Internet Application Project: Java Server Side 420-625-DW

More JSF:

Java Server Facelets, File Uploaders, and Custom Tags

Today

- -JSF tags
- -Image Uploaders
- -Custom tags

Coming up

- -Authentication
- -Unit testing (Arquillian and Selenium)
- -Presentation 3

Java Server Facelets

Officially, the xhtml that we have been using is referred to as java server facelets

This is the set of tags, such as <h:body>, etc that we've been using

Tag Libraries Supported by Facelets

- JavaServer Faces Facelets Tag Library
 - Tags for templating
 xmlns:ui="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/facelets
- JavaServer Faces HTML Tag Library
 - Component tags for all UIComponent objects
 xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core
- JavaServer Faces Core Tag Library
 - Custom actions

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

Tag Libraries Supported by Facelets

- Pass-through Elements Tag Library
 - Supports HTML5-friendly markup

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

- Pass-through Attributes Tag Library
 - Supports HTML5-friendly markup

```
xmlns:p="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/passthrough
```

HTML Tag Library

```
<head /> becomes <h:head />
• link /> becomes <h:outputStylesheet />

    <script /> becomes <h:outputScript />

<body /> becomes <h:body />
• <form /> becomes <h:form />

    <label /> becomes <h:outputLabel />

<textarea /> becomes <h:inputTextarea</li>
 />
```

• becomes <h:h:graphicImage />

HTML Tag Library - <input />

- type="button" makes it an<h:commandButton />
- type="checkbox" makes it an <h:selectBooleanCheckbox />
- type="file" makes it an <h:inputFile />
- type="hidden" makes it an <h:inputHidden />
- type="password" makes it an <h:inputSecret />
- type="reset" makes it an <h:commandButton />
- type="submit" makes it an <h:commandButton />
- Every other type makes it an <h:inputText />
 - Includes color, date, datetime, datetime-local, email, month, number, range, search, time, url, week.

Passing parameters

There are a few ways to pass parameters to your action beans:

1) <h:commandButton
 action="#{user.editAction(delete)}" />

This requires the editAction() method to take as input a String. In this event the String will be assigned the value "delete"

<f:param> tag

The editAction() method will not take a String. Rather we will parse the parameter

```
Map<String,String> params =
FacesContext.getExternalContext().getRequestParameterMap(
);
```

String action = params.get("action"); // assigns "delete" to action

<f:attribute>

```
For ActionListeners, Validators, and Converters, use <f:attribute>
3) <h:commandButton action="#{user.editAction}" actionListener="#{user.attrListener}"> <f:attribute name="action" value="delete" /> </h:commandButton>
```

The action listener can refer to this as:

String action =
(String)event.getComponent().getAttributes().get("action"); // assigns "delete" to action

Image Uploading

- To include a file uploader in your page, you need to do two things:
- Create the Java Sever Facelets code with an <h:inputFile>
 tag to generate the html for a file uploader. The value of
 this should be associated with a bean of type Part
- 2) Write a method to write the information to disk.
- 3) "Optional": Add a validator to check that the size of the image is not too big, etc

<h:inputFile>

 The inputFile tag is a normal tag, but the value should be connected with a bean containing a *Part* property:

```
<h:inputFile value="#{form.uploadedFile}" />
```

```
@Named
@SessionScoped
public class Form {
        private Part part; // add get/set
}
```

Filtering by extension should be done on the server side. It can also be achieved via a pass-through attribute (html attribute is accept="jpg,gif")

Server response

The bean should look like the following:

Step 1: Convert Part object to bytes

```
InputStream in = part.getInputStream();
ByteArrayOutputStream os = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
byte[] buffer = new byte[1024]; // 1024 is buffer size
int len;
while ((len = in.read(buffer)) != -1) {
   os.write(buffer, 0, len);
}
byte[] allBytes = os.toByteArray();
```

Step 2: Choose the location to save to

Use UUID to ensure it is a new name every time

```
String randomFileName = java.util.UUID.randomUUID().toString();
String extension=
file.getSubmittedFileName().substring(part.getSubmittedFileName().lastIndex
Of("."));
```

String outputFile = Config.getFileUploadFolder() + randomFileName + extension;

Step 3: Write the bytes!

```
// using java.nio
Files.write(Paths.get(outputFile), allBytes, StandardOpenOption.CREATE);
```

Validators

It is absolutely necessary to add validation on the server side

There are many risks if you don't do this. The most obvious one would be a DOS attack wherein someone uploads files too big for the space (e.g. several gb large)

Thus we need to add a validator!

TextFile Validator

(src: https://jsflive.wordpress.com/2013/04/23/jsf22-file-upload/)

```
@FacesValidator("my.project.TextValidator")
public class TextFileValidator {
public void validateFile(FacesContext ctx,
              UIComponent comp,
              Object value) {
List<FacesMessage> msgs = new ArrayList<FacesMessage>();
Part file = (Part)value;
if (file.getSize() > 1024) { // in bytes
  msgs.add(new FacesMessage("file too big"));
if (!"text/plain".equals(file.getContentType())) {
  msgs.add(new FacesMessage("not a text file"));
if (!msgs.isEmpty()) {
 throw new ValidatorException(msgs);
```

In the JSF

```
<h:inputFile value="#{form.uploadedFile}"
validator="my.project.TextValidator" />
```

Or to have AJAX validation:

```
<h:inputFile value="#{form.uploadedFile}"
validator="my.project.TextValidator">
<f:ajax execute="change" render="errorOrThumbnailSection" />
</h:inputFile>
```

Custom Tags

Including content

ui:include

Includes content from another XHTML page.

ui:composition

- If used with template attribute, the specified template is loaded
- If it's a group of elements, the elements can be inserted into another page
- All tags outside of ui:composition are removed

Including content

- <ui:include src="include.xhtml" />
- The include.xhtml must be inside of a composition tag:

```
<ui:composition
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
xmlns:ui="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/facelets">
<h2>Include page</h2>
Include page blah blah lorem ipsum
</ui:composition>
```

Custom Tags – xhtml method

- Custom tags can be created to insert snippets of xhtml for easy reuse in new pages
- These snippets are considered custom components that you have created
- Can be used in place of or as part of templating

Custom Tags – xhtml method

- To define a custom tag you must:
- 1. Create an xhtml file and define the contents using the **ui:composition** tag
- 2. Create a tag library descriptor (.taglib.xml file)
 - Declares the custom tag in it
- 3. Register the tag library descriptor in the web.xml

Define custom tag contents

- It is not necessary to include the usual tags such as httml> and <body>
- However, NetBeans will declare the file in error for missing these standard tags
- The values will be supplied when the tag is used
- When you write value="#{parameter}", it will eventually become an attribute of your new tag!

Define a tag library descriptor

- The available tags must be listed in an xml file
- By convention it is named xxxx.taglib.xml where xxxx is the name you give to the library

Define a tag library descriptor

- The namespace is an identifier formatted as a url
- It does not need to be, or rarely is, a real url
- You can define one or mare tags in the file
- They all share the same namespace but the xhtml files can be stored in different folders or all in the same one
- The folder is placed in the root folder (i.e. WEB-INF)

Register the tag library

- The tag library must be registered in the web.xml
- It is listed as a context-param so that any servlet, such as the faces servlet, can use it

Using a custom tag

 Include its namespace in the xhtml file and assign it a prefix

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
    xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
    xmlns:ui="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/facelets"
    xmlns:kf="http://kenfogel.com/facelets" >
```

Using a custom tag

It's now ready to use!