

# NetBeans Community Worldwide

NetBeans has never been more global. The NetBeans community is growing at a fast pace in countries on six continents. And with a number of ongoing localization projects, the IDE and Platform are ever closer to developers around the world. Here we show a sampling of international NetBeans-related projects and initiatives, with special focus on geographical distribution.



The maps in this section are stylized and abstract, not reflecting exact geographic locations and country limits.

## France/Belgium

The popular French-language *developpez.net* portal hosts a very active NetBeans forum and FAQ. This volunteer-driven developer website counts among its members many Java champions, and is a reference in the French-speaking world, being featured as a Top-50 JUG at Java.net.

## Germany

The recent NetBeans User Group Munich meeting brought international NetBeans evangelists and local NetBeans specialists to Munich, Germany, where they delivered presentations to a packed audience (why not create a NUG in your country too?). Also check out the Munich NUG members' Software Quality Environment project (*sqe.dev.java.net*), which provides NetBeans integration for software quality tools such as PMD, FindBugs and Checkstyle.

## Czech Republic



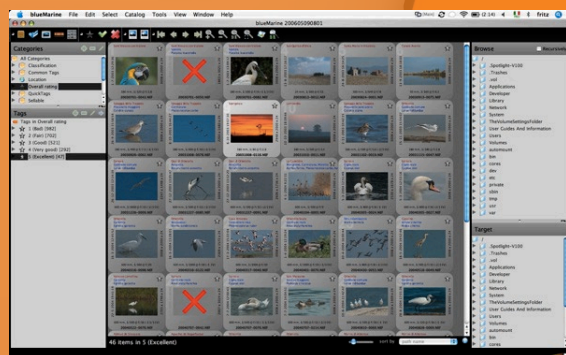
Prague, the Czech capital is the birthplace of NetBeans and home to the core NetBeans development team. Many evangelists and executives have adopted the city as their home. The Mobility Pack is also developed here.

## Kosovo

Kosovo, a small province governed by a United Nations mission, will soon have its localized NetBeans version, with translation to Albanian moving fast. And the Kosovo developer community is already creating national-scale projects using the NetBeans IDE.

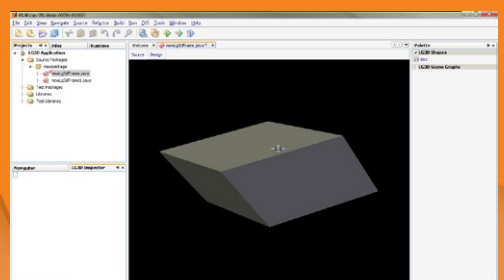
## Italy

The Italian Blue Marine application (*bluamarine.tidalwave.it*) is being ported to the NetBeans Platform. Providing features for managing the digital photography workflow, this beautiful open-source Java application goes beyond photo organization tools, and is very extensible due to its modular design.



## Egypt

In Egypt, the Plethora project, due out later this year, will integrate NetBeans with Project Looking Glass, the open-source 3D platform built with Java 3D. The plug-in module, which is being developed by a group of students in the American University in Cairo, will provide code generation and a form editor.



## U.S.A.

While the core NetBeans development is done in Prague, the lion's share of development for the Visual Web Pack and the Enterprise and C/C++ Packs is done in the United States. And this is where the NetBeans World Tour kicks off every year, at JavaOne, San Francisco.

## Panama

The Panama developer community has been actively adopting NetBeans as their main Java IDE, using it both in university and commercial projects. A sharp and up-to-date blog in Spanish, *avbravo.blogspot.com*, highlights all things NetBeans.

## Brazil

Brazilian Portuguese has been chosen as an additional "official language" for NetBeans (the others are English, Simplified Chinese, and Japanese). By the time you read this, the Brazilian community, with support from Sun and SouJava, will be putting the final touches on the translations. The developer community in Brazil is very active, having started several successful NetBeans projects, such as GreenBox (*greenbox.dev.java.net*), a plug-in module and framework that generates code based on Spring, Hibernate, and JSF.

## Azerbaijan

In Azerbaijan, a large UNESCO-sponsored Java project is being developed on the NetBeans Platform. The Java CDIS/ISIS project will allow users to query UNESCO's text retrieval system, used for bibliographic and other databases throughout the world, especially in developing countries.

## Russia

Russia was the first country to have a community-only localized release of NetBeans 5.0. The leader of the Russian translation effort also co-founded the fast-moving NetBeans Translation Project (*translatedfiles.netbeans.org*). You can bring NetBeans even closer to your community by helping out with the many ongoing localization projects, or by creating a new one for your language.

## China

The BlogTrader Platform (formerly Humai Trader – *humaitrader.dev.java.net*), currently being developed in Beijing, China, is a standalone open-source application built on top of the NetBeans Platform, with source code organized as a NetBeans module-suite project. The tool provides features to track and analyze the stock market, both from historical data and real-time feeds.



## Japan

Japanese speakers have an official all-Japanese NetBeans community at *ja.netbeans.org*. Community members can contribute their own content to the site and translate web content from *netbeans.org*. Sun provides support in reviewing, coordination, and CVS commits.