

Java SE 6: Top 10 Features

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The JDK 6 Top 10

- 1. Scripting
- 2. Web Services
- 3. Database (JDBC 4.0, Java DB)
- 4. More Desktop APIs
- 5. Monitoring and Management
- 6. Compiler Access
- 7. Pluggable Annotations
- 8. Desktop Deployment
- 9. Security
- 10. Quality, Compatibility, Stability



1. Scripting (Will be covered in other presentation in detail)

Motivation for Scripting Support

- Provides developers an opportunity to leverage the advantages of different languages in the same application
- Extends scripting languages using the powerful Java technology libraries
 - > Reuse of code modules in other programming languages
- Produces an environment in which developers and end users can collaborate to create more useful, dynamic applications
 - By delivering Java applications that can be customized via scripts by users of the applications



Scripting

- Scripting for the Java Platform (JSR 223)
 - Mechanism for configuring script engines into Java SE
 - > APIs for mixing script fragments into Java applications
- A JavaScript engine is included in Sun's implementation of Java SE 6
 - Mozilla Rhino engine
- Conformant scripting engines
 - > scripting.java.net



Scripting – Developer Example

```
// create a ScriptEngineManager
ScriptEngineManager m = new ScriptEngineManager();

// get an instance of JavaScript script engine
ScriptEngine engine = m.getEngineByName("js");

// evaluate a script
engine.eval("alert(\"Hello World!\")");
```



Demo: Scripting over Java SE

- Build and run ScriptPad sample app from JDK 6 samples
 - You can build and run as NetBeans project
- Executing JavaScript code
- Invoking Java methods from JavaScript code



2. Web Services



Web Services Support on Java SE 6 Platform

- JAX-WS
- Data binding using JAXB 2.0
- Updates to the JAXP, which includes StaX
- Standards supported
 - > SOAP 1.2
 - > WS-I Basic Profile 1.1
 - > XML-binary Optimized Packaging (XOP) and SOAP Message Transmission Optimization Mechanism (MTOM)
 - > Representational State Transfer (REST)
 - > Totally on XML schema



API Support

- Java SE 6 provides support for the JAX- WS web services stack.
 - > For the client side: Service class for creating proxy
 - > For the server side: Endpoint class for publication



Server-Side Programming Model

- 1. Write a Plain Old Java Object (POJO) implementing the service.
- 2. Add @WebService to it.
- 3. Optionally, inject a WebServiceContext
- 4. Publish the Web service endpoint through **Endpoint.publish()** method
 - > WSDL is automatically generated at runtime
- 5. Point your clients at the Web Services Description Language (WSDL), for example:
 - > http://myserver/myapp/MyService?WSDL



Publishing Endpoint

- The publish methods can be used to start publishing an endpoint, at which point it starts accepting incoming requests.
- The stop method can be used to stop accepting incoming requests and take the endpoint down
- Publish using the HTTP server embedded in Java SE 6.
- Supports reasonable defaults for threading.
- Creates WSDL and publishes it at runtime:
 - > http://localhost/calculator?WSDL



Publishing an Endpoint

```
@WebService
public class Calculator {
    @Resource
    WebServiceContext context;
    public int add(int a, int b) {
        return a+b;
// Create and publish an endpoint
Calculator calculator = new Calculator();
Endpoint endpoint = Endpoint.publish
      ("http://localhost/calculator",calculator);
```



Client-side Programming

- 1. Point a tool at the WSDL for the service
- Generate annotated classes and interfaces through a tool
- 3. Call new on the service class.
- 4. Get a proxy using a getxxxPort method.
- 5. Invoke any remote operations.



Example: Java SE-based Client

```
// Create a Service object
CalculatorService svc = new
    CalculatorService();

// Create a proxy from the Service object
Calculator proxy =
    svc.getCalculatorPort();

// Invoke a Web service operation
int answer = proxy.add(35, 7);
```



Demo: Web Services over Java SE

- Build and run EBay Web service and client from JDK 6 samples
 - You can build and run as NetBeans project



3. Database



JDBC 4.0 Support

- Updated the developer APIs (JDBC 4.0)
 - Exception handling improvement
 - New subclasses of SQLException
 - Enhanced BLOB/CLOB functionality
 - >SetClob(), createClob()
 - > SQLXML Data Type (from SQL 2003)
 - > XML is a first-class data type no longer need to use CLOBs to access XML data element



Java DB

- Java DB based on Apache Derby
 - > JDBC conformant all-Java relational database
 - > Bundled and pre-configured in JDK



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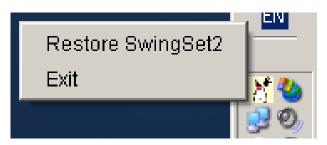
- AWT improvements
 - > Tray icon
 - > Splash screen
 - > Desktop class
 - Dialog Modality enhancements and API
 - > Text printing
- Swing improvement
 - > GroupLayout basis for NetBeans GUI Builder (Matisse)
 - > JTable sorting and filtering
 - > SwingWorker



Tray Icon

- Lets you access the system tray in your Java application
 - > SystemTray
 - > Traylcon
- Give you the ability to add graphics, popup menus, and floating tip functionality to the system tray









Tray Icon: Usage



Splash Screen: Overview

- Allows displaying a splash screen for the application instantly—before the JVM™ software starts!
 - > GIF, PNG, and JPEG images supported
 - > Transparency, translucency, and animation supported
 - Closed automatically when first top-level window displays
- Java API to control the splash screen from the application:
 - Change image, get position, close
 - Paint over the splash screen using standard java.awt.Graphics2D, for instance for progress indication



Splash Screen: Usage

Display from command line
 java -splash:image.gif TheApp

• Display from MANIFEST.MF

Splashscreen-Image: image.gif

Painting

```
SplashScreen splash =
        SplashScreen.getSplashScreen();
Graphics2D g = splash.createGraphics();
// your painting code here
splash.update();
```



Desktop Class

- New class: java.awt.Desktop
 - Has an enumeration of actions that may be supported for a file or URI
 - BROWSE, EDIT, MAIL, OPEN, and PRINT
- Depends on platform capabilities to work:
 - > Desktop.isDesktopSupported()
- File processing:
 - Opening, editing, and printing files with applications registered in native system
- Browsing:
 - Opening a URL with the default browser
- Email:
 - Sending a message with the default mail client



Demo: Desktop API

- Build and run sample applications
 - > Tray icon
 - > Splash screen
 - Desktop class



Dialog Modality Enhancement

- New modality model is introduced
 - This new model allows the developer to scope, or limit, a dialog box's modality blocking, based on the modality type that the developer chooses
 - Allows windows and dialog boxes to be truly parentless
 - Solves the problem of interacting with JavaHelp in J2SE 1.5 when modal dialog box is on the front

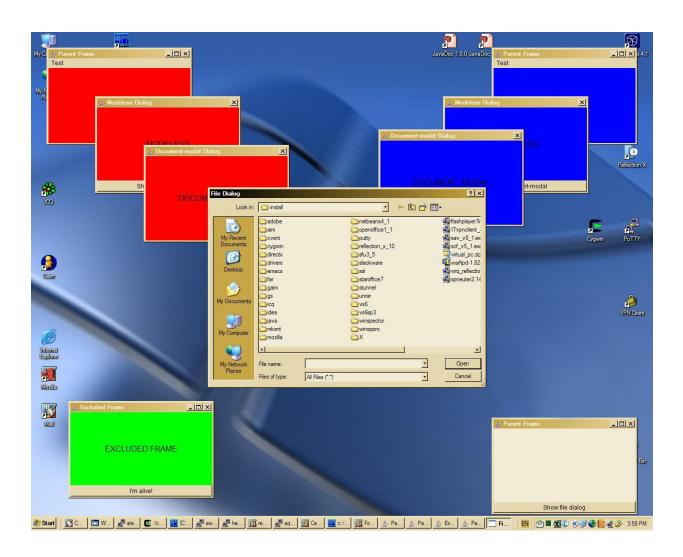


Modality Types

- modeless
 - does not block any other window
- document-modal
 - blocks input to all top-level windows from the same document
- application-modal
 - blocks all windows from the same application
- toolkit-modal
 - > blocks all windows that run in the same toolkit



New Dialog Modality API





Text Printing

- Easily print a Swing text component:
 - > Prints the entire contents of the text component
 - Does not have to be visible
 - > javax.swing.text.JTextComponent.print();
- Reformats for printed page
- Optionally displays print dialog and progress box
- Supports optional header/footer
- Will not split lines in half!



SwingWorker

Easing multi-threaded applications with Swing

- Makes it easy to offload work to separate threads
- Makes use of concurrency package
- Makes it more generic
- Supports partial results
- Supports PropertyChangeListener
- More information:
 - http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/uiswing/concurrency/



javax.swing.GroupLayout Class

- New layout manager to support new Matisse GUI builder
 - > NetBeans™ IDE ships with Matisse
 - Can also use GroupLayout in J2SE 1.5 software using stand-alone library
- More capabilities for relative positioning of components
- Works with horizontal and vertical layout separately

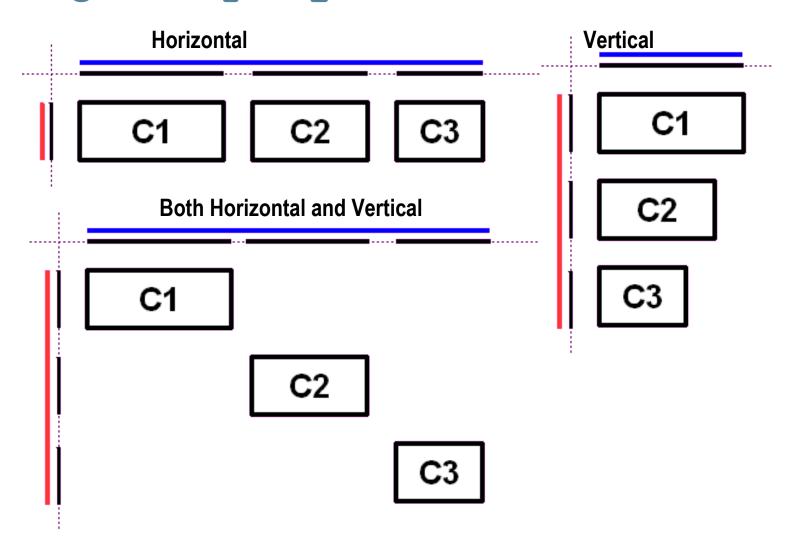


Layout Arrangements in GroupLayout

- Hierarchically groups components to position them in a Container.
- Supports two types of groups:
 - > A sequential group positions its child elements sequentially, one after another.
 - A parallel group aligns its child elements in one of four ways.
- Each group may contain any number of elements, where an element is a Group, Component, or gap.
- Layout is defined for each dimension independently.



Using GroupLayout Class





JTable Sorting and Filtering

- Add sorting to your JTable with one method call:
 - > setAutoCreateRowSorter(true)
- Specify your own comparators
- Supports secondary and tertiary sort columns
- Can specify a filter to limit what is shown:
 - Regular expression, number, and date implementations provided



Demo: Desktop API

- Build and run sample applications
 - Dialog Modality enhancements and API
 - > Text printing
 - > JTable sorting and filtering



5. Monitoring & Management



Potential Problems That Can Be Detected

- Memory leaks
- Thread deadlocks
- Dirty references
- Infinite loops



Monitoring and Management

- Attach on demand for
 - jconsole: can connect to applications that did not start up with the JMX agent
 - jstack: takes a 'photograph' of all the threads and what they are up to in their own stack frames
 - > *jmap*: takes a detailed 'photograph' of what's going on in memory at any one point in time
 - jhat: forensic expert that will help you interpret the result of jmap



6. Compiler Access



Compiler Access

- Opens up programmatic access to javac for inprocess compilation of dynamically generated Java code
- Really aimed at people who create tools for Java development and for frameworks
 - JavaServer Pages (JSP) or PHP construction kit engines that need to generate a bunch of classes on demand
 - Average developers will benefit indirectly from faster performing tool
 - > Jasper JSP engine runs JSP TCK 3.5x faster



7. Pluggable Annotations



Pluggable Annotations

- JSR 175 of JDK 5 standardized how annotations are declared in Java code but annotation processing details were relegated as an implementation detail
- JSR 269 of JDK 6, Pluggable Annotation Processing API, standardizes annotation processing as well
 - The annotation processors act as plug-ins to the compiler, hence "pluggable annotation processing"



7. Pluggable Annotations

Allow developers to define new annotations...

```
@ForReview
public void myMethod() {...}
```

…and APIs to define components that process them…

```
import javax.annotation.processing.*;
public class ForReviewProcessor extends AbstractProcessor {..}
```

...and integrate them with the Java Compiler

```
javac -processor ForReviewProcessor MyCode.java
```



8. Desktop Deployment



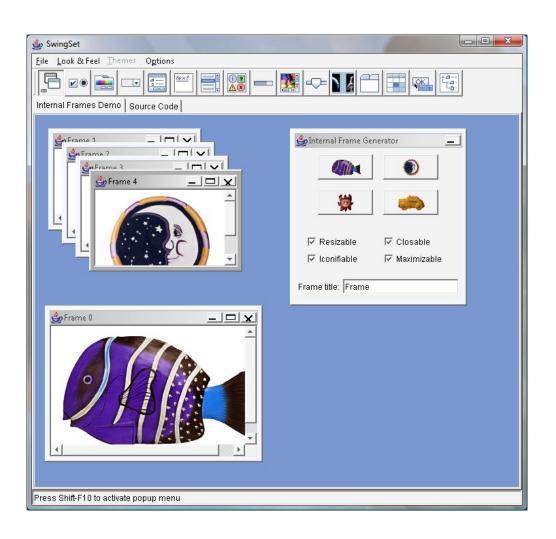
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- We improved actual performance
 - graphics hardware acceleration on Windows
- ...and perceived performance
 - true double buffering
- We improved the native look & feels
 - > Updated Swing Look&Feel Windows/Unix
 - LCD text rendering
- We revamped Java Web Start and JRE installations
 - no more scary security dialog



Windows Look and Feel Improvements

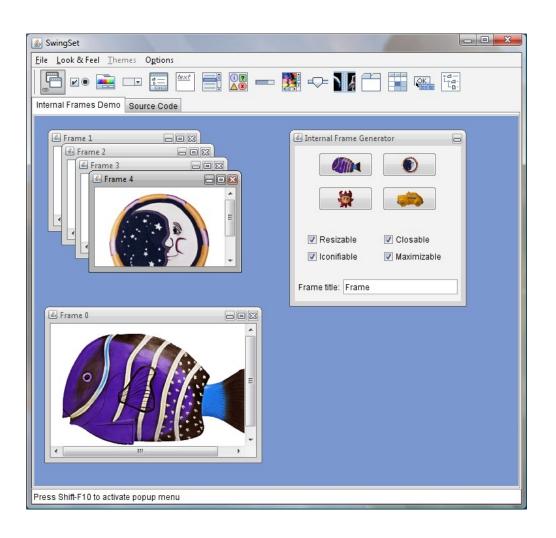
SwingSet on Vista with 5.0





Windows Look and Feel Improvements

SwingSet on Vista with 6





9. Security



9. Security

- We added important new APIs
 - > XML Digital Signature (XMLDSig) API (JSR 105)
 - Smart Card I/O API (JSR 268)
- Improved authentication schemes
 - > JAAS-based authentication using LDAP
 - Native Platform Java GSSAPI (Generic Security Services Application Programming Interface) integration



10. Quality, Stability, Compatibility



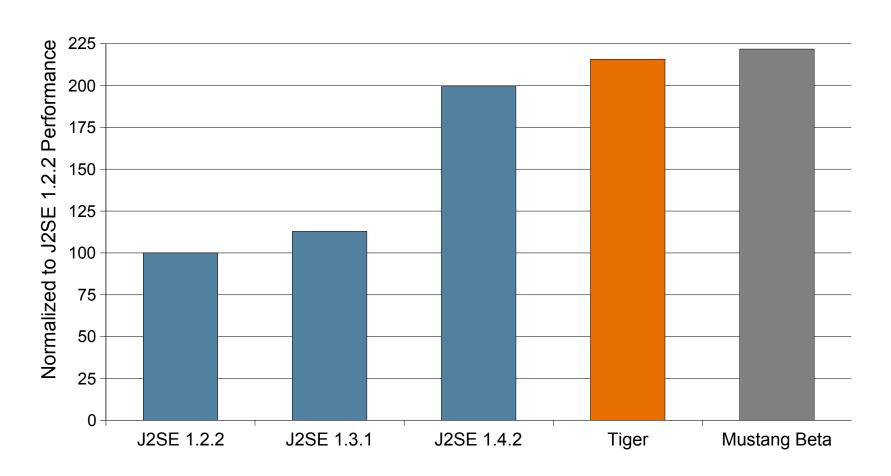
10. Quality, Stability, Compatibility

- We are still running the Big App tests
- We now have 80,000+ JCK tests
- We've had good uptake of weekly builds
- We ran a Regression Challenge



10. Performance Improvement

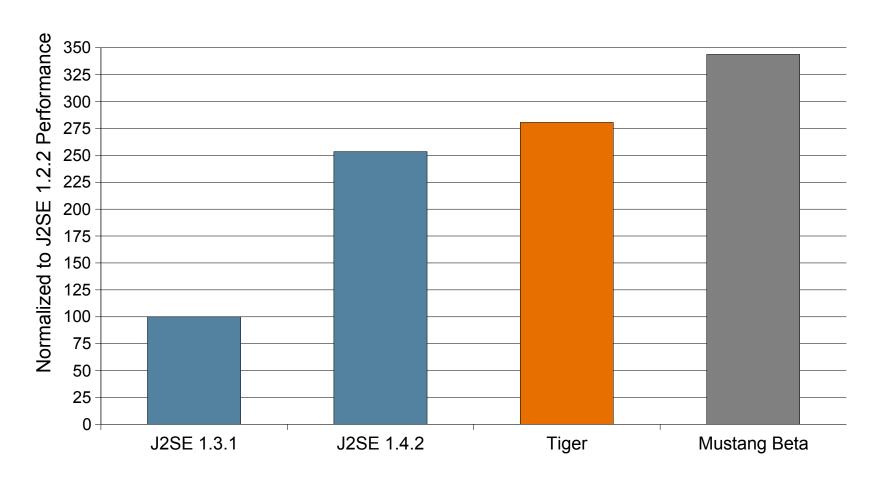
Client Benchmark: SwingMark





10. Performance Improvement

Server Benchmark: SPECjbb2000





Why Java SE 6?



Running Apps on Java SE 6

- Applications run faster on the desktop and servers
- New 'Dynamic Attach' diagnostics simplify troubleshooting
- Expanded Solaris DTrace support provides additional value on Solaris
- Improved 'native' look and feel across Solaris, Linux, and Windows
- First Java platform with full support for Windows Vista



Building Apps on Java SE 6

- JavaScript integrated and included with the platform
- Scripting languages framework extends support for Ruby, Python, and other languages
- Complete light-weight platform for web services, right out of the box
- Simplified GUI design and expanded native platform support
- Full JDBC4 implementation providing improved XML support for Databases
- Java DB included with the JDK, a free to use and deploy Java Database
- Full support by NetBeans IDE 5.5
- Sun Developer Services available to help build more robust applications



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