**Availability**

The primary difference between Struts and JSF is the manner in which they are made available. Struts is an open source program, meaning anyone who wants it can download it free of charge. The program is offered by the Apache Software Foundation. Many different people work on the Apache Struts framework, contributing on their own time. In contrast, JSF is an industry specification created by a choice group of programmers.

**Number of Different Forms**

Another difference between JSF and Struts is that JSF comes in several different forms, including the Reference Implementation from Sun Microsystems and MyFaces from Apache. Struts, on the other hand, only come in one form.

**Level of Controller Architecture**

The level of controller architecture is one of the big differences between JSF and Struts. JSF can only be used to create component-based interfaces with applications. Struts, on the other hand, is used in actually creating the applications themselves. Therefore, Struts provides the user with a much more sophisticated controller architecture.

**"Component" vs. "Action" Framework**

Essentially, JSF is a “component” framework while Struts is an “action” framework. This means that artifacts created while using JSF are created first as individual components, with events that go along with them, and the programming done with them centers around this feature. As an “action” framework, Struts is more page-oriented, meaning that the programmer maps actual addresses to specific activities and codes what the activities are on the back end. In short, Struts works directly with the web page upon which the activity is happening, while JSF is more oriented on the activity itself.

**Ease of Use**

Because JSF does not provide as sophisticated a controller framework as Struts, it is much easier to use. The feature that makes JSF so easy to use is the User Interface, or UI, component library.

**Layout Management**

Struts has a powerful layout management capability, called Tiles. It allows the programmer to control the look of what she is creating across several different web pages. This can give a certain application a more constant look and feel. JSF does not have a feature like this.