

Shailesh Kumar on JavaFX

[Student Views and Reviews](#) recently asked Shailesh Kumar, a Master's student in computer science at the International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore, about his experience with JavaFX. Shailesh has a unique perspective on the programming, having been in the workforce before returning to school, and with a passion for mobile applications. Shailesh said his interest in mobile applications first started with the J2ME gaming challenge, which was a Sun-sponsored contest in 2005. Since then he has worked with multiple mobile application platforms including Windows mobile and Android. The full interview with Shailesh follows. An abbreviated version of the interview can be found [here](#).

Student Views and Reviews: How long have you been using JavaFX?

Shailesh Kumar: I started using JavaFX when the Sun India - Code JavaFX contest was announced, so approximately 8 months ago.

SVR: Did you learn JavaFX at school? If not, how did you learn JavaFX?

SK: No. I learned JavaFX in my spare time.

I followed the tutorials on javapassion.com for most of the syntax and basic how-to examples.

Then I used the API and code examples on the [JavaFX Web site](#) and a few other blogs.

SVR: Where do you use JavaFX in your daily life? Do you use JavaFX for any school projects?

SK: I am most looking forward to developing mobile applications using JavaFX in the near future.

SVR: Do you know other students that are working with JavaFX?

SK: No, unfortunately right now I do not.

SVR: Do you plan to develop JavaFX apps for the Java Store when it is opened to developers outside the U.S.?

SK: Yes. Definitely I plan to develop apps for the Java Store. In fact, I am really looking forward to it.

SVR: What do you like most about JavaFX?

SK: My favorite part of JavaFX is the bind keyword :-). I also really appreciate the ability to mix JavaFX and Java.

SVR: What do you see as the future of JavaFX?

SK: I think probably JavaFX will be positioned as a very good rich graphics alternative to swings.

SVR: How do you think JavaFX compares to other RIA application development programs?

SK: I am not much really with other RIA application development so I can't comment here.

SVR: If you could add one feature to JavaFX right now, what would that be?

SK: I am not sure if this is still relevant, but while developing my application for the JavaFX Coding Challenge I couldn't use the complete capabilities of MMAPI available on mobile phones. I had to stick with only MIDP APIs. Probably, more integration with other APIs would be the feature I am looking for.

SVR: Where can people follow you online?

SK: I have a blog at www.shailesh.co.nr