

# WebServices - SOAP

## 1. WebServices - SOAP - Introduction

### 1.1. October 15, 2003 - WS-SOAP WebSite Renewed

Thanks to Apache Forrest Team, WS-SOAP website has renewed by using this wonderful [Forrest](#) Tool.

### 1.2. September 15, 2003 - CVS Repository Has Moved

CVS Repository has moved to <http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs/ws-soap/> from <http://cvs.apache.org/viewcvs/xml-soap/>. Repository name is now "ws-soap". For more information, see the [WebServices Homepage \(CVS\)](#)

### 1.3. October 27, 2002 - Nightly Builds Have Moved

Nightly builds have moved to <http://cvs.apache.org/dist/soap/nightly/>. Releases are still at <http://www.apache.org/dyn/closer.cgi/ws/soap/>.

### 1.4. June 10, 2002 - Version 2.3.1 Released

Click [here](#) for a list of changes.

### 1.5. May 31, 2002 - Version 2.3 Released

Click [here](#) for a list of changes.

### 1.6. May 30, 2001 - Version 2.2 Released

Click [here](#) for a list of changes.

### 1.7. February 5, 2001 - Version 2.1 Released

Click [here](#) for a list of changes.

## 1.8. About Apache SOAP

Apache SOAP ("Simple Object Access Protocol") is an implementation of the [SOAP submission](#) to W3C. It is based on, and supersedes, the [IBM SOAP4J implementation](#).

From the draft W3C specification: SOAP is a lightweight protocol for exchange of information in a decentralized, distributed environment. It is an XML based protocol that consists of three parts: an envelope that defines a framework for describing what is in a message and how to process it, a set of encoding rules for expressing instances of application-defined datatypes, and a convention for representing remote procedure calls and responses.

See also the follow-on project: [Apache Axis](#).

## 1.9. License Information

Apache SOAP is available in both source code and precompiled binary (JAR files) form. All Apache SOAP packages are made available under the [Apache Software License](#).