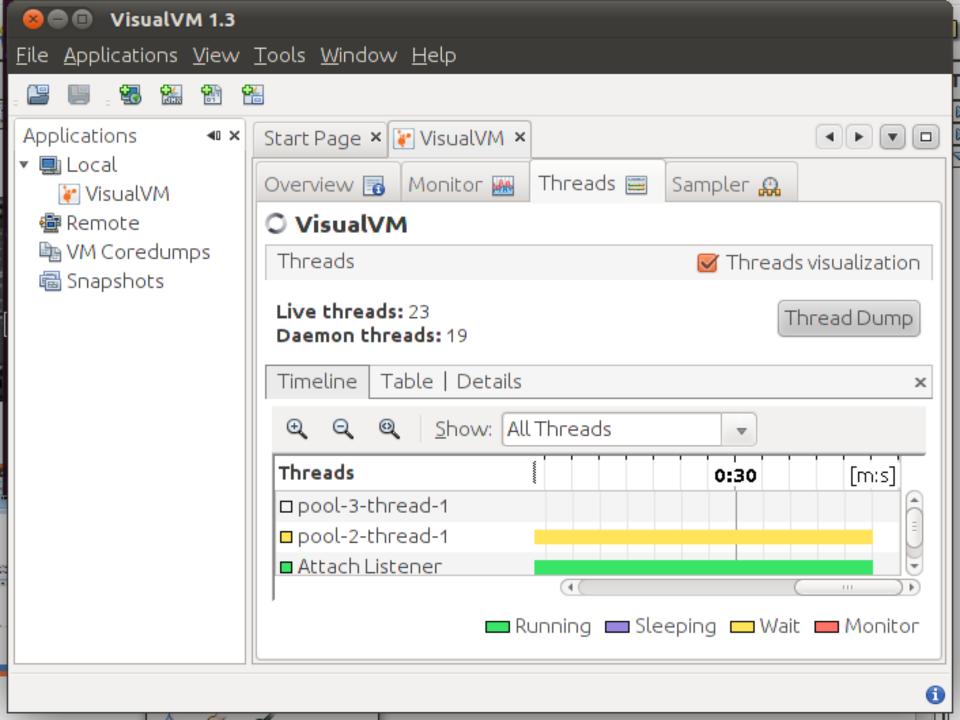
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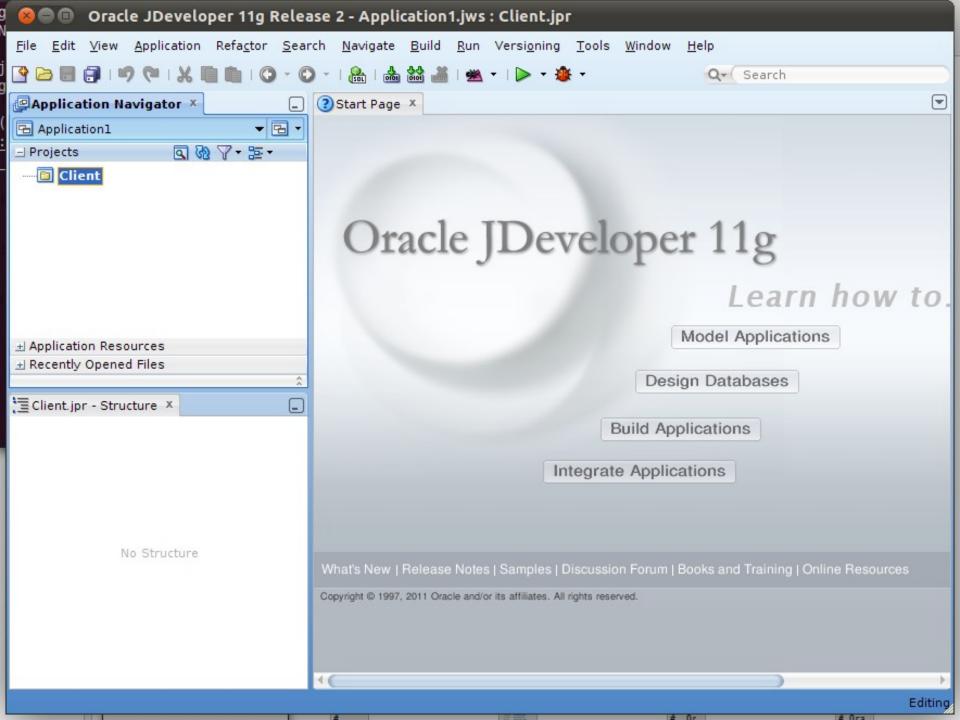




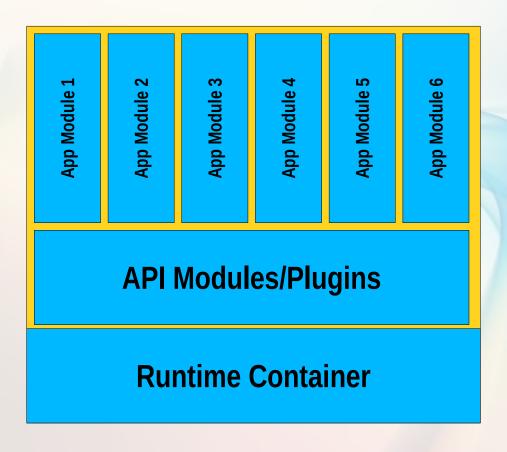








Common Basis



Runtime container handles lifecycle.

APIs provide extension

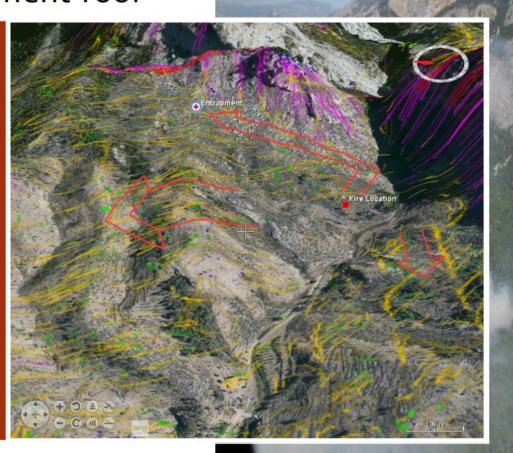
points & utilities.

Example Scenarios

- Bruce Schubert, Emxsys
- Eirk Bakke, MIT
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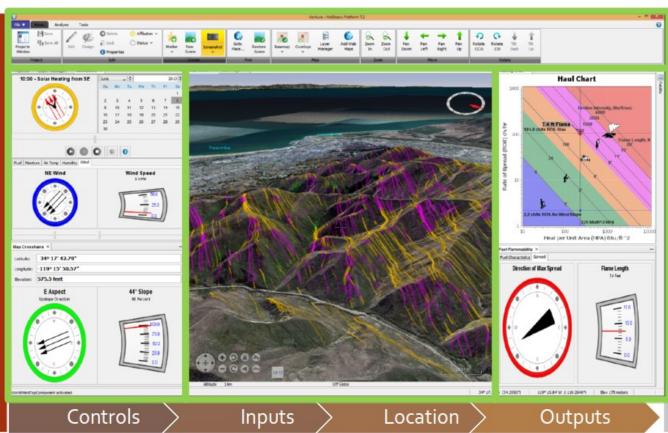


See How Wildfire Moves Over the Terrain



Animated vapor trails show highways of fire and windows of opportunity.

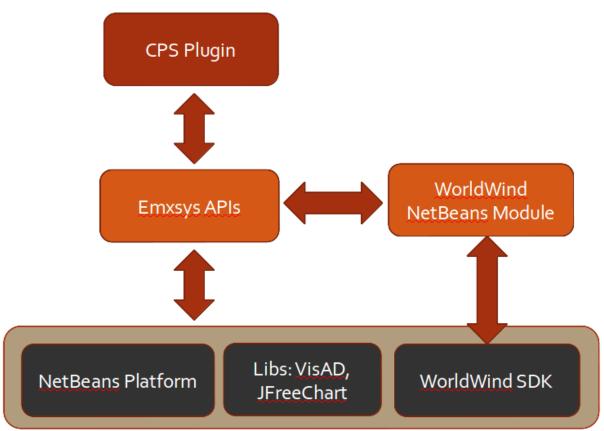
Simplified
Display of
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Fire Behavior is worse when the three primary forces are aligned.

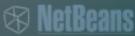


Software Architecture

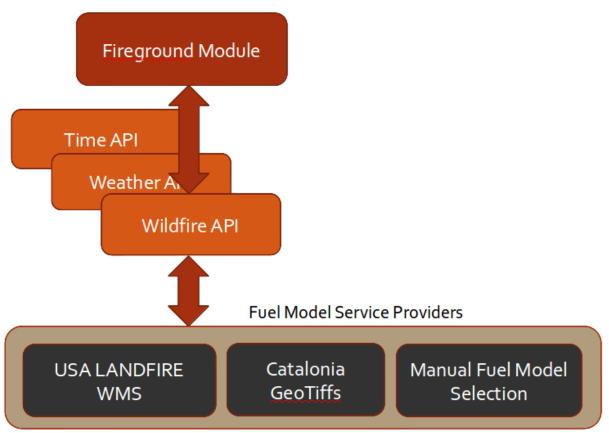


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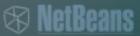


NetBeans Modular Architecture



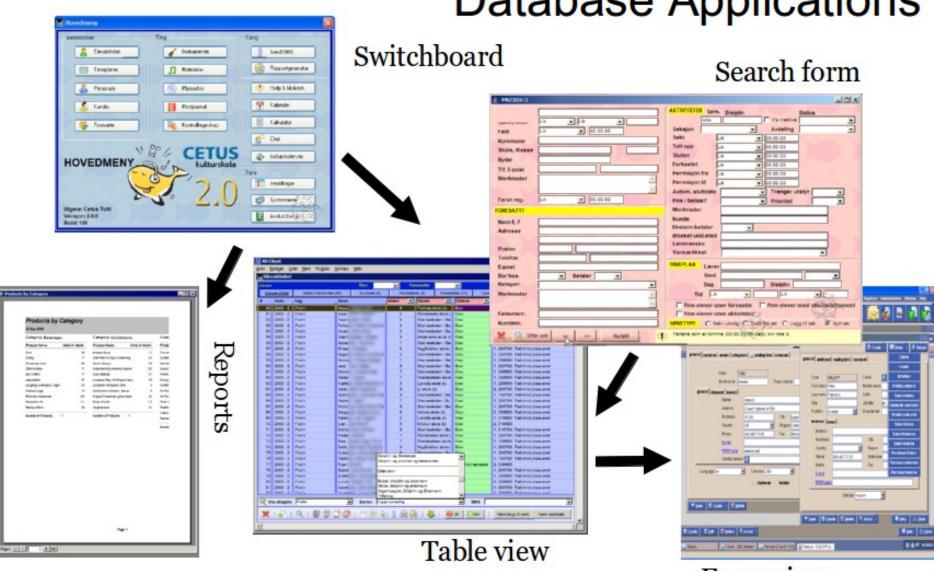
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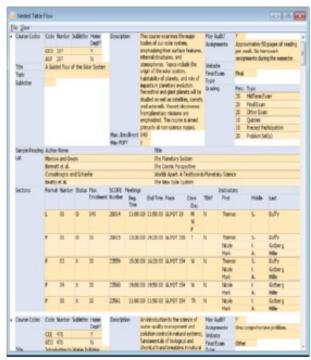


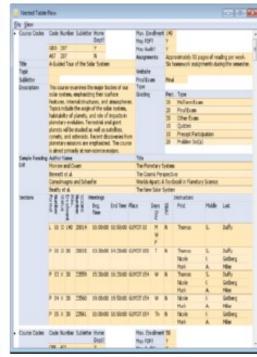
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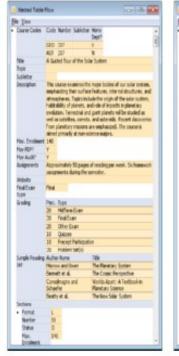
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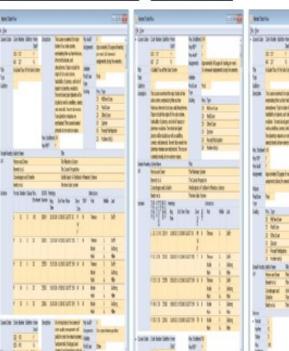
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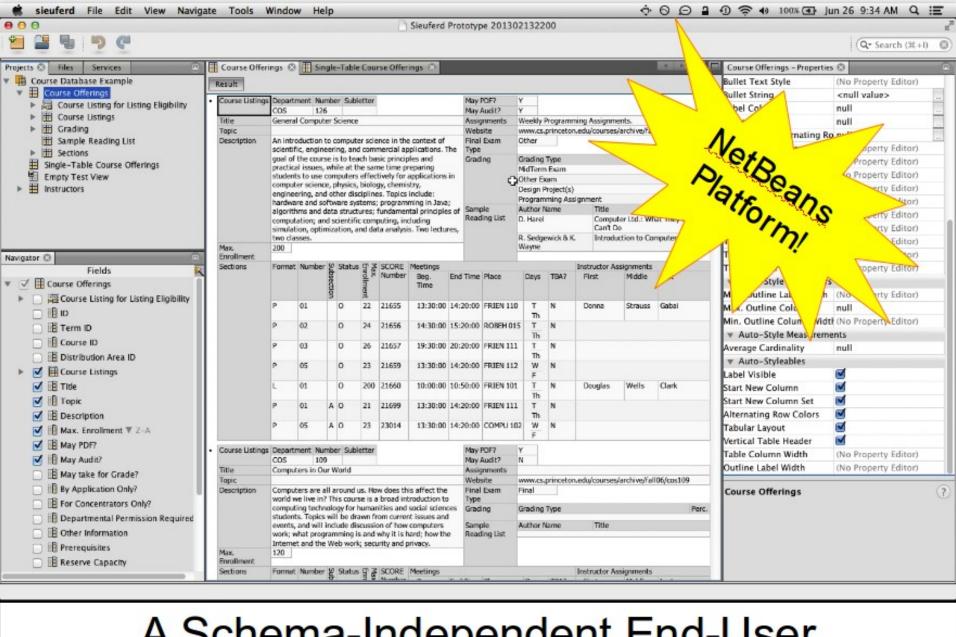
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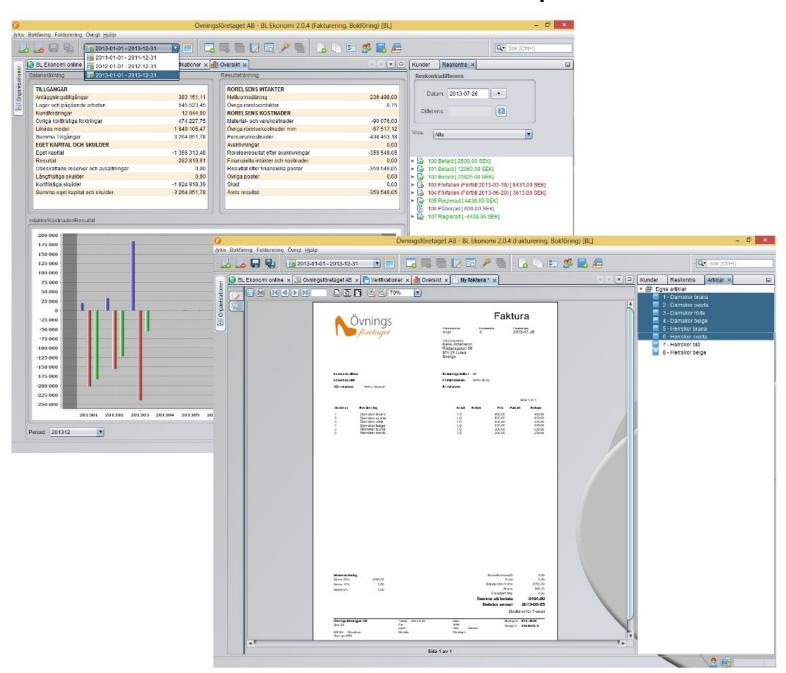
A custom Swing component that provides a spreadsheet-like user interface to arbitrary table-, form-, and report views



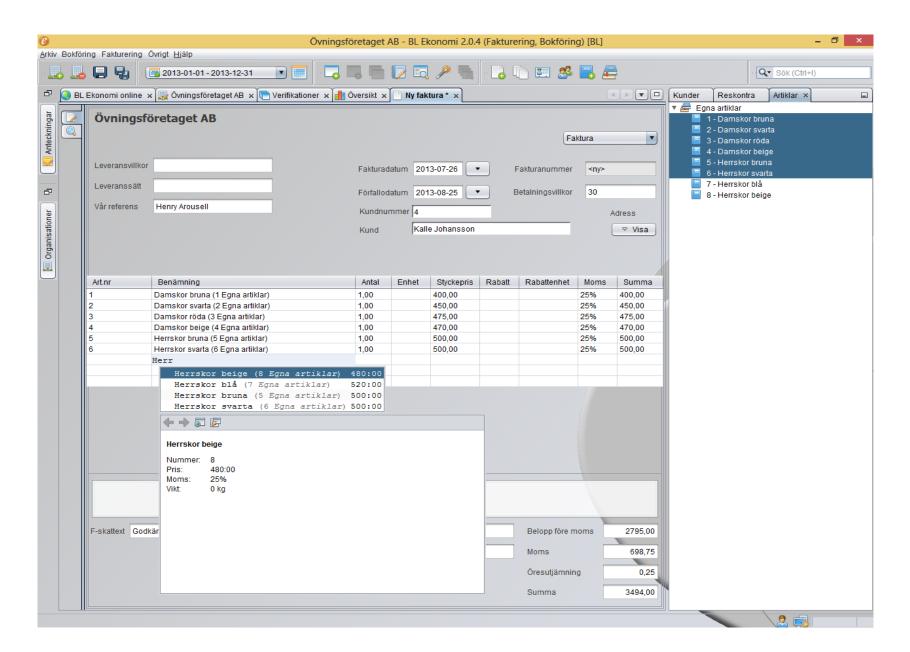


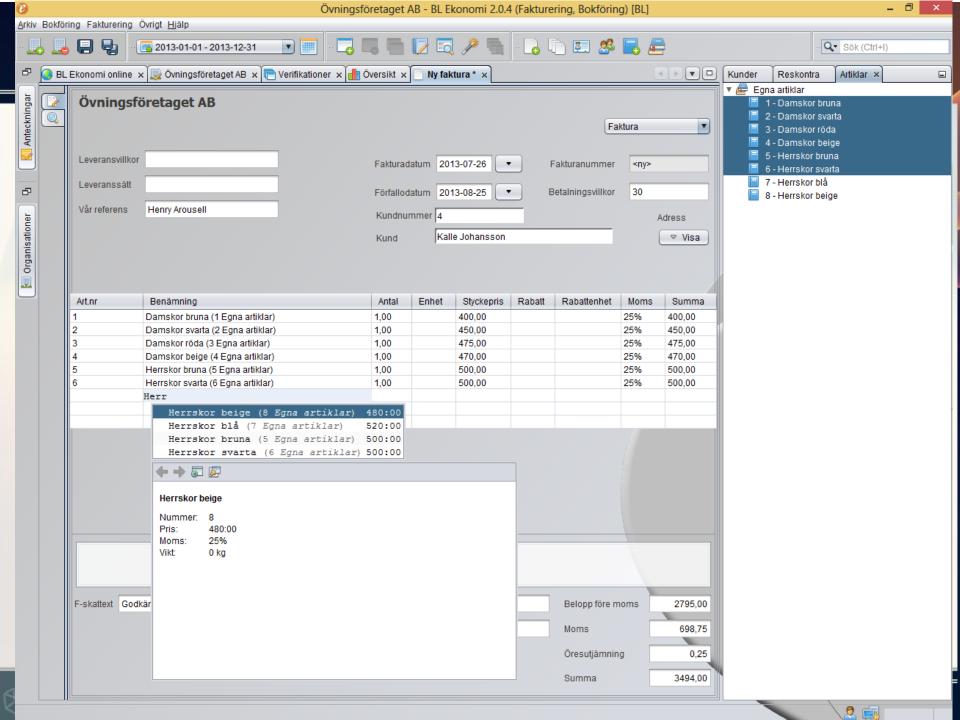
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BL Ekonomi – example screenshots



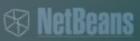
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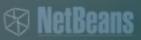
Migrating to NetBeans Platform

- Keep all algorithms, processors, etc.
- Port everything to modules.
- Wrap JPanels in TopComponents.
- Wrap business objects in Nodes.
- Move to BeanTreeView from Jtree, etc.
- Integrate NetBeans RCP features.
- Leverage/reuse as much as you can.
- Focus on domain, not infrastructure.
- Porting is a process.



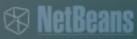
Technical Concepts

- Module
- Lookup for Loose Coupling
- Central Registry
- TopComponent
- Cookies/Capabilities
- Node
- Explorer Views
- Actions: Global/Context Sensitive



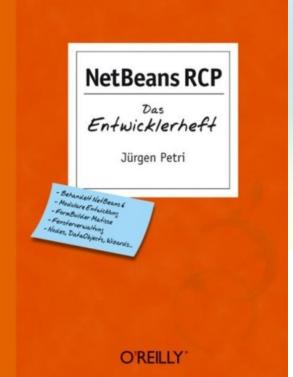
Summary

- NetBeans Platform:
 - Framework simplifying the development of modular, scalable, Swing applications.
 - > Free & open source.
 - > Stable & very extensive.
 - Used internationally in many companies.



Books







Course

- Basic Course
 - Cover all the basic NetBeans APIs.
 - A lot of hands on work & coding.
 - One lecture/one workshop pattern.
 - Very practically oriented, free book.
- Porting Workshop
 - > Brief overview of NetBeans APIs.
 - Step by step guided migration of your app.
 - Simple prototype ready for demo.
- 3 or 5 days, X number of engineers



Resources

- http://wiki.netbeans.org/ NetBeansDeveloperFAQ
- http://platform.netbeans.org/tutorials/ nbm-porting-basic.html
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Questions & Answers



