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## Wiki Modernization In Progress

 The content on this Wiki is in the process of being updated to reflect modern WebObjects development. Pages that refer to old development techniques, e.g. Xcode, WOBUILDER, etc., will be either updated to reflect the current toolset, or be moved to the [Deprecated](#) section. An [RSS Feed](#) is available for those that want to be updated as pages are modified. **If you have a favorite page that you want to make sure you are in-the-loop on any changes**, you can easily Watch it by selecting *Watch* from the *Tools* popup menu on that page. If you wish to participate in an effort to improve this documentation, send an email to [docs-group-on@wocommunity.org](mailto:docs-group-on@wocommunity.org).

**Special Note:** URLs are changing as part of this effort. Confluence does a good job of guessing what page you wanted if the link you requested no longer exists, so pain should be minimal. This site replaces the [wikibook](#), which has been deprecated.

**WebObjects** is an integrated suite of Java frameworks for rapidly developing scalable, sophisticated Internet and Enterprise applications. It is the most mature platform available for enterprise-level web, web service and java client (three-tier client-server) application development.

It provides a powerful and mature set of Object-Oriented frameworks for managing Object-Relational Mapping ([ORM](#)) to any JDBC-compliant database, Session Management, Undo/Redo/Revert, Ajax, Web Services, full Java Client applications, Rapid Application Development, Streaming Media, file upload/download and many other popular internet and enterprise application technologies.

Originally developed by NeXT Computer Inc., in the mid 1990s, it was ported by Apple to Mac OS X and Mac OS X Server in Objective-C and then completely translated to Java for version 5.0. The latest available release of WebObjects is version 5.4.3, made available as Mac OS X installer package in September, 2008.

It is an incredibly flexible set of frameworks exemplified by Apple's own use of it for such varied applications as the [iTunes Music Store](#), the on-line [Apple Store](#), the [MobileMe](#) group of services including Web-Mail and Calendaring and their [website](#).

It has a very active [developer community](#) and offers excellent support through the very popular [WebObjects Development](#) and [WebObjects Deployment](#) email lists.

## Download WebObjects Here!

 The [WebObjects543.dmg](#) file is the last WebObjects installer package available from Apple (dated September 2008). It installs the WebObjects frameworks and support files as four sub-packages ("WebObjectsDevelopment", "WebObjectsDocumentation", "WebObjectsExamples" and "WebObjectsRuntime"), into the appropriate directories on a Mac OS X system for incorporation into Apple's Xcode 3.1 IDE.

The "WebObjectsRuntime" sub-package is the critical one because it contains the Java libraries (in both "Framework" and jar packaging) required to develop and deploy a WebObjects application. Since such applications are now developed using the multi-platform Eclipse IDE, and not Xcode, and are deployed on as many, or more, platforms, the "WebObjectsRuntime" package is also available for multi-platform use from the community that brings you the page you are reading now!

The currently recommended WebObjects installation procedure for **all** platforms is at Step 2.2 on the [Project Wonder Installation](#) page.



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## License

As of WebObjects 5.3, the deployment of WebObjects-based server applications is now permitted on any platform. The Xcode 3.1 license (The last that included any reference to WebObjects) stated this:

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