



# Java EE 6 New features in practice

## Part 2

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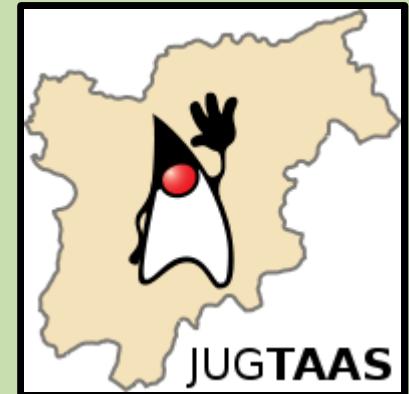
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# Agenda

- Quick summary of part 1;
- Facelets for page decoration;
- Criteria API;
- Conversations;
- AJAX support.

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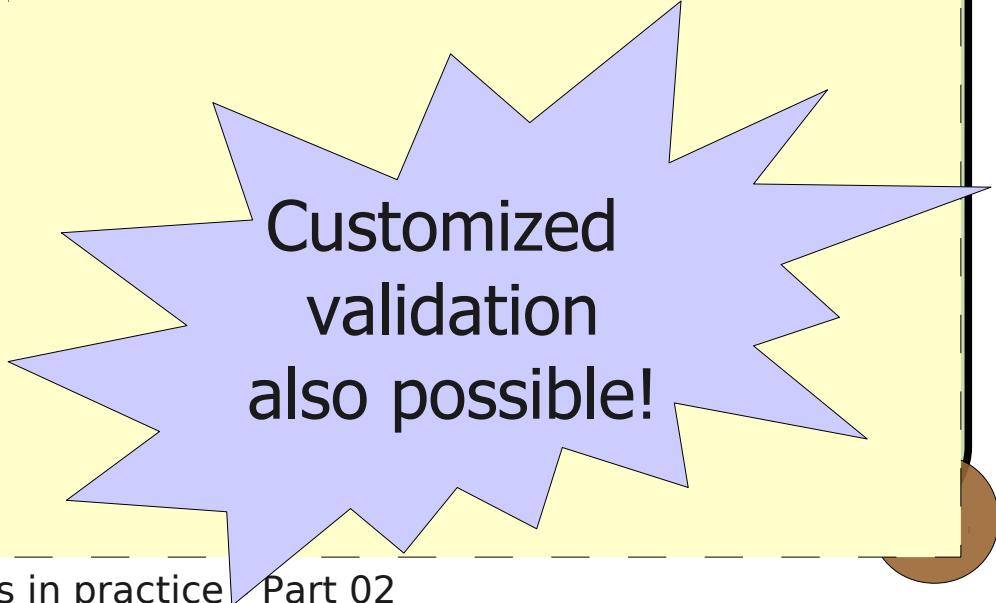
# Quick summary of part 1 (1)

- Java EE 6 (JSR 316), released in December 2009;
  - Platform for development of enterprise applications (scalability, security, accessibility, etc.);
  - New version focuses on flexibility, extensibility and ease of development;
- The platform includes many other technologies:  
Bean Validation, CDI, EJB, EL, JACC, JASPIC, Deployment API, Management API, JavaMail, JAX-RS, JAX-WS, JAXB, JCA, JMS, JPA, JSF, JSP, JSTL, JTA, Managed Beans, Servlet, Web Services Metadata.
- Profiles: standard, Web, more in the future?

# Quick summary of part 1 (2)

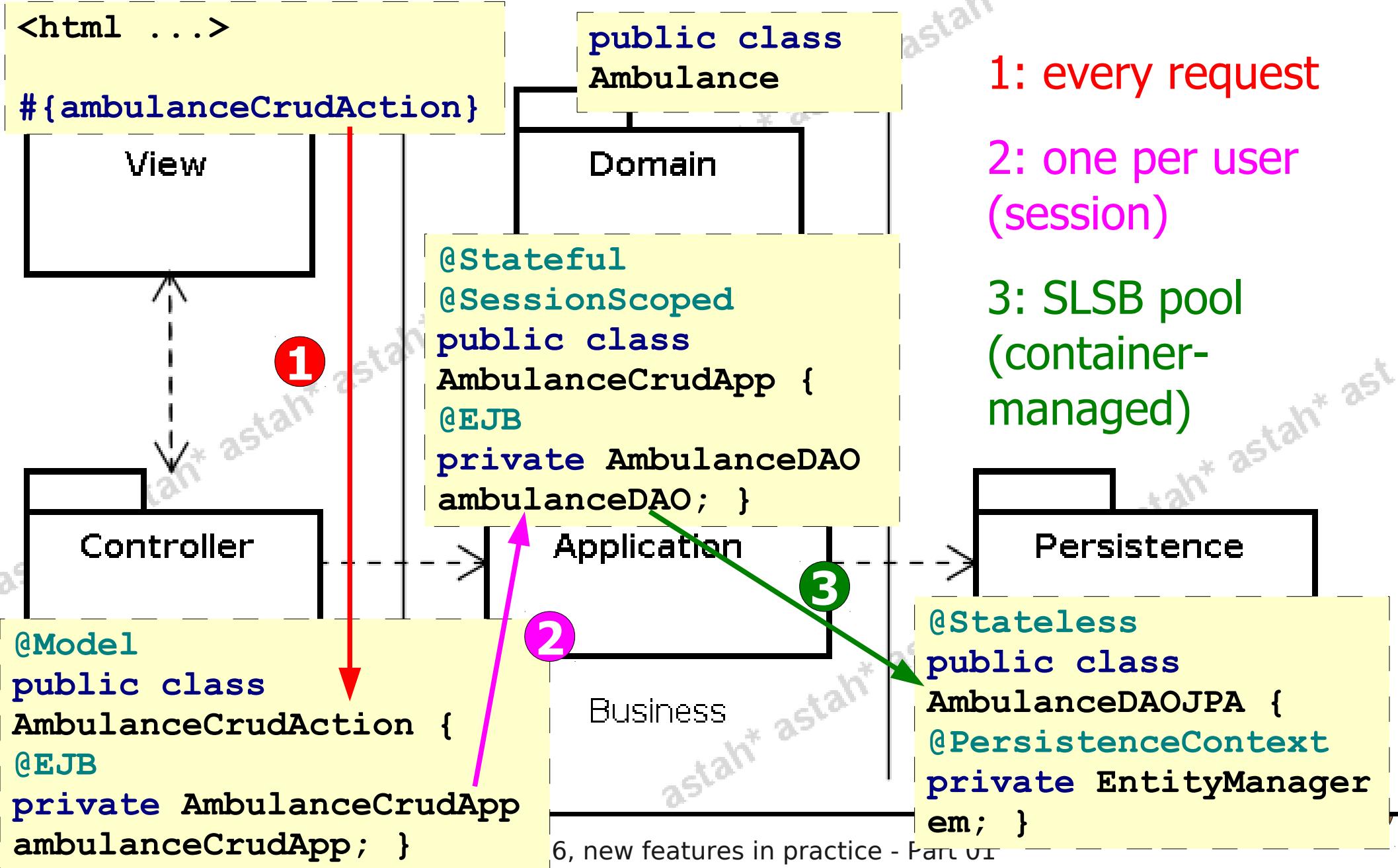
- Tools: GlassFish V3, NetBeans 6.9;
- Example application: ADS;
- Domain objects: POJO + JPA Annotations;
- Bean Validation: annotations on domain classes provide validation across the platform.

```
public class Ambulance extends PersistentObjectImpl {  
    @NotNull  
    private int number;  
  
    @NotNull  
    @Size(min = 8, max = 8)  
    private String licensePlate;  
  
    /* ... */  
}
```



Customized validation also possible!

# Quick summary of part 1 (3) - CDI



# Facelets



# Facelets

- Alternative to JSP for JSF pages (since 2005);
- JSF and JSP are incompatible (see [1]);
- Was framework, became standard in Java EE 6;
- Web pages written in XHTML (verifiable);
- Allows the construction of decorators for pages;
- Allows the creation of custom components.

[1] = [onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2004/06/09/jsf.html](http://onjava.com/pub/a/onjava/2004/06/09/jsf.html)

# Facelets decorators

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
<!DOCTYPE ...>
<html ...>
  <h:head>
    <link href="#{facesContext.externalContext.
      requestContextPath}/arquivos/estilos/style.css"
      rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="screen" />
    <title><h:outputText value="ADS :: " />
      <ui:insert name="title" /></title>
  </h:head>
  <h:body>
    <!-- Header... -->
    <ui:insert name="content">Default text</ui:insert>
    <!-- Footer... -->
  </h:body>
</html>
```

# Using Facelets decorators

```
<!DOCTYPE ...>
<ui:composition xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
                 xmlns:ui="http://java.sun.com/jsf/facelets"
                 xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
                 xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
                 template="/resources/templates/decorador.xhtml">
    <ui:define name="title">Welcome</ui:define>

    <ui:define name="content">
        <h1>Welcome to the ADS</h1>

        <p>Some information...</p>
    </ui:define>
</ui:composition>
```

# Custom components with Facelets

```
<ui:composition ...>
    <table align="center" border="0" cellpadding="3">
        <ui:insert />
    </table>
</ui:composition>
```

form.xhtml

```
<ui:composition ...>
    <tr>
        <td align="right" valign="top">
            <ui:insert name="fieldName" />:
        </td>
        <td><ui:insert /></td>
    </tr>
</ui:composition>
```

field.xhtml

```
<ui:composition ...>
    <tr>
        <td colspan="2" align="right">
            <ui:insert />
        </td>
    </tr>
</ui:composition>
```

button.xhtml

# Using custom components

```
<ui:decorate template="/resources/templates/form.xhtml">
<h:form>
    <ui:decorate template="/resources/templates/field.xhtml">
        <ui:define name="fieldName">Username</ui:define>
        <h:inputText size="15" />
    </ui:decorate>
    <ui:decorate template="/resources/templates/field.xhtml">
        <ui:define name="fieldName">Password</ui:define>
        <h:inputSecret size="15" />
    </ui:decorate>
    <ui:decorate
        template="/resources/templates/button.xhtml">
        <h:commandButton value="Log in" />
    </ui:decorate>
</h:form>
</ui:decorate>
```

# Example of a complex component

```
<ui:composition ...>
    <table border="0" class="formField #{(fieldName == null
or empty facesContext.getMessageList(fieldName)) ? '' :
'formFieldError'}">
        <tr>
            <td class="label #{(fieldName == null or empty
facesContext.getMessageList(fieldName)) ? '' :
'labelError'}" valign="top">
                <ui:insert name="label" /><h:panelGroup
styleClass="star" rendered="#{ (fieldName != null and
facesContext.viewRoot.findComponent(fieldName).required) }">*>
</h:panelGroup>;
            </td>
            <td class="spacing"></td>
            <td class="field #{(fieldName == null or empty
facesContext.getMessageList(fieldName)) ? '' :
'fieldError'}">
                <h:messages for="#{fieldName}" layout="table"
rendered="#{fieldName != null}" />
                <ui:insert />
            </td></tr></table></ui:composition>
```

# JPA 2.0 Criteria API



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# Criteria API

- New in JPA 2.0;
- Before there was JPQL only;
- Similar to Hibernate Criteria API (like JPQL is similar to HQL);
- Allows programmatic construction of queries;
  - Uses objects instead of Strings;
  - Thus, can be verified at compile time.
- Two modes: static and dynamic.

# Criteria API - Dynamic mode

```
public Employee retrieveByUsername(String username) {  
    CriteriaBuilder cb = em.getCriteriaBuilder();  
    CriteriaQuery<Employee> cq =  
        cb.createQuery(Employee.class);  
    Root<Employee> root = cq.from(Employee.class);  
  
    EntityType<Funcionario> model = root.getModel();  
    cq.where(cb.equal(root.get(model.getSingularAttribute(  
        "login", String.class)), username));  
  
    Funcionario funcionario = null;  
    try {  
        funcionario = em.createQuery(cq).getSingleResult();  
    } catch (RuntimeException e) {  
        /* Do something... */  
        return null;  
    }  
  
    return funcionario;  
}
```

Dynamic

# Criteria API - Static mode

```
public Employee retrieveByUsername(String username) {  
    /* Same stuff before... */  
  
    cq.where(cb.equal(root.get(EmployeeJPAMetamodel.login),  
        username));  
    /* Same stuff after... */
```

Static

```
package it.unitn.disi.ads.core.persistence;  
  
import it.unitn.disi.ads.core.domain.Employee;  
import it.unitn.disi.ads.core.domain.EmployeeType;  
import javax.persistence.metamodel.SingularAttribute;  
import javax.persistence.metamodel.StaticMetamodel;  
  
@StaticMetamodel(Employee.class)  
public class EmployeeJPAMetamodel {  
    public static volatile SingularAttribute<Employee, String> name;  
    public static volatile SingularAttribute<Employee, String> login;  
    public static volatile SingularAttribute<Employee, String>  
        password;  
    public static volatile SingularAttribute<Employee, EmployeeType>  
        type;  
}
```

# Dynamic x Static

```
EntityType<Funcionario> model = root.getModel();  
cq.where(cb.equal(root.get(model.get_singularAttribute(  
    "login", String.class)), username));
```

Dynamic

```
cq.where(cb.equal(root.get(EmployeeJPAMetamodel.login),  
    username));
```

Static

- Dynamic model uses String (prone to error);
- Static model requires an extra class (meta-model);
  - Code generators could easily help here...

# Conversations in CDI



# CDI Scopes

- Determine when beans exist and are bound;
- Are extensible: create your own scope;
- Five scopes already provided:
  - Defined by the Servlet API: Request, Session, Application;
  - Dependent scope: the bean's scope is the same as the bean that injected it;
  - Conversation scope: a collection of requests within a session, established programmatically.

# Conversations

- Are **transient** by default;
- Transient conversations begin/end with the request;
- Can be programmatically changed to **long-running**:

```
public class ReceiveCallAction {  
    @Inject  
    private Conversation conversation;  
  
    public void someMethod() {  
        if (conversation.isTransient()) conversation.begin();  
  
        /* ... */  
    }  
}
```

# Conversations

- Long-running conversations last until programmatically ended:

```
public class ReceiveCallAction {  
    @Inject  
    private Conversation conversation;  
  
    public void someOtherMethod() {  
        /* ... */  
  
        If (! conversation.isTransient()) conversation.end();  
    }  
}
```

- Objects with conversation scope are bound to that context until the conversation ends.

# Conversations

- Propagation:
  - If navigation is done through JSF (e.g. `<h:commandLink />`), propagation is automatic;
  - Otherwise, you can use `?cid=X` in the URL;
- Conversation management:
  - Conversation ids can be changed (give it a name);
  - Conversations can be stored in a collection of a session-scoped bean;
  - User can change the active conversation using the `cid` parameter in the URL.

# AJAX Support



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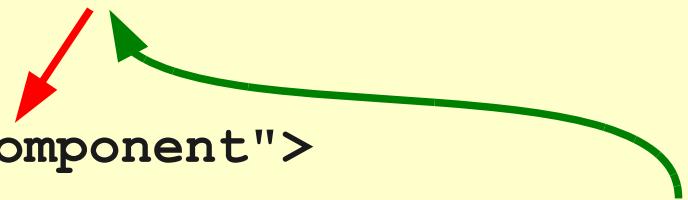
# Support for AJAX in JSF 2.0

- New tag <f:ajax />;
- Attributes:
  - event: which event should trigger the request (action, blur, change, click, ...);
  - listener: method to execute when the event occurs;
  - execute: data to submit in the request (@all, @none, @this, @form, component IDs);
  - render: what should be redrawn (@all, @none, @this, @form, component IDs).

# AJAX Examples

```
<h:form id="form">
    <h:commandButton action="#{myBean.doSomething() }"
        value="Do Something">
        <f:ajax render=":form:anotherComponent" />
    </h:commandButton>

    <h:panelGroup id="anotherComponent">
        <!-- ... -->
    </h:panelGroup>
</h:form>
```



Full name reference

# AJAX Examples

```
<h:form id="form">
    <h:inputText id="value" value="#{myBean.value}" />

    <h:commandButton action="#{myBean.doSomething()}"
        value="Do Something">
        <f:ajax render=":form:anotherComponent"
            execute="value" />
    </h:commandButton>

    <h:panelGroup id="anotherComponent">
        <h:outputText value="#{myBean.value}" />
    </h:panelGroup>
</h:form>
```

Local name reference

# AJAX Examples

```
<h:form id="form">
    <h:inputText id="name" value="#{myBean.obj.name}">
        <f:ajax event="blur" render="acronym"
            listener="#{myBean.suggestAcronym}" />
    </h:inputText>

    <h:inputText id="acronym" value="#{myBean.obj.acronym}" />

    <!-- ... -->
</h:form>
```

@Named

```
public class MyBean {
    private DomainObject obj = new DomainObject();
    public DomainObject getObj() { return obj; }

    public void suggestAcronym(AjaxBehaviorEvent event) {
        String acronym = /* Calculate an acronym. */
        obj.setAcronym(acronym);
    }
}
```

# AJAX and Bean Validation

- 1 - Add validation annotation to your entities;
- 2 - Use the entity to exchange data with JSF (model-driven);
- 3 - Use a Facelets custom component to put fields in the form;
- 4 - Add `<f:ajax />` to form fields, blur event, re-render the whole Facelets component;
- 5 - In your Facelets component code, check for JSF messages on that field and change color if there are errors.

# Remembering Bean Validation

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# Finally, the form

```
<ui:decorate template="/templates/form.xhtml">
  <h:form id="form">
    <h:panelGroup id="numberField">
      <ui:decorate template="/templates/field.xhtml">
        <ui:param name="fieldName" value="form:number" />
        <ui:define name="label">Number</ui:define>
        <h:inputText id="number"
          value="#{ambulanceCrudBean.ambulance.number}">
          <f:ajax event="blur" render="numberField" />
        </h:inputText>
      </ui:decorate>
    </h:panelGroup>

    <!-- ... -->

  </h:form>
</ui:decorate>
```

# Conclusions

- Facelets can provide decorator templates and custom components for forms and etc.;
- The Criteria API allows us to check our queries at compile time in exchange for increased complexity in the code;
- Conversations provide a new scope to which objects can be bound, also allowing for management of multiple conversations;
- JSF 2.0 comes with built-in AJAX support.

# Would you like to know more?

- Part 3, if you're interested, talks about:
  - JAAS, the Java Authentication and Authorization Services – manage users in the Application Server;
  - Servlets 3.0: what's new in the oldest specification of Java for the Web;
  - More JPA 2.0: new JPQL commands;
  - EJB enhancements: no-interface EJBs, singleton EJBs, asynchronous methods.



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