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Web Development in Java Part I





Outline of part I

- Basic concepts: what are Web Applications?
- History & evolution of WebApps;
 - Quick demonstrations;
- Java EE overview;
- Tools for Java EE Web Profile development;
- Learning in practice the Java Hostel demo:
 - Decoration with Facelets;
 - Pages and controllers in JSF;
 - Wiring components with CDI;
 - Persistence with JPA.



So you've mastered Java...





What is a Web Application?

- A distributed system;
- Access via a Web browser:
 - HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP);
 - HTML, JavaScript, CSS, ...;
 - Popular and ubiquitous user client.
- Similarity to "vanilla" (non-Web, regular) applications:
 - Composed of GUI, business rules, domain data, persistence media, etc.;
 - Can range from a "Hello, world!" to very complex, millionsof-users, MLOCs systems.

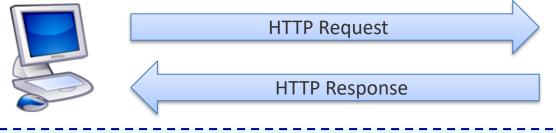


It started with the (static) Web

 Born in 1989 as a more effective communication system for CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research).



Looks for index.html file, merges with headers and sends back





Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the WWW

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Fri, 15 Apr 2005 22:12:30 GMT

Server: Apache/1.3.26 [...]

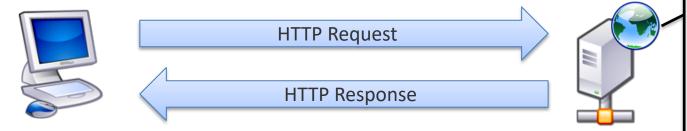
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Soon enough pages were built dynamically

```
GET /index.cgi HTTP/1.0
Host: www.site.com
[...]
```



1: Runs a program associated with index.cgi;

2: Program returns text contents in HTML

3: Merges the result with HTTP headers and sends it back to client.

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Web Development was born

- Web Development consists in writing programs that respond to requests using HTTP and produce results in a browser-compatible language (not just HTML!);
- Many components involved:
 - The Web server;
 - The Web pages, style sheets, scripts, images, etc.;
 - Code in a programming language;
 - Existing APIs, frameworks, libraries.



Evolution of Web technologies

- 1993: CGI Common Gateway Interface C, C++, Fortran, Perl, etc.;
- 1994: Macromedia Coldfusion, PHP;
- 1995: Microsoft ASP;
- 1996: Java Servlets;
- 1999: JavaServer Pages (JSP);
- **-** ...
- Today: Rich Internet Applications
 - AJAX, HTML5, REST, responsive, single-page, etc.



A brief word on AJAX

- AJAX = Asynchronous JavaScript and XML;
- Still request-response, that hasn't changed!
- JavaScript makes a smaller request, using an object called XMLHttpRequest;
- Small XML chunks are exchanged between browser and server, with partial data;
- The webpage's Document Object Model (DOM) is manipulated;
- Only parts of the page are changed as result.



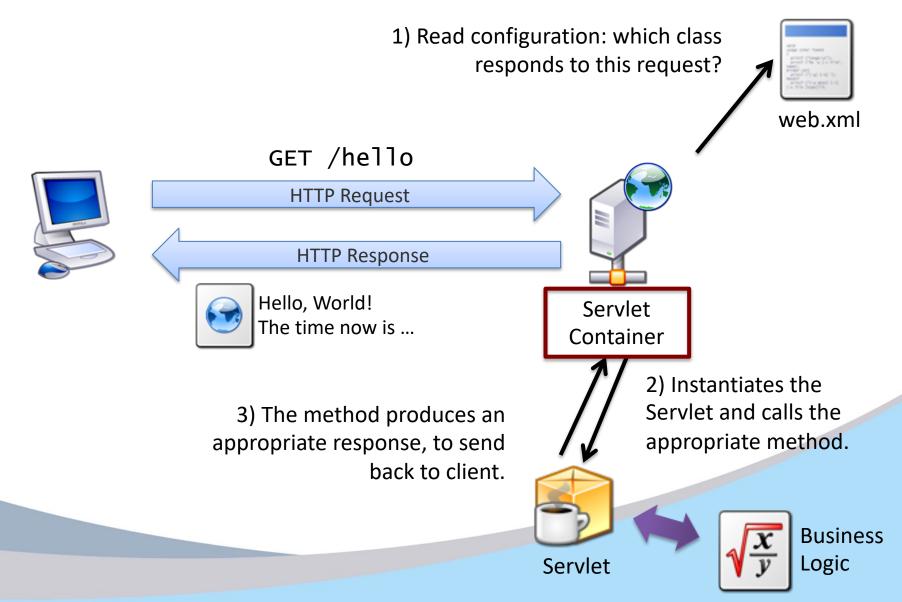


Evolution of Java Web technologies

- 1995: official launch, in the beginning was the Applet;
- 1996: Java Servlets;
- 1999: JavaServer Pages (JSP);
- 1999: J2EE platform (1.3 in 2001, 1.4 in 2003);
- 2000: Apache Struts, pioneer MVC framework;
- 2004: JavaServer Faces;
- 2006: Java EE 5;
- 2009: Java EE 6;
- 2013: Java EE 7;
- 2017: Java EE 8.

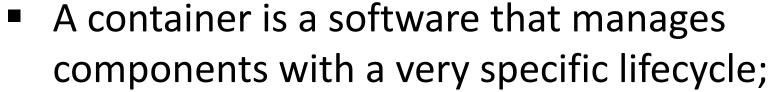


Java Servlets





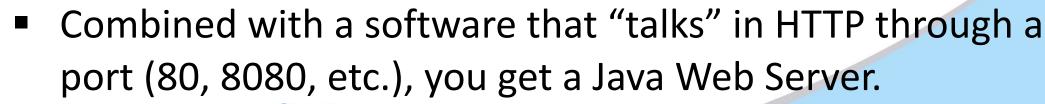
Container???







- A Servlet (one of many such components):
 - Is created when its URL is requested;
 - Executes a method that corresponds to the request;
 - Is collected by the GC after the response.















Back to Servlets...

- Not necessarily for the Web;
- The Web Servlet, the most used one, implements javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet:
 - doGet(), doPost(), etc.;
 - init(), destroy();
 - HttpServletRequest/Response;
 - response: setContentType(), getWriter().



Java Servlets



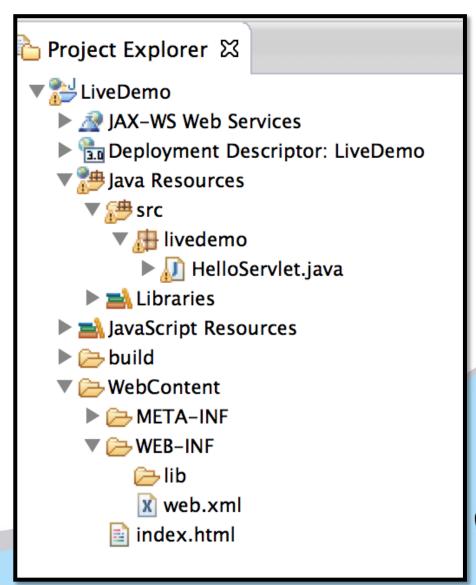
Live Demo





Completing the Web Application

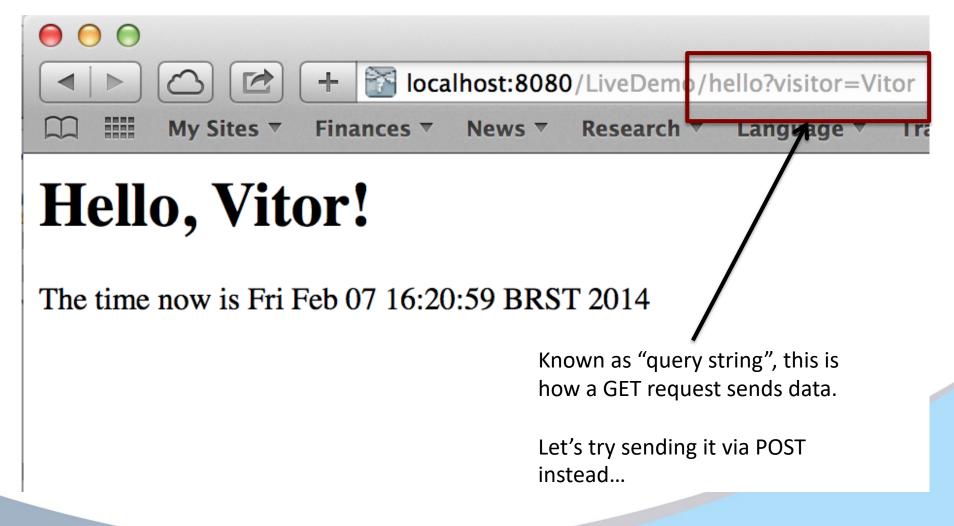
- A default index.html webpage;
- A form in the page sends data to the Servlet: name of the visitor;
- The Servlet now says "Hello, <visitor's name>" instead.







GET and POST requests







Fast forward to Servlets 3.1...

- Annotations for URL mapping;
- Asynchronous requests;
- Non-blocking I/O;
- HTTP upgrade protocol;
- Security upgrades against session fixation attacks;

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Etc.





Servlets are annoying

Writing an entire page with a PrintWriter:

```
try (PrintWriter out = resp.getWriter()) {
  out.write("<html><head><title>Hello!</title></head><body>");
  out.write("<h1>Hello, " + req.getParameter("visitor") + "!</h1>");
  out.write("The time now is " + new Date() + "");
  out.write("</body></html>");
}
```

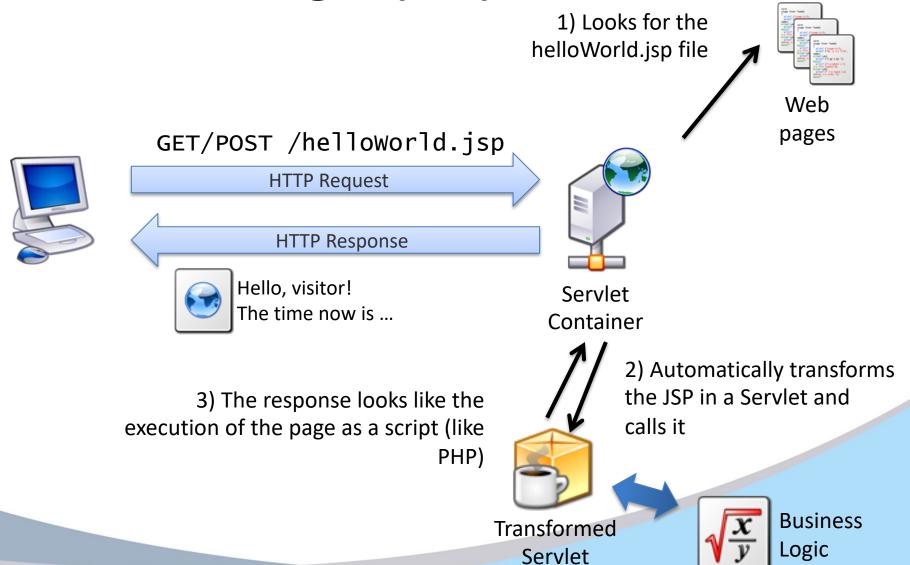
Map Servlets to URLs:

```
@WebServlet(name = "HelloServlet", urlPatterns = {"/hello"})
```

(Also, remember that initially Servlets had to be mapped in web.xml!)



JavaServer Pages (JSP)





JSP Standard Tag Library

- Tag Libraries provide tags that encapsulate functionality common to many JSP applications;
- JSTL defines a standard set of tags that all Java Web Servers must implement (standardization effort):
 - Core: variable support, flow control, URL management, miscellaneous;
 - XML: XML transformation and other functions;
 - I18N: locale setting, message formatting, number/date formatting;
 - SQL: database operations;
 - Functions: collection length, string manipulation.



JSP Standard Tag Library

• Examples:

```
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
<c:forEach var="item" items="${sessionScope.cart.items}">
</c:forEach>
<c:set var="bookId" value="${param.Remove}"/>
<jsp:useBean id="bookId" type="java.lang.String" />
<% cart.remove(bookId); %>
<sql:query var="books" dataSource="${applicationScope.bookDS}">
    select * from PUBLIC.books where id = ?
    <sql:param value="${bookId}" />
</sql:query>
<c:url var="url" value="/catalog" >
    <c:param name="Add" value="${bookId}" />
</c:url>
<strong><a href="${url}">
```



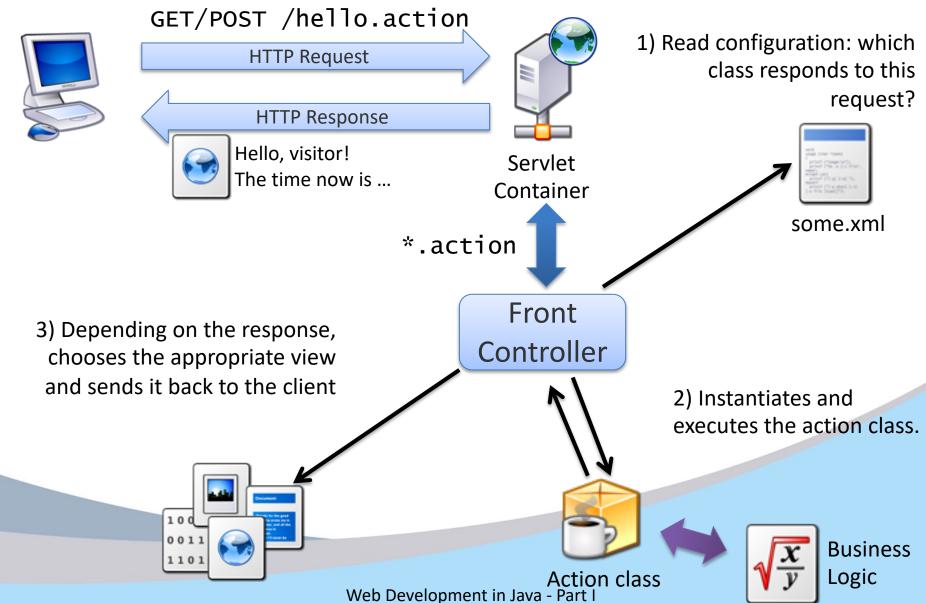
Something wrong with this model...

Not the ideal place for business logic:

```
<html>
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<%
Connection conn;
PreparedStatement stmt;
conn = Database.connect();
stmt = conn.prepareStatement("SQL");
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
// Business logic here...
stmt = conn.prepareStatement("SQL");
stmt.executeUpdate();
%>
[\ldots]
</html>
```



Model 2 or MVC





Model-View-Controller



Born in the 1970s for Smalltalk in the Xerox PARC;



Originally for GUIs (Swing also based on it);



But also well-suited for the Web:



 Web pages and other Web resources are the view: focus on presentation;



- Your business logic is the model: information and functionality, independent of presentation;
- The framework and your action classes are the controller: mediator between model and view.



Example in Struts²

```
<s:form namespace="/examples" action="calculateAge" method="post">
  <s:textfield label="Name" name="name" />
  <s:textfield label="Birth date" name="birthDate" />
                                                                From the Struts<sup>2</sup>
  <s:submit value="Calculate Age" />
</s:form>
                                                                tag library, by the
                                                                     way...
public class CalculateAgeAction extends ActionSupport {
  private String name;
  private Date birthDate;
  private int age; // + getters and setters
  public String execute() throws Exception {
     age = calculateDifference(birthDate, new Date());
     return SUCCESS;
```

Hello \${name}, you are \${age} years old.





Further room for improvement...

- Low productivity due to lack of reusable components;
- Vast range of frameworks, no standard;
- Lack of good IDE support (related to previous issues);
- Separation of roles could be further improved.





JavaServer Faces

- Standard specification:
 - 1.0, 1.1 in 2004, 1.2 in 2006 (Java EE 5), 2.0 in 2008 (Java EE 6), 2.1 in 2010, 2.2 in 2013 (Java EE 7);
 - Currently in version 2.3, part of Java EE 8;
- Builds on the idea of reusable components;
- Similar to an MVC framework:
 - Component-based instead of action-based;
 - Represents UI components and manages their state;
 - Event handling;
 - Navigation control;
 - Component tag library.

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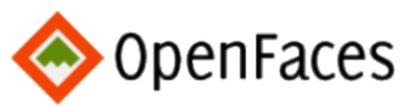


JSF component libraries









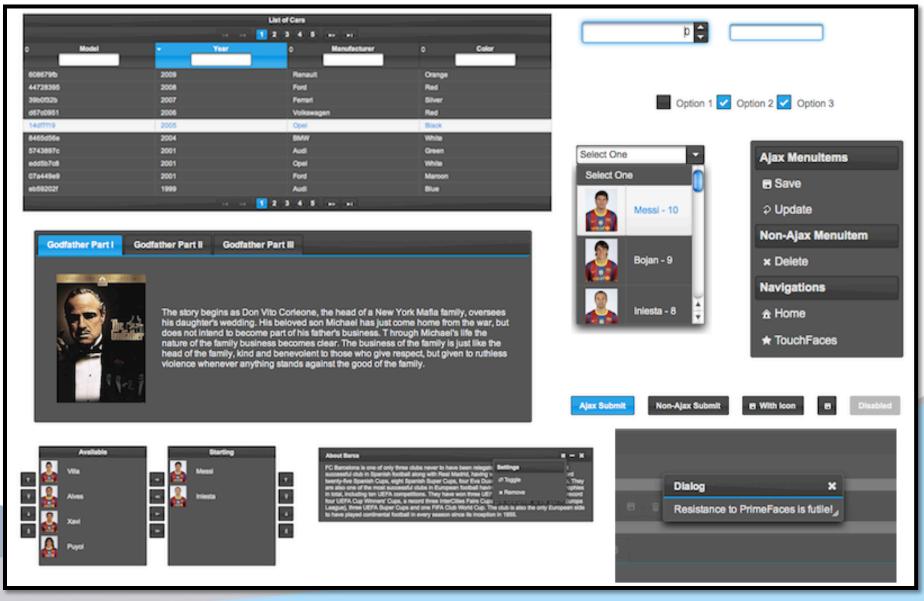




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JSF component libraries





JavaServer Faces



Live Demo





Java Editions

Standard Editions:

- Java 1.0 (1996);
- Java 1.1 (1997);
- J2SE 1.2 (1998);
- J2SE 1.3 (2000);
- o J2SE 1.4 (2002);
- Java 1.5 / Java 5 (2004);
- Java SE 6 (2006);
- Java SE 7 (2011);
- Java SE 8 (2014);
- Java SE 9 (2017);
- Java SE 10 (2018.03);
- Java SE 11 (2018.09);
- Java SE 12 (2019.03).

Enterprise Editions:

- JPE project (1998);
- J2EE 1.2 (1999);
- o J2EE 1.3 (2001);
- o J2EE 1.4 (2003);
- Java EE 5 (2006);
- Java EE 6 (2009);
- Java EE 7 (2013);
- Java EE 8 (2017).



Java for the enterprise

- Sun Microsystems started with extensions for enterprise Java customers. Examples:
 - JNDI: Java Naming and Directory Interface;
 - JTS: Java Transactions Service;
- Loose extensions were confusing at first, so eventually Sun joined them together in a platform: J2EE;
- Sun provided the spec, a reference implementation and a compatibility test suite to certify application servers;
- [Application Programming | Service Provider] Interface:
 - Programmers write code to the API;
 - Vendors implement the API via SPIs.





Remember containers?

- Java EE application servers are also containers to:
 - Servlets;
 - Enterprise Java Beans;
 - Transactions;
 - o Etc.

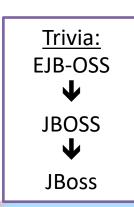


J2EE 1.2		
JDBC Standard Extension API	2.0	
Java Naming and Directory Interface Specification (JNDI)	1.2	
RMI-IIOP	1.0	
Java Servlets	2.2	
JavaServer Pages (JSP)	1.1	
Enterprise JavaBeans (EJB)	1.1	
Java Message Service API (JMS)	1.0	
Java Transaction API (JTA)	1.0	
JavaMail API	1.1	
JavaBeans Activation Framework (JAF)	1.0	



Enterprise Java Beans

- At the core of J2EE:
 - Session EJBs provided functionality;
 - Entity EJBs represented domain concepts and provided persistence;
 - Message-driven EJBs respond to events.
- Unfortunately, it suffered a lot of problems:
 - Very complex API, drifted away from OO;
 - Persistence of Entity EJBs was terrible;
 - Poor performance.
- Got eventually replaced by "lightweight" frameworks, such as Hibernate and Spring Framework.





De facto vs. de jure

- Popularity of frameworks led to a major change of standards;
- Beginning in Java EE 5, many of its technologies were "inspired" by frameworks:
 - JPA is just like Hibernate (Gavin King led the spec);
 - CDI uses dependency injection, like Spring;
 - Facelets provides decoration like Sitemesh/Tiles;
 - JSF has MVC-like behavior.

If you can't win...



Java EE 6: pruning and Web Profile

Java EE 6 Web Profile	
Bean Validation	Common Annotations for the Java Platform
CDI (Contexts and Dependency Injection) for the Java EE Platform	EJB (Enterprise Java Beans) Lite
EL (Expression Language)	Entity Beans
JACC (Java Authorization Service Provider Contract for Containers)	Interceptors
Java EE Deployment API	JASPIC (Java Authentication Service Provider Interface for Containers)
JavaMail	Java EE Management API
JAX-RS (Java API for RESTful Web Services)	JAX-RPC (Java API for XML-based RPC)
JAXR (Java API for XML Registries)	JAXB (Java Architecture for XML Binding)
JMS (Java Messaging Service)	JCA (Java EE Connector Architecure)
JSF (JavaServer Faces)	JPA (Java Persistence API)
JSTL (Standard Tag Library for JavaServer Pages)	JSP (JavaServer Pages)
Managed Beans	JTA (Java Transaction API)
Web Services Metadata for the Java Platform	Servlet



The JavaHostel Tutorial

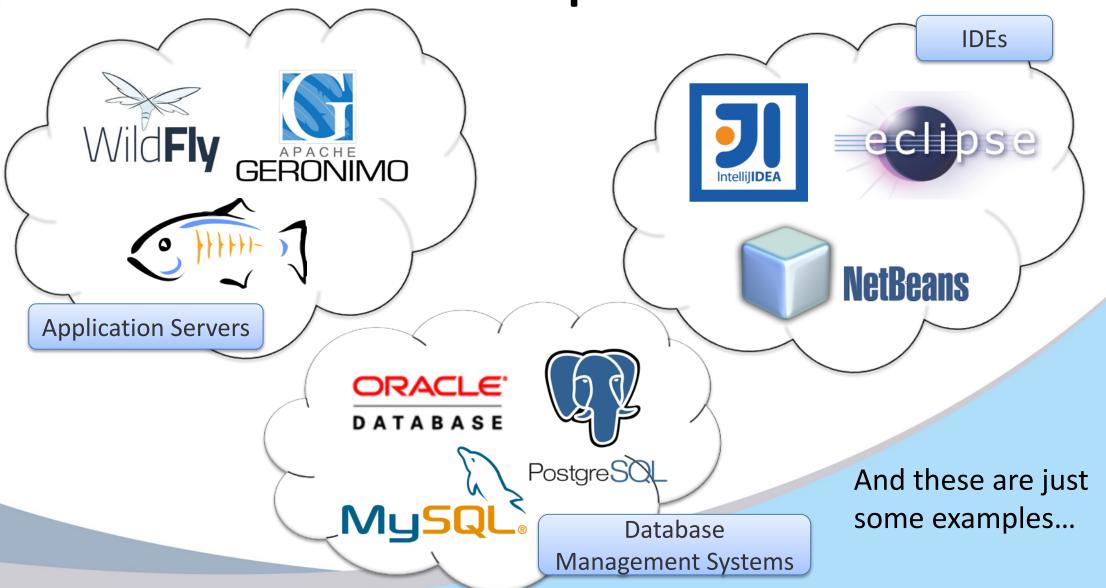


Learn by example

- Overview of some of the main Java EE (Web Profile) technologies:
 JSF, Facelets, CDI, JPA;
- Development of a simple but real application: the website for a hostel;
- Detailed instructions (a bit outdated) in my blog:
 - http://www.inf.ufes.br/~vitorsouza/blog/developing-a-java-ee-6-webprofile-application-from-scratch
- Other resources:
 - https://github.com/feees/Sigme/wiki/Como-obter-e-executar-o-Sigme (in Portuguese);
 - https://github.com/dwws-ufes/jbutler/wiki.



Tools for Java EE development





Our choice for this tutorial



WildFly 17 (formerly JBoss Application Server)
http://wildfly.org



Eclipse IDE 2019.06 http://www.eclipse.org

MySQL Community Server 8.0 http://www.mysql.com



Workbench

Connector/J



Installation instructions

https://github.com/dwws-ufes/jbutler/wiki/Tutorial00

Tool installation and configuration

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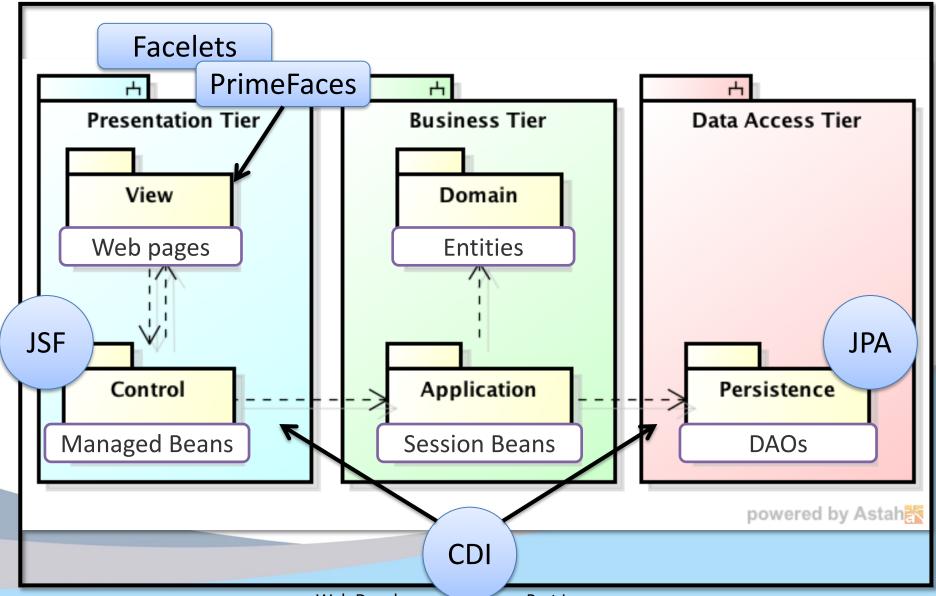
Set-up Eclipse to work with WildFly

To deploy our application in WildFly during development more easily, it's recommended to integrate the IDE Eclipse with the application server WildFly. This is done with some tools provided by JBoss/Red Hat, which can now be installed in a more straightforward way in the latest Eclipse version:

- 1. Open Eclipse;
- 2. Click at the menu Help > Eclipse Marketplace...;
- 3. In the Find: field, type JBoss and click Go;
- 4. Locate JBoss Tools 4.12.0.Final (or a more recent version) and click Install, then Confirm >, select I accept the terms of the license agreements and click Finish. Wait for installation and restart Eclipse afterwards;
- 5. Open the Servers view (if not visible, use the Window > Show View menu);
- 6. Click on the "No servers are available. Click this link to create a new server..." link, which is shown when the Servers view is empty. Alternatively, right-click the blank space at the Servers view and select New > Server;
- 7. Under JBoss Community folder, select WildFly 17. Click Next twice;
- 8. Fill in the server's directory (pointing it to \$\text{\$WILDFLY_HOME}\$, whatever that is in your system) and click *Finish*.



My proposed architecture





Database creation and connection

https://github.com/dwws-ufes/jbutler/wiki/Tutorial00

Set-up WildFly to connect to MySQL

WildFly we need server is

Database creation and set-up

We will use JPA (Java Persistence API), one of the Java EE standards, persisting our objects in a relational database stored in the MySQL server. We will, therefore:

- 1. Create a database schema named oldenburg;
- 2. Create a database user named dwws with password dwws;
- 3. Give user dwws full permission for the schema oldenburg.

(For all example applications that I develop during the *Web Development and the Semantic Web* course I teach --- whose acronym, in Portuguese, is DWWS --- I use the same database user dwws. You can use whatever username and password suits you best, as long as you configure the datasource later with the same credentials.)

To do that, use MySQL Workbench. Once you open it, connect to the server using the *root* user (the administrator) and you should see a screen similar to the figure below (it's from an older version, so you might need to adapt a bit). If you see an error message at the bottom of the screen indicating that a connection to the server could not be established, click on *Server* > *Startup/Shutdown* and click the button to start the server.

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Overview of the tutorial

Create the project with the appropriate configuration;

Apply a decorator so it looks good right away;

Facelets

Write domain classes and create the DB schema;



Implement the guest registration feature.







I'm confused...





1 - Initial project configuration

- Some Java EE technologies require configuration:
- CDI:
 - WEB-INF/beans.xml;
- JSF:
 - WEB-INF/faces-config.xml;
 - Resource bundles, locale, navigation rules, etc.;
 - Not used in JavaHostel;
- JPA:
 - META-INF/persistence.xml;
 - Data source, persistence provider and its properties.



- Multiple JPA providers:
 - The container has one (or more) implementation(s): WildFly →
 Hibernate, GlassFish → EclipseLink;
 - You can add your favorite one to the container;
- JPA Providers are not standard (persistence.xml is):
 - Hibernate: hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto = create;
 - EclipseLink: eclipselink.ddl-generation = create-tables;
- Once JPA is configured, the container is ready to provide us with an Entity Manager, which can perform ORM operations (we'll get there);
- CDI and JSF just needs the configuration file to be there...



2 - Decoration with Facelets

- Download an existing template (or make your own);
- Create a decorator file: HTML file with placeholders for parts of the page;
- Apply the decorator to all pages;
- You can have different decorators for different sections, different users/roles, etc.;
- We will use XHTML (HTML + XML) from now on.
 Trust me, it's better.



Facelets is based on JSF:

```
xmlns:ui="http://java.sun.com/jsf/facelets"
xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
```

- The decorator is a standard (X)HTML page, but:
 - <h:body> and <h:head> allow JSF features to work;
 - Tags in the decorator show where content goes:

```
<ui:insert name="title" />
<ui:insert name="contents">Blank page.</ui:insert>
```

Default value if page doesn't provide contents for a specific section.



Pages that use the decorator are not HTML documents, but Facelets compositions:

```
<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/decorator.xhtml">
```

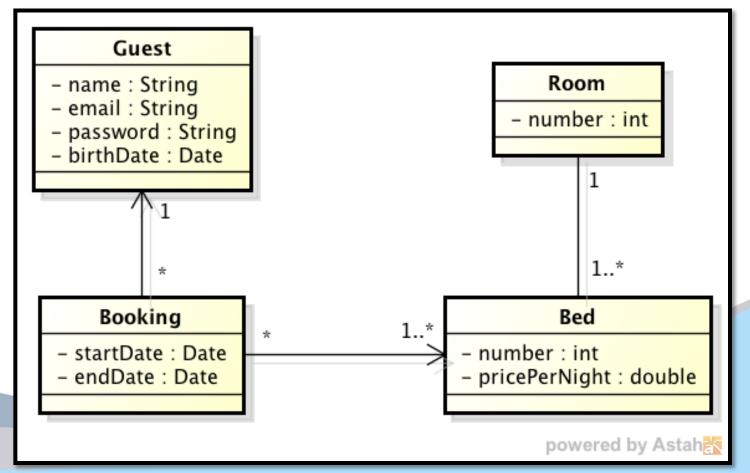
Pages only need to worry about their contents. No need to repeat layout code:

CSS also helps a lot...



3 - Let's talk about the domain

Implement the following domain classes, plus tell JPA how to map them to relational database tables:





Each class that maps to the RDB is called an Entity:

```
@Entity
public class ...
```

• Although not mandatory, entities should have artificial IDs to serve as PKs (again, trust me, it's better):

```
@Id @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)
private Long id;
```

Simple attributes need no annotation (but if must, you can use @Basic):

```
@Basic
private String name;
```



Dates can store date-only, time-only and date/time:

```
@Temporal(TemporalType.DATE)
private Date birthDate;
```

 Associations can be one-to-many, many-to-one and many-to-many. Use standard collections:

```
@ManyToOne private Guest guest;
@OneToMany private Set<Bed> beds;
```

 Bi-directional associations need to be connected with the other side (or there will be 2 associations!):

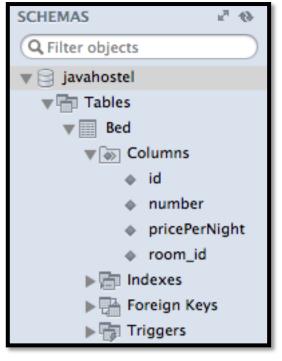
```
@OneToMany(cascade = CascadeType.ALL, mappedBy = "room")
private Set<Bed> beds;
```

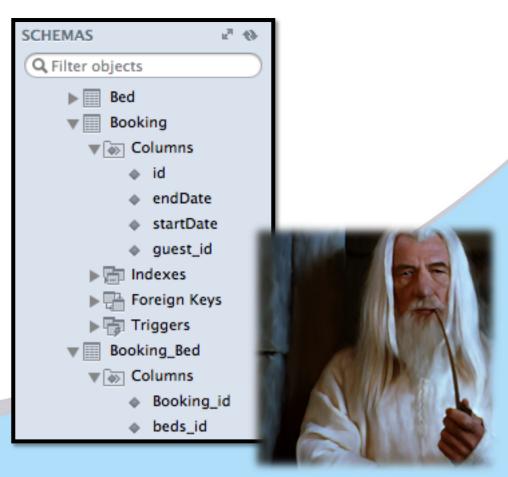


4 - Database schema creation

cproperty name="hibernate.hbm2ddl.auto" value="create"/>









5 - Finally, a feature!

- Guest registration:
 - Guest enters her name, birthDate, email and password;
 - If guest is underage, display a message explaining minors cannot register;
 - Otherwise, save the information in the database and display a success message.





JSF Page

JSF Expression Language / CDI



```
<h:inputText id="name"
                                         @Named
value="#{registrationController
                                         public class
.guest.name} __size="30" />
                                         RegistrationController
                                         implements Serializable {
<h:inputText id="birthDate"
value="#{registrationController
                                               Guest getGuest()
.quest.birthDate} " SIZE="10">
                                             . String register()
 <f:convertDateTime
pattern="dd/MM/yyyy" />
                                            YgetName() ...
 </h:inputText> JSF Converters!
                                           \ setName() ...
                                            \quad getBirthDate()
<h:commandButton
                                             setBirthDate()
action="#{registrationControlle
r.register} "__value_"Register
/>
                                                           Guest.java
```



JSF page <-> controller communication

- Whenever a JSF page is rendered, EL is interpreted:
 - I.e., #{registrationController.guest.name} becomes registrationController.getGuest().getName();
 - The registrationController object is created for you;
- When you send the next request to the server, JSF will update the state of the components at the controller:
 - I.e., registrationController.getGuest().setName(n) is called, where n = contents of the field;
 - This happens in any request, not only the ones that call registrationController.someMethod()!
- If the field has a formatter, it parses/formats the data.



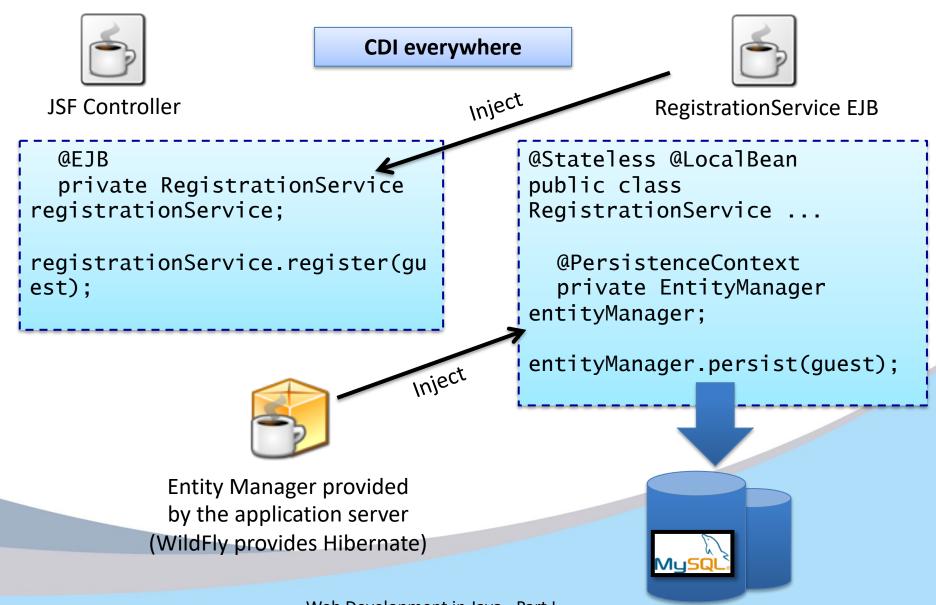
Enters CDI



- Why is this particular class instantiated when the EL refers to registrationController?
 - @Named creates a default EL reference;
 - You can change the default: @Named("regCtrl");
- When is this object created? How many are created?
 - @SessionScoped = one per session (client);
 - There are other scopes: request, conversation, application, flash (this last one is JSF, not CDI);
- There is much more to CDI...



CDI meets **EJBs**





EJB stuff

- @Stateless = no state = no object attributes;
 - The container can have a share <u>pool</u> of instances;
 - To store state, use @Stateful, then give it a scope;
 - An EJB can also be @Singleton now;
- @LocalBean means the EJB is not split between interface and implementation;
 - Now that I think about it, it should have been...
 - Remote vs. local interface.





Back to JSF

Where to go after the controller executes?

```
catch (UnderAgeGuestException e) {
   age = e.getAge();
   return "/registration/underage.xhtml";
}
return "/registration/success.xhtml";
```

- Returning null or void, the same page is reloaded;
- You can also have navigation rules in faces-config.
- Data from the controller is shown in the result page:

```
Composed controller contr
```



Next

- More on JSF: AJAX support, converters, formatters, i18n,
 Facelets components, etc.;
- More on CDI: scopes, producers, qualifiers, interceptors, decorators, events, etc.;
- More on JPA: element collections, bean validation, JPQL, criteria API, etc.;
- More on EJBs: authorization, local/remote interfaces, singleton EJBs, asynchronous invocations, etc.;
- Use a JSF component library (e.g., PrimeFaces).