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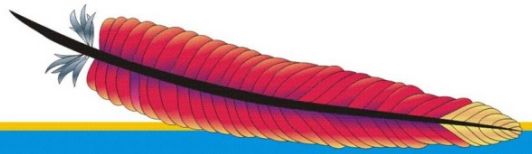

Apache Commons Email

Simplifying the Java Mail API

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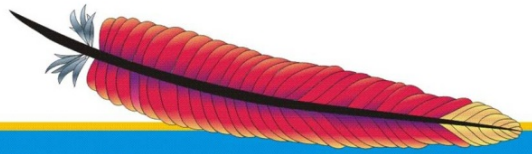
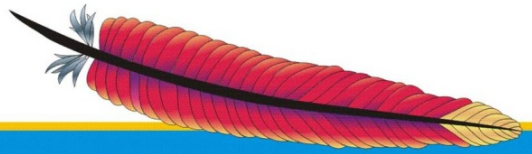
History

- Originally written for Apache Turbine
- Extracted from Turbine in 2001
- Release of version 1.0 in 2005
- Currently working on version 1.3



Motivation

- No more MimeBodyPart, Multipart and DataHandlers
- Simplify creation of emails
  - Adding attachments
  - Creating HTML emails
  - Inline images for HTML emails



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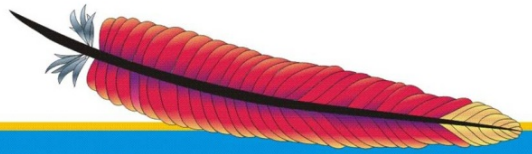
Using SimpleEmail



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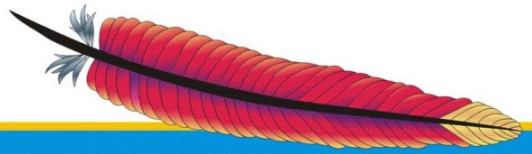
Mail Session Properties



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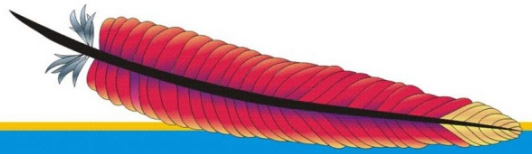

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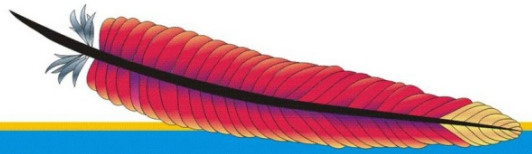

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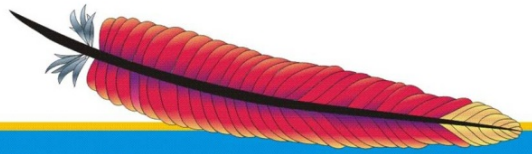
Works with Google Mail



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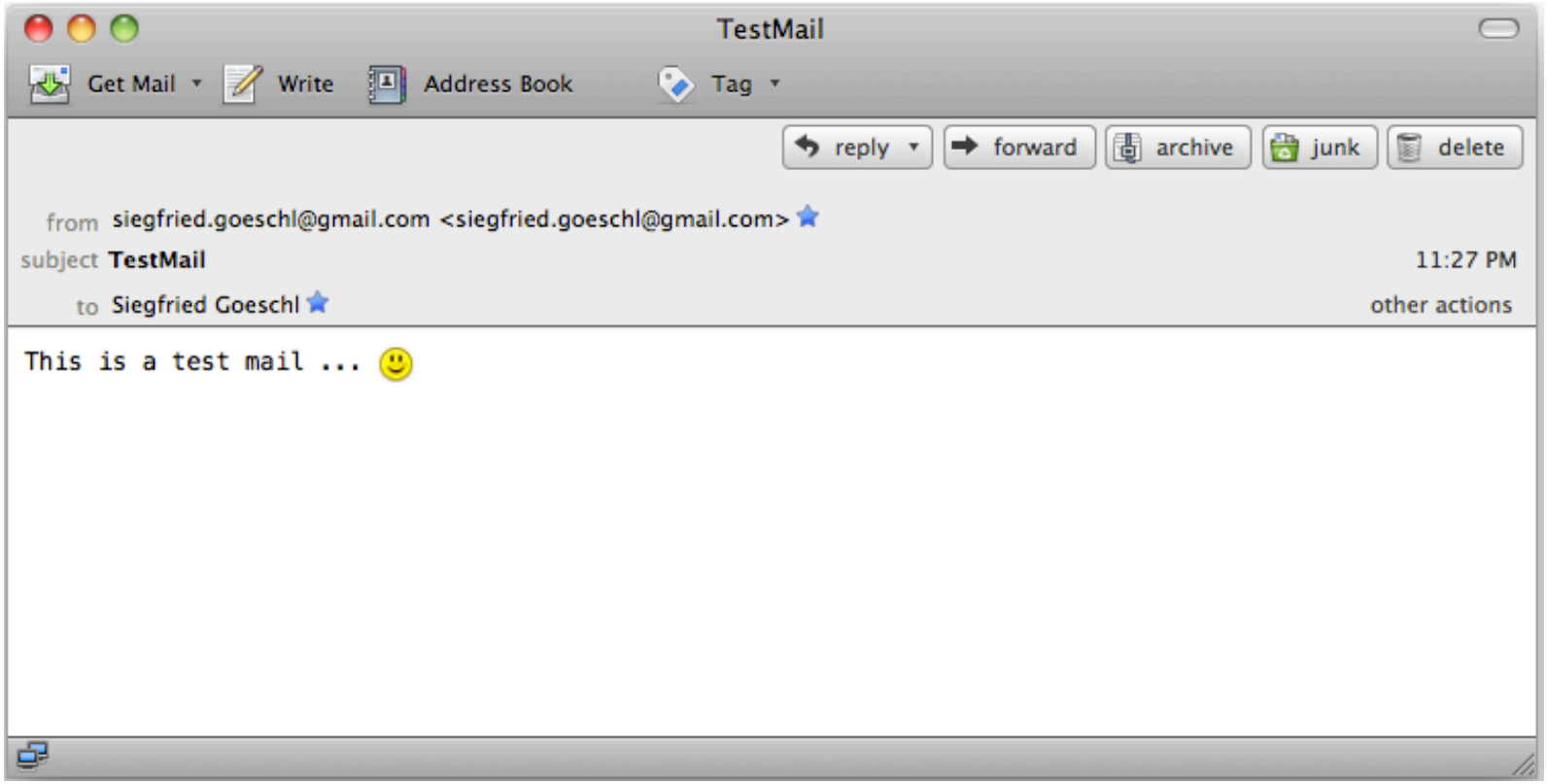
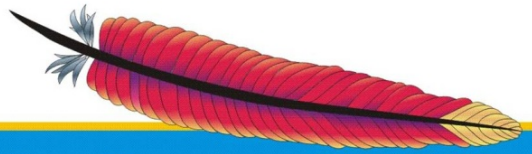


The MultiPart Email

SimpleEmail plus attachments



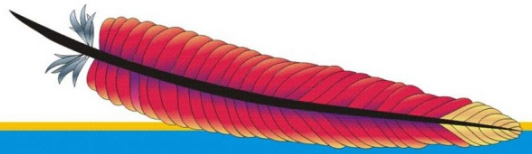
Email With Attachments

```
EmailAttachment attachment = new EmailAttachment();
attachment.setPath(“mypictures/john.jpg");
attachment.setDisposition(EmailAttachment.ATTACHMENT);
attachment.setDescription("Picture of John");
attachment.setName("John");

MultiPartEmail email = new MultiPartEmail();
...

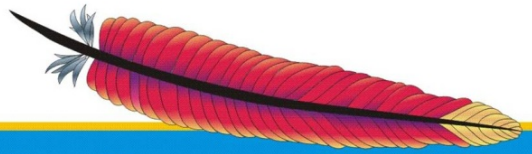
email.attach(attachment);

email.send();
```



The HTML Email

- Plain Text & HTML content
- Attachments
- Supports inline images
  - Image is embedded into the email
  - Requires no internet access when displaying the email
- HTML is not rendered consistently across major email clients



The HTML Email

```
HtmlEmail email = new HtmlEmail();
...

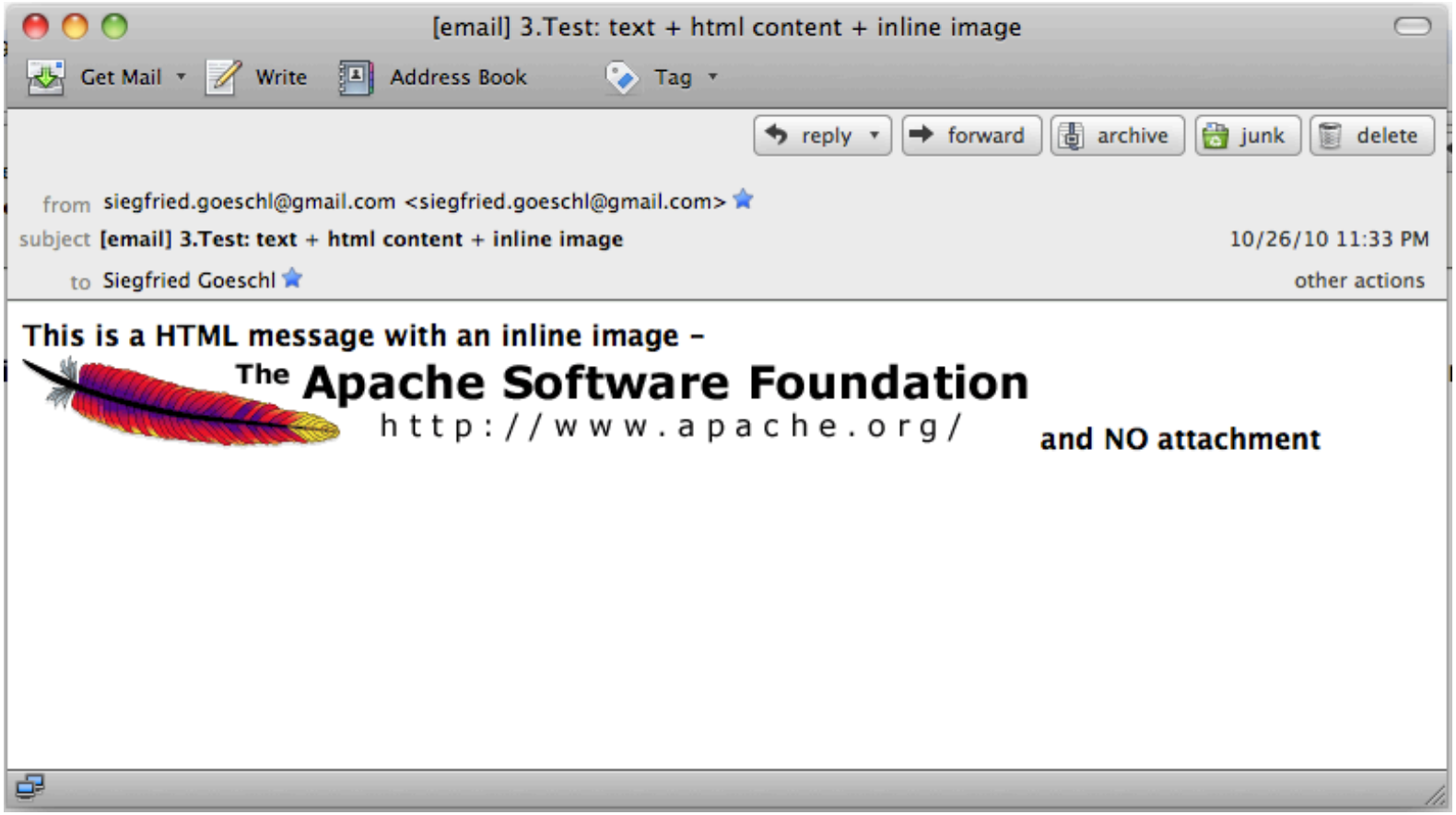
URL url = new URL("http://a.o/images/asf_logo_wide.gif");
String cid = email.embed(url, "Apache logo");

email.setHtmlMsg("<html>This is a HTML message with an
inline image - <img src=\"cid:"+cid+"\"> and NO attachment
</html>");

email.send();
```

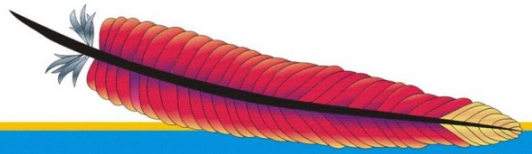
Using an Inline Image

The HTML Email



The Image HTML Email (1)

- Ships with release 1.3
- Resolves all image links to inline images automatically
- Turns a HTML page into an email



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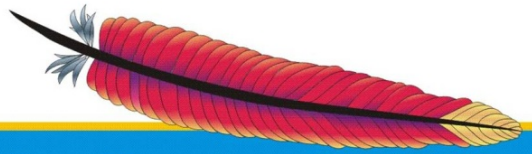
...

URL url = new URL(
   http://nemo.sonarsource.org/project/index/269309?page_id=2
);

email.setHtmlMsg(getFromUrl(url));

email.send();
```



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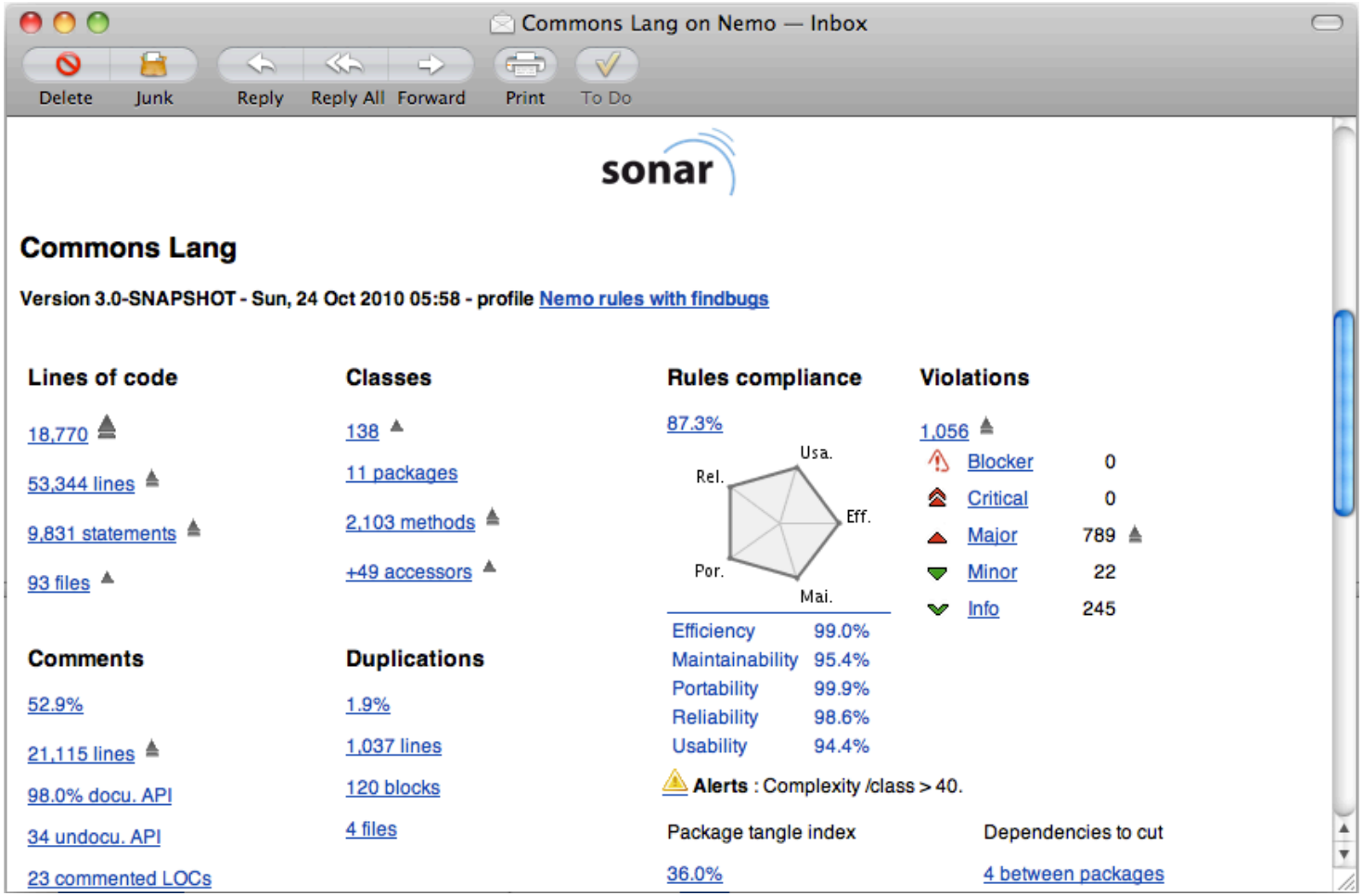

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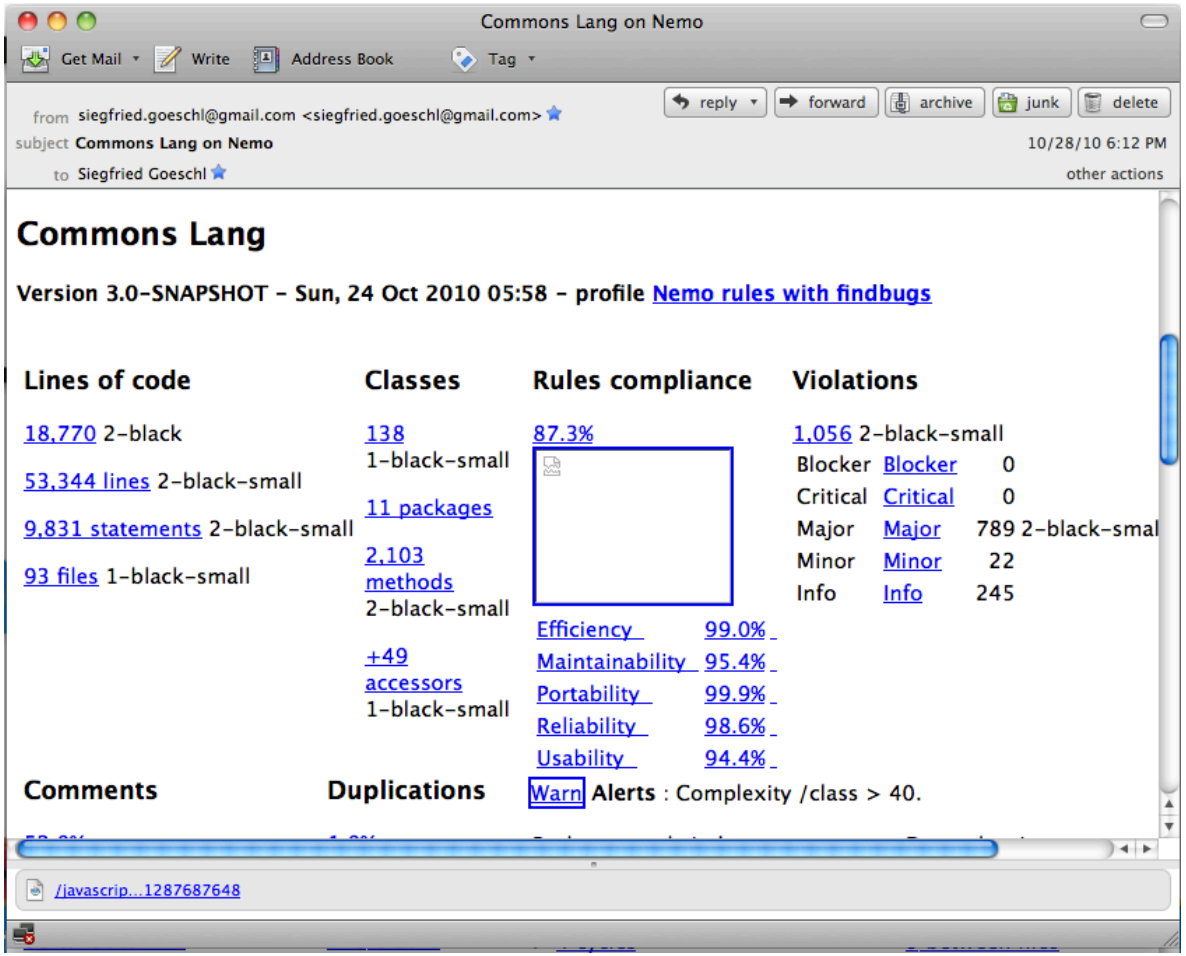
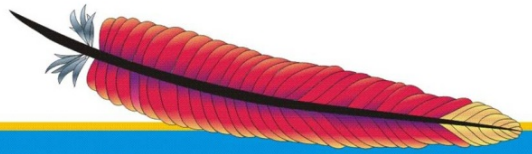
The Image HTML Email (4)



Thunderbird

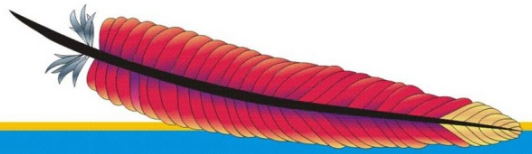
Commons Email Kickstart

- Get the source code
- Update EmailConfiguration
  - Configures access to your SMTP server
- Run the EmailLiveTest
  - Will send a few test mails



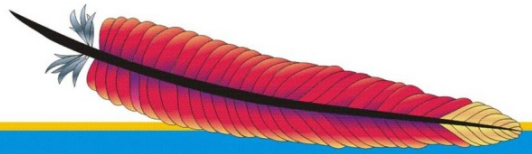
Tips and Tricks

- How to get a Mail Session
  - Implicit creation by using Email.setXXX()
  - Explicitely using Email.setMailSession()
  - Can’t be mixed and matched
- Internationalization
  - Use UTF-8 as charset
  - Non-ASCII attachment names work but violate MIME specification



Tips and Tricks

- Getting the underlying MimeMessage
  - Invoke Emai.buildMimeMessage()
  - Asynchronous processing
  - SMIME signature
  - Batch sending of emails
- When sending emails does not work
  - Email.setDebug(true)



Conclusion

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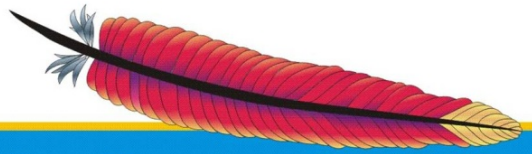
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