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EXERCISE

VALIDATORS IN JSF



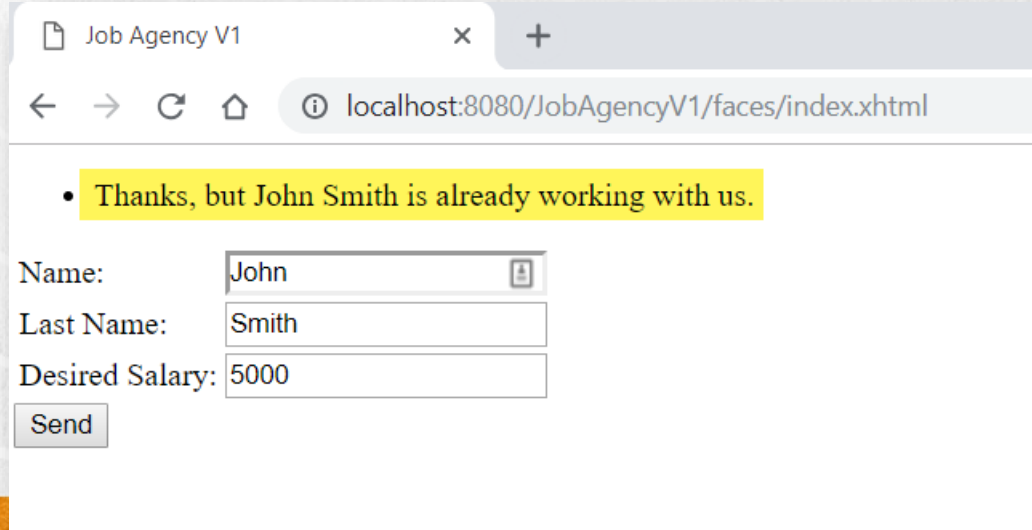
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EXERCISE OBJECTIVE

In this exercise we will handle the concept of Validation in JSF.

We will add the field of surname and salary desired in order to make them required fields. Part of the result should be similar to the one shown below:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Job Agency V1' and the URL 'localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/faces/index.xhtml'. The page content includes a validation message: '• Thanks, but John Smith is already working with us.' Below the message are three input fields: 'Name:' with the value 'John', 'Last Name:' with the value 'Smith', and 'Desired Salary:' with the value '5000'. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom left of the form.

Job Agency V1

localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/faces/index.xhtml

- Thanks, but John Smith is already working with us.

Name:

Last Name:

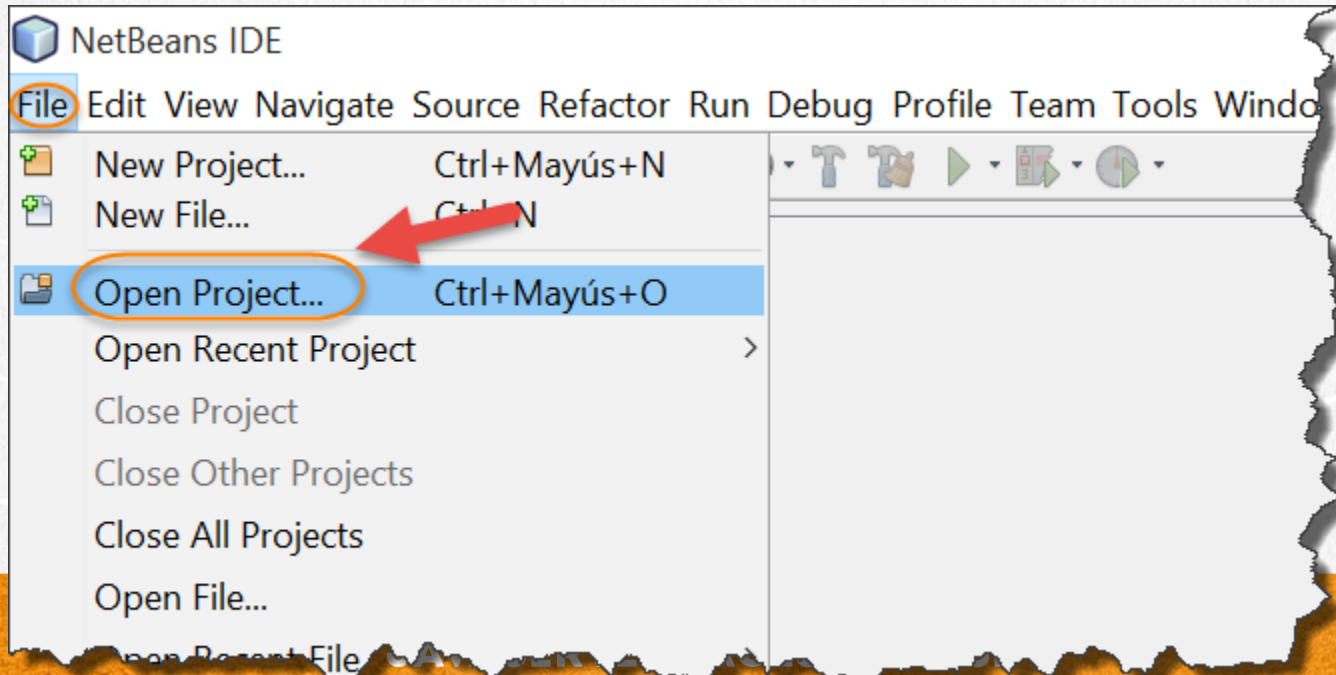
Desired Salary:

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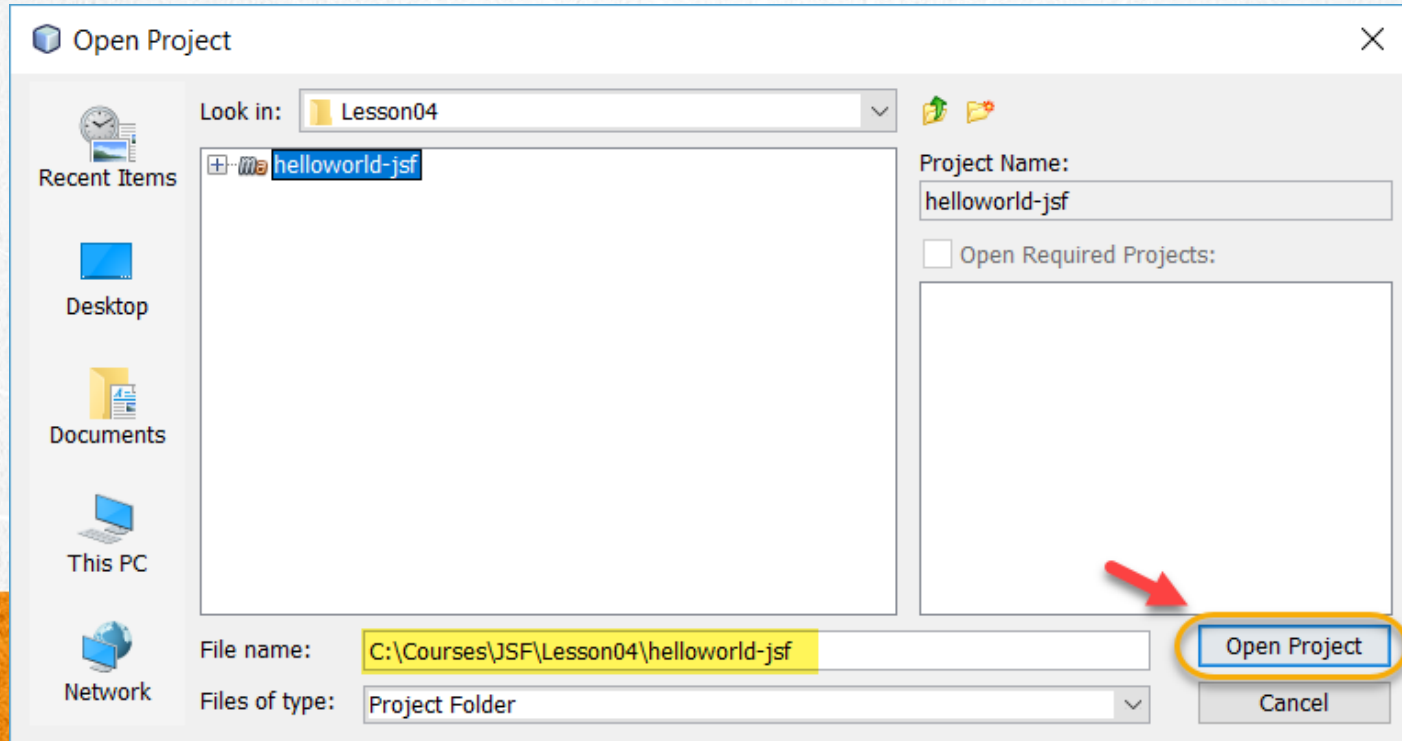
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We open the project helloworld-jsf of the last lesson only in case we do not have it already open:



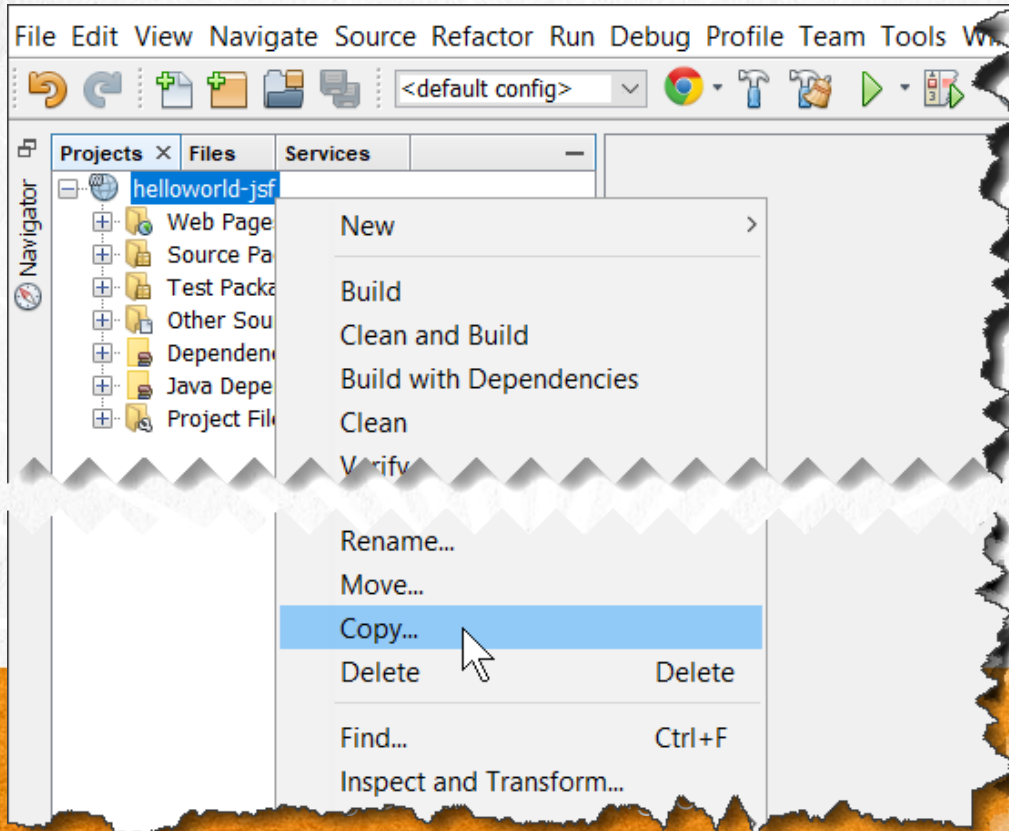
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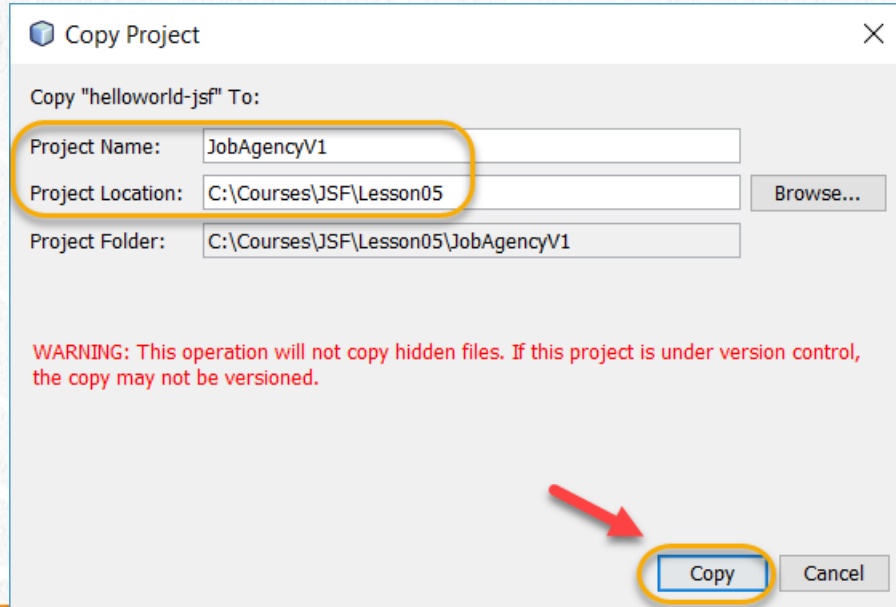
2. COPY THE PROJECT

We copy the project helloworld-jsf:



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We copy the project helloworld-jsf and rename it to JobAgencyV1:

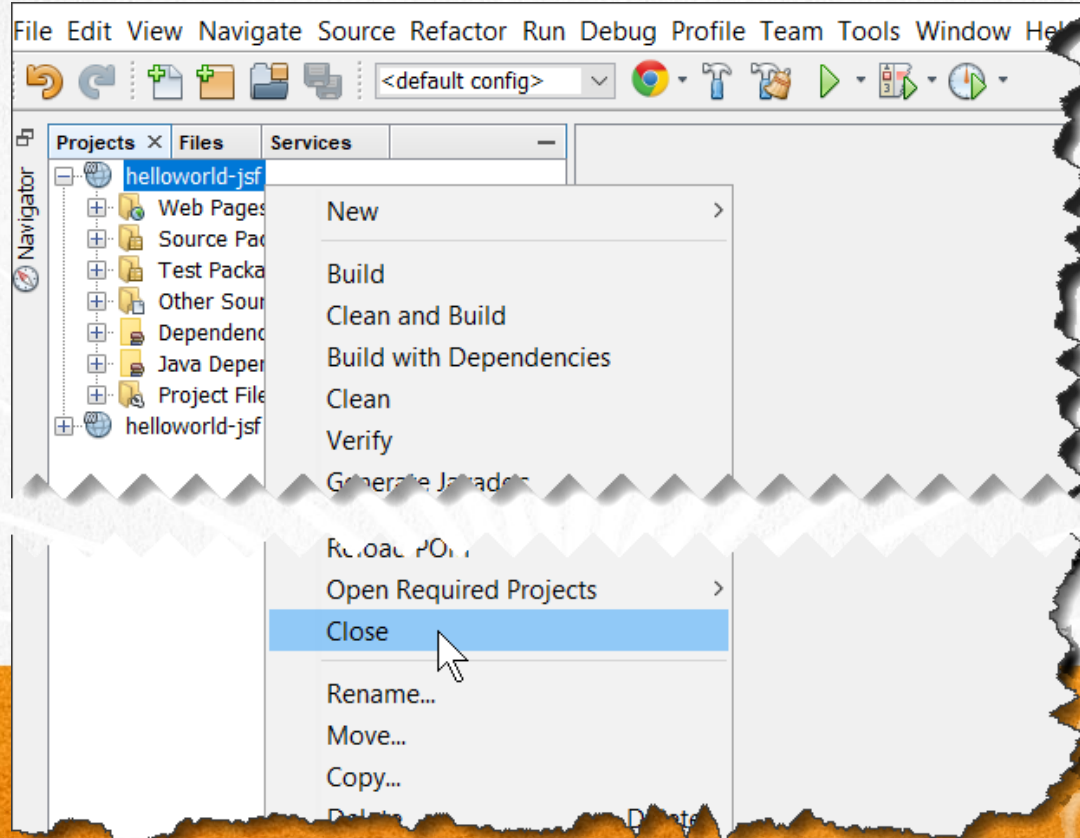


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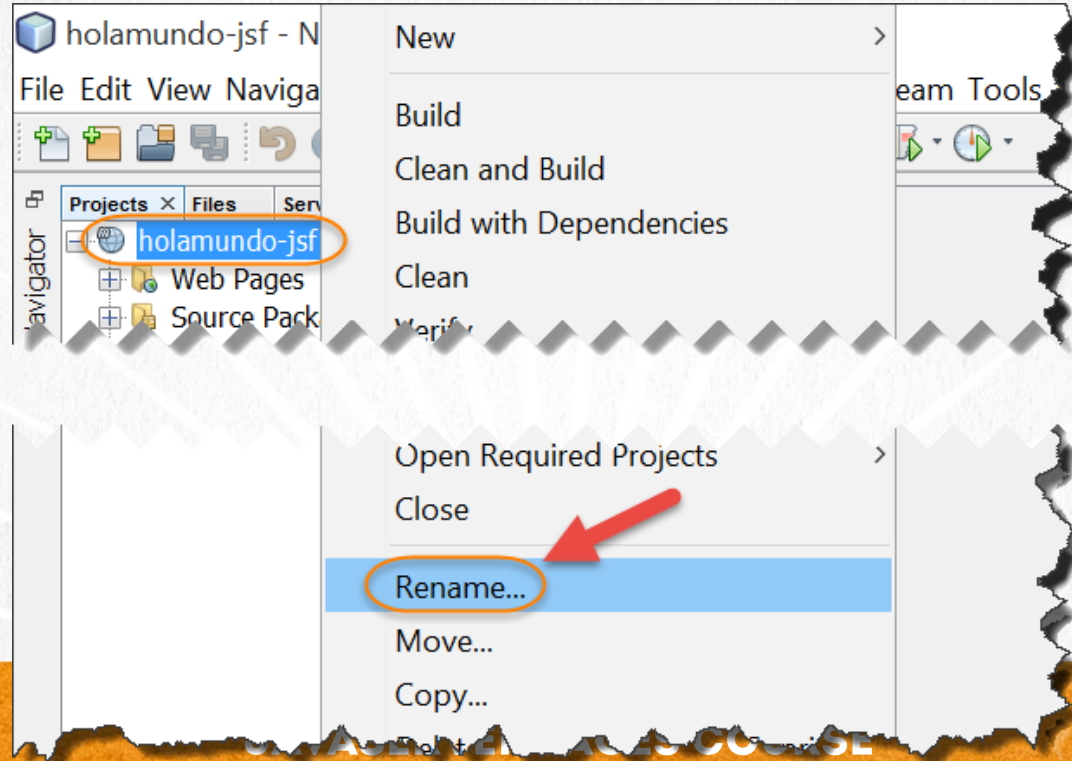
3. CLOSE THE PREVIOUS PROJECT

We closed the previous project, and left only the new open :



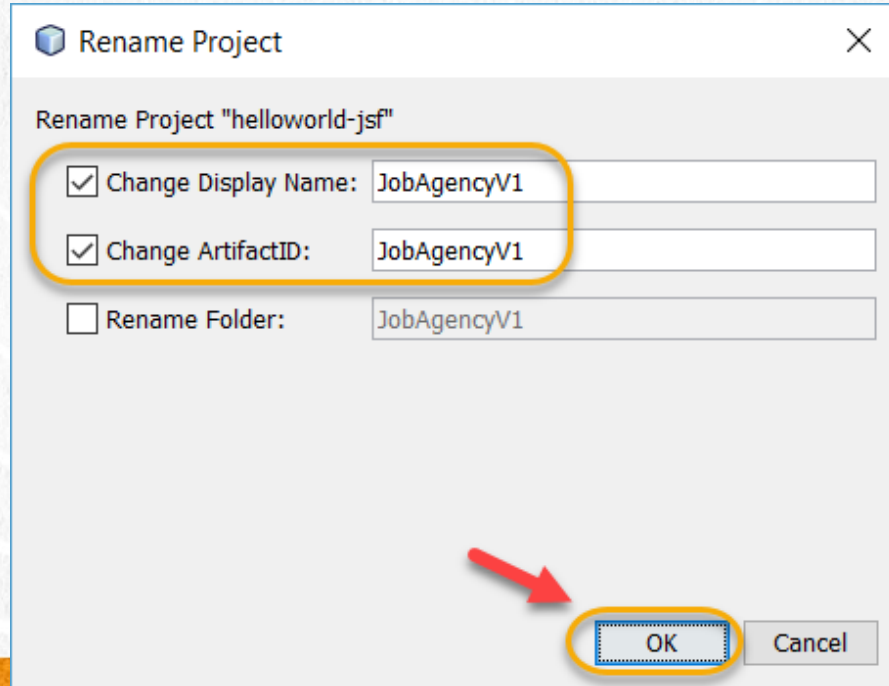
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We change the name of the project to JobAgencyV1 :



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5. MODIFY THE JAVA CLASS

We modified the Candidate.java file to add the last name field and the desired salary field, and create its getters / setters methods.

At the end the Candidate.java class will be as follows:



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5. MODIFY THE CODE

[Candidate.java:](#)

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```
package beans.model;

import javax.inject.Named;
import javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped;
import org.apache.logging.log4j.*;

@Named
@RequestScoped
public class Candidate {

    Logger log = LogManager.getRootLogger();

    private String name;
    private String lastName;
    private String desiredSalary;

    public Candidate() {
        log.info("Creating the Candidate object");
        this.setName("Introduce your name");
    }

    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
}
```

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5. MODIFY THE CODE

Candidate.java:

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```
public void setName(String name) {
    this.name = name;
    log.info("Modifying the name property:" + this.name);
}

public String getLastName() {
    return lastName;
}

public void setLastName(String lastName) {
    this.lastName = lastName;
    log.info("Modifying the lastName property:" + this.name);
}

public String getDesiredSalary() {
    return desiredSalary;
}

public void setDesiredSalary(String desiredSalary) {
    this.desiredSalary = desiredSalary;
    log.info("Modifying the desiredSalary property:" + this.desiredSalary);
}
}
```

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6. MODIFY THE XHTML FILE

Modify the index.xhtml file to validate the name field:

In the index.xhtml file, replace :

```
<h:inputText id="name" value="#{candidate.name}" />
```

- By the following code :

```
<h:inputText id="name" required="true" value="#{candidate.name}" />
```

- In this way we will validate that the name field contains information before sending the form.

6. MODIFY THE XHTML FILE

Modify the index.xhtml file to add the lastName field :

- Add the following code in index.xhtml generating a new line <tr>:

```
<tr>
  <td><h:outputLabel for="lastName" value="Last Name:" /></td>
  <td><h:inputText id="lastName" required="true"
    value="#{candidate.lastName}" /></td>
  <td><h:message for="lastName" /></td>
</tr>
```


6. MODIFY THE XHTML FILE

Modify the index.xhtml file to add the desiredSalary field :

- Add the following code in index.xhtml generating a new line <tr>:

```
<tr>
  <td><h:outputLabel for="desiredSalary" value="Desired Salary:" /></td>
  <td><h:inputText id="desiredSalary" required="true"
    value="#{candidate.desiredSalary}"
    <f:validateLongRange minimum="500" maximum="5000"/>
  </h:inputText></td>
  <td><h:message for="desiredSalary" /></td>
</tr>
```

6. MODIFY THE XHTML FILE

Finally, by making the previous changes and some other minor changes, such as changing the title of the page and adding the taglib of core f to the beginning of the index.xhtml file.

```
xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
```

And we add the global message handling component in the html form:

```
<h:messages globalOnly="true" ></h:messages>
```

The final index.xhtml file is as follows:

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[index.xhtml:](#)

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
      xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
      xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core">
  <h:head>
    <title>Job Agency V1</title>
  </h:head>
  <h:body>
    <h:form>

      <h:messages globalOnly="true" ></h:messages>

      <table>
        <tr>
          <td><h:outputLabel for="name" value="Name:" /></td>
          <td><h:inputText id="name" required="true" value="#{candidate.name}" /></td>
          <td><h:message for="name" /></td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td><h:outputLabel for="lastName" value="Last Name:" /></td>
          <td><h:inputText id="lastName" required="true" value="#{candidate.lastName}" /></td>
          <td><h:message for="lastName" /></td>
        </tr>
      </table>
    </h:body>
  </html>
```

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```
<tr>
  <td><h:outputLabel for="desiredSalary" value="Desired Salary:" /></td>
  <td><h:inputText id="desiredSalary" required="true"
    value="#{candidate.desiredSalary}"
    <f:validateLongRange minimum="500" maximum="5000"/>
  </h:inputText></td>
  <td><h:message for="desiredSalary" /></td>
</tr>
</table>
<h:commandButton action="#{vacantForm.send}" value="Send" />
</h:form>
</h:body>
</html>
```

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8. MODIFY THE JAVA CLASS

Modify the VacanteForm.java class to add validation but now with Java code.

In case that the specified condition is met, we send a message to the user.

This is just an example, but we can add any presentation logic to our ManagedBean so we can add the necessary validations to our presentation layer with JSF.

Let's see how the class VacanteForm.java is finally

8. MODIFY THE CODE

VacantForm.java:

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```
package beans.backing;

import beans.model.Candidate;
import javax.inject.*;
import javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped;
import javax.faces.application.FacesMessage;
import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;
import org.apache.logging.log4j.*;

@Named
@RequestScoped
public class VacantForm {

    Logger log = LogManager.getRootLogger();

    @Inject
    private Candidate candidate;

    public VacantForm() {
        log.info("Creating VacantForm object");
    }

    public void setCandidate(Candidate candidate) {
        this.candidate = candidate;
    }
}
```


8. MODIFY THE CODE

VacantForm.java:

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```
public String send() {
    log.info("send() Name=" + this.candidate.getName());
    log.info("send() Desired Salary=" + this.candidate.getDesiredSalary());

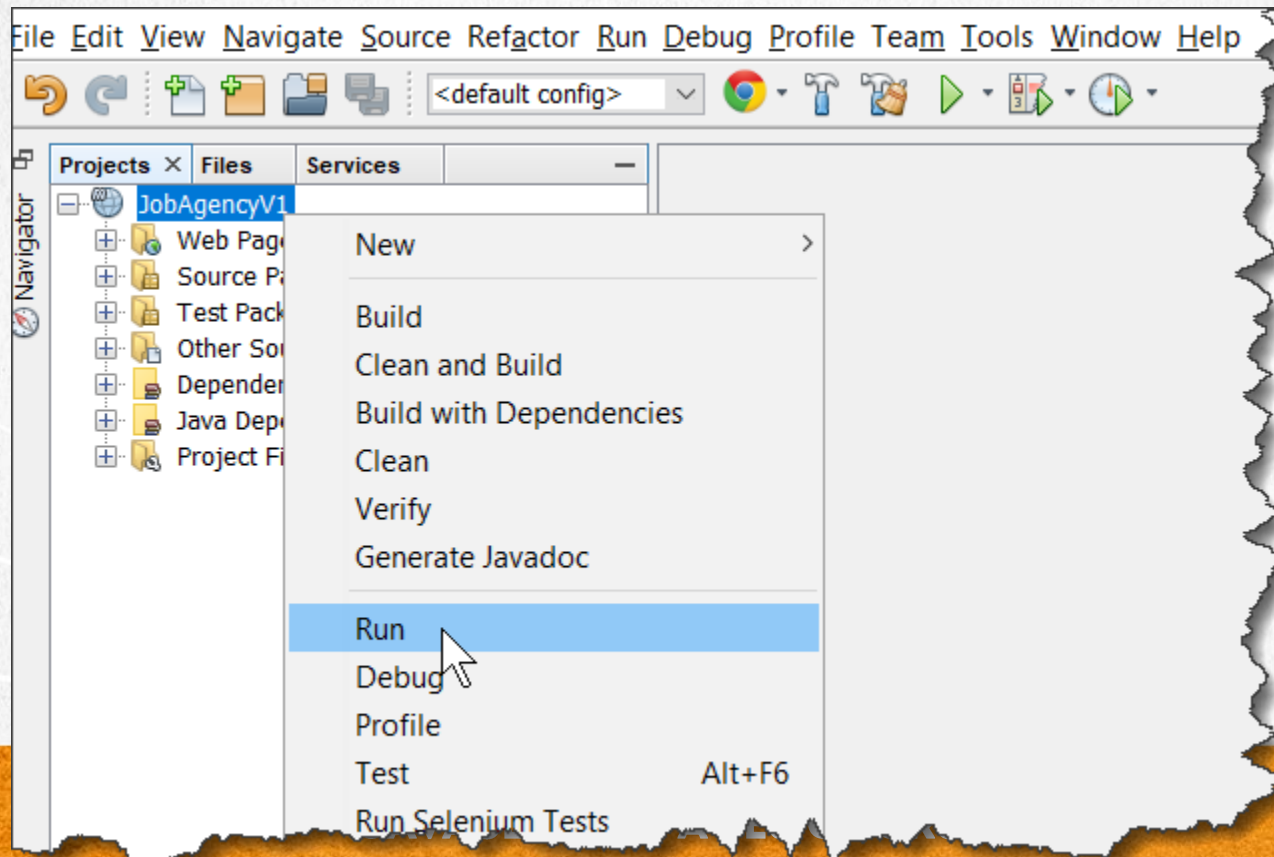
    if (this.candidate.getName().equals("John")) {

        if (this.candidate.getLastName().equals("Smith")) {
            String msg = "Thanks, but John Smith is already working with us.";
            FacesMessage facesMessage = new FacesMessage(FacesMessage.SEVERITY_ERROR, msg, msg);
            FacesContext facesContext = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
            String componentId = null; //This is a global message
            facesContext.addMessage(componentId, facesMessage);
            return "index";
        }
        return "success";//success.xhtml
    } else {
        return "failure"; //failure.xhtml
    }
}
```

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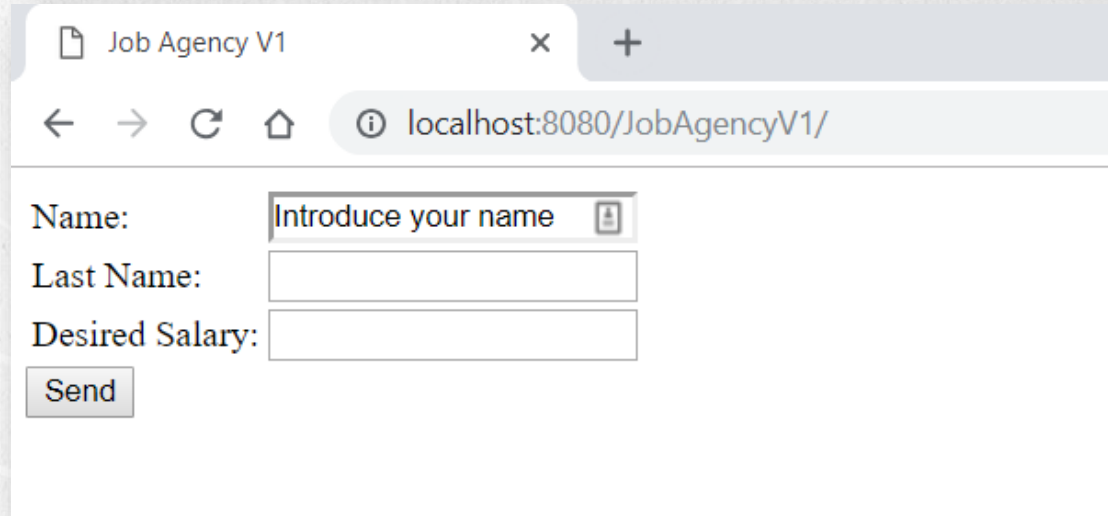
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The output of the project is as follows:

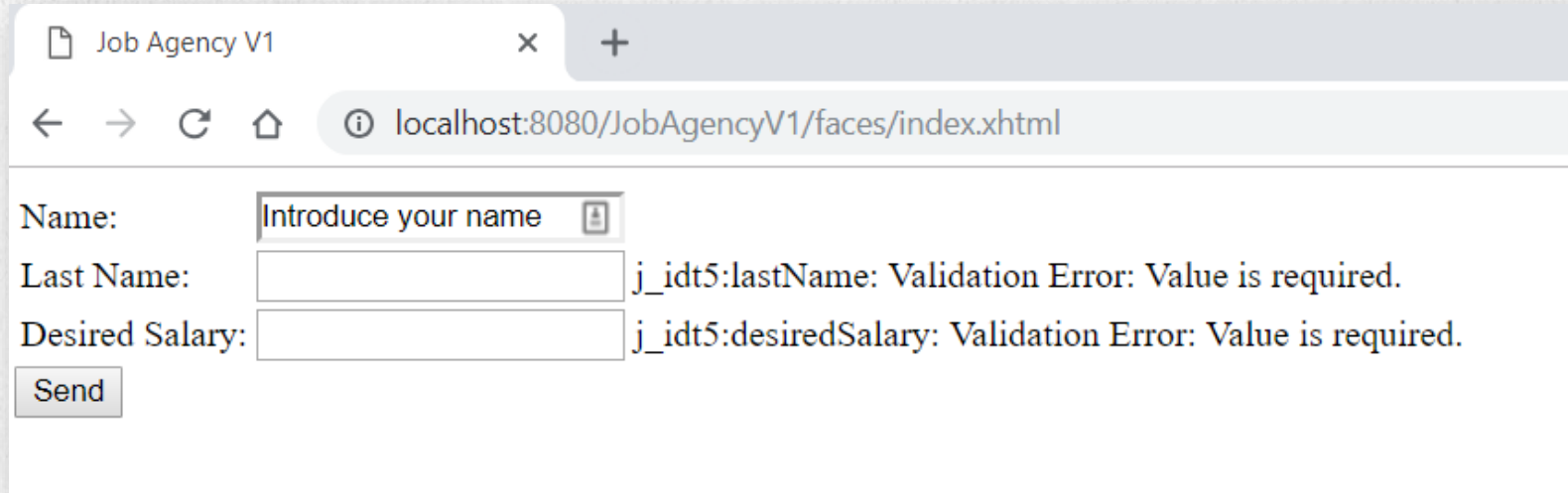


A screenshot of a web browser window. The tab is labeled 'Job Agency V1'. The address bar shows 'localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/'. The page content includes a form with the following elements:

- A label 'Name:' followed by a text input field containing the placeholder text 'Introduce your name'.
- A label 'Last Name:' followed by an empty text input field.
- A label 'Desired Salary:' followed by an empty text input field.
- A 'Send' button located below the 'Desired Salary' input field.

8. EXECUTE THE PROJECT

We test with different values:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Job Agency V1'. The address bar displays 'localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/faces/index.xhtml'. The form contains three input fields: 'Name' with the placeholder text 'Introduce your name', 'Last Name', and 'Desired Salary'. The 'Last Name' and 'Desired Salary' fields have red error messages next to them: 'j_idt5:lastName: Validation Error: Value is required.' and 'j_idt5:desiredSalary: Validation Error: Value is required.' respectively. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom left of the form.

Job Agency V1

localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/faces/index.xhtml

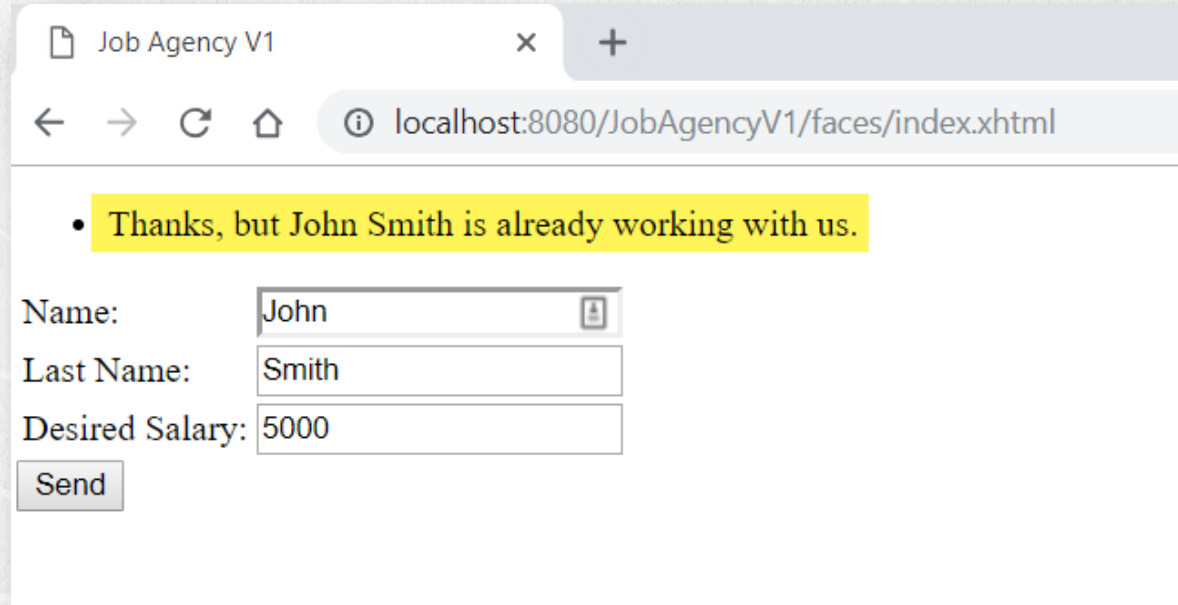
Name:

Last Name: j_idt5:lastName: Validation Error: Value is required.

Desired Salary: j_idt5:desiredSalary: Validation Error: Value is required.

8. EXECUTE THE PROJECT

Validation case in ManagedBean:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Job Agency V1'. The address bar displays 'localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/faces/index.xhtml'. A yellow highlight box contains the message: '• Thanks, but John Smith is already working with us.' Below this, there is a form with three input fields: 'Name:' with the value 'John', 'Last Name:' with the value 'Smith', and 'Desired Salary:' with the value '5000'. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom left of the form.

Job Agency V1

localhost:8080/JobAgencyV1/faces/index.xhtml

- Thanks, but John Smith is already working with us.

Name: John

Last Name: Smith

Desired Salary: 5000

Send

IN CASE OF PROBLEMS

1. Stop Glassfish server
 2. Execute Clean & Build again
 3. Run the application
- Repeat the steps above if apply any changes to the code and find errors in the application.
 - If the problem is not solved, you can try loading the resolved project, which is 100% functional

EXTRA TASKS

It is left as extra tasks to test more cases with the form and verify that the validations are applied correctly.

You can also do a step-by-step review by applying the debug mode.

Finally, you should check the server log to see that everything works as expected and also see when the validations are applied and in which phase of the life cycle of JSF.



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EXERCISE CONCLUSION

In this lesson we studied the validators topic in JSF.

We saw several ways to validate the fields of our JSF form, besides we studied how to add validation from a ManagedBean, and in this way not only validate the form, but also with presentation logic within our Java code with JSF.

With this we already have the bases to handle the issue of validators in JSF.



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