

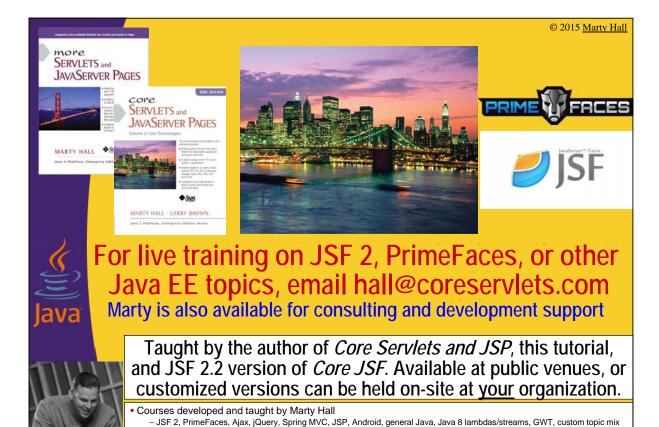
JSF 2 Composite Components Part III – Backing Components JSF 2.2 Version

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Topics in This Section

- Backing components with custom parsing
 - Extend UIInput and implement NamingContainer
 - Declare with @FacesComponent
 - Use encodeBegin and getConvertedValue
- Backing components with setter methods called inside component code
- Ajaxified components

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Review: Input Components



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Input Components

Idea

 A composite component that will go inside h:form and be used to gather input from the user

Features

- Must be associated with a bean value
 - Use "type" attribute to enforce the type of the value
- Often has its own style sheet
 - Load with h:outputStylesheet
- May need to assemble final value out of submitted pieces
- May need to call component setter methods based on attribute values
- May have embedded Ajax behavior
- May be built out of a rich JavaScript GUI element

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Backing Components: Customizing Parsing of Submitted Values



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Backing Components: Idea

No backing components

- If each input element corresponds to an individual bean property
 - In this case, the situation is simple: just use "value" of h:inputText or other input element and point at bean property
 - You can use custom converter if textfield value needs to be parsed to become bean value

Backing components

- If multiple input elements need to be combined to produce a single bean property
 - In this case, make a class that extends UlInput and implements NamingContainer. Declare with @FacesComponent. Use encodeBegin and getConvertedValue.

Backing Components: Code Summary

Java code

Composite component

```
<cc:interface componentType="foo.Bar">
    ...
</cc:interface>
<cc:implementation>
    ...
</cc:implementation>
```

Backing Component: Java Code

@FacesComponent(...)

- You usually give the package and name of current class, but technically, this can be any string
- Must match what is used for "componentType" in cc:interface

getFamily

- return("javax.faces.NamingContainer");

getSubmittedValue

- return(this);

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Backing Component: Java Code (Continued)

encodeBegin

- Purpose: to populate elements in input form so that initial display corresponds to current bean value
- Find individual input elements with findComponent("id-used-in-composite-component")
- Populate them by calling setValue
- Call super.encodeBegin at end of method

getConvertedValue

- Purpose: to take individual submitted values and combine them into a single bean value
- Find individual input elements with findComponent("id-used-in-composite-component")
- Find their values with getSubmittedValue
- Make an Object and return it from method

Example: inputDate1

Idea

- Collect a day, month, and year.
- Have it correspond to a Date

Code summary

- Java class
 - Make Java class that extends UlInput and implements NamingContainer
 - encodeBegin determines the day, month and year of the current Date, and sets the menus appropriately
 - getConvertedValue finds the submitted day, month, and year, and creates a Date object corresponding to them
- Composite component
 - Use three h:selectOneMenu elements. Give each an id.
 - The string of @FacesComponent from Java class is used for the componentType of cc:interface

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Java Class (Beginning)

```
@FacesComponent("coreservlets.DateComponent1")
public class DateComponent1 extends UIInput
                                   implements NamingContainer {
  @Override
  public String getFamily() {
     return("javax.faces.NamingContainer");
                                                           This string will exactly
                                                           match the
                                                           componentType given in
                                                           cc:implementation of the
  @Override
                                                           component.
  public Object getSubmittedValue() {
     return(this);
                                                    These return values
  }
                                                    almost never change.
```

Note: Code for this class adapted from the date class in Chapter 9 of *Core JavaServer Faces, 3rd Edition* by David Geary and Cay Horstmann.

Java Class (Continued)

This is the id for the h:selectOneMenu, exactly as given in the composite component file. You don't have to construct the full HTML id, as we will have to do later when wrapping JavaScript components.

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Java Class (Continued)

Again, this is the id for the h:selectOneMenu, exactly as given in the composite component file. You don't have to construct the full HTML id, as we will have to do later when wrapping JavaScript components.

Managed Bean that Gives Choices for the Date Menus

```
@ManagedBean
                                                  This will list 1 to 31 as the
                                                  choices for the day in every
@ApplicationScoped
                                                  month, including months that
                                                  have less than 31 days. We will
public class DateChoices {
                                                  fix this later when we Ajaxify the
   private int[] days;
                                                  component..
   private int[] years;
                                                                   This gives the names of the
   private Map<String, Integer> months;
                                                                   months (January, etc.), but since
                                                                   the underlying data structure is a
                                                                   map, the associated value
                                                                   (Integer) will be returned as the
   public DateChoices() {
                                                                   user selection.
      days = DateUtils.intArray(1, 31);
      years = DateUtils.intArray(1900, 2100);
     months = new LinkedHashMap<String, Integer>();
      String[] names = new DateFormatSymbols().getMonths();
      for (int i = 0; i < 12; i++) {
         months.put(names[i], i + 1);
   }
                      Note: Code for this class adapted from the Dates class in Chapter 9 of Core JavaServer Faces,
                      3rd Edition by David Geary and Cay Horstmann.
```

Managed Bean that Gives Choices for the Dates (Cont.)

```
public int[] getDays() {
    return(days);
}

public int[] getYears() {
    return(years);
}

public Map<String, Integer> getMonths() {
    return(months);
}
```

Helper Class

```
public class DateUtils {
  public static int[] intArray(int from, int to) {
    int[] nums = new int[to - from + 1];
    for (int i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {
       nums[i] = from++;
    }
    return (nums);
}

// Several other Date-related utilities shown later

private DateUtils() {} // Uninstantiatable class
}</pre>
```

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Component File: Interface Section

This matches what was given in the @FacesComponent annotation (which is conventionally the fully qualified class name, but can be anything that you want).

Component File: Implementation Section

```
<cc:implementation>
  <h:selectOneMenu id="day
                      converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{dateChoices.days}"/>
  </h:selectOneMenu>
  <h:selectOneMenu id="month"
                      converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{dateChoices.months}"/>
  </h:selectOneMenu>
  <h:selectOneMenu id="year"
                      converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{dateChoices.xears}"/>
  </h:selectOneMenu>
</cc:implementation>
                                    These are the ids (exactly as given here) that you use with
                                    findComponent in encodeBegin and getConvertedValue.
```

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Example Usage:Reservations at the JSF Resort

Idea

Let user make a hotel reservation

Managed Bean

- Implements Nameable (for collecting the name)
- Has two bean properties of type Date (getStartDate, setStartDate, getEndDate, setEndDate)
 - Enforces that checkout date is after checkin date

Page that uses component

 Collects name, checkin (arrival) date, and checkout (departure) date

Results page

 Shows confirmation with first name, last name, arrival date, and departure date

Managed Bean (Beginning)

```
@ManagedBean
public class ResortBean implements Nameable {
  private String firstName, lastName;
  private Date startDate=DateUtils.nextDay(new Date()),
                endDate=DateUtils.nextDay(startDate);
  public String getFirstName() {

    Minimum stay is one day.

    return(firstName);
                                   Check in tomorrow at earliest.
  public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
  public String getLastName() {
    return(lastName);
  public void setLastName(String lastName) {
    this.lastName = lastName;
  }
```

Managed Bean (Continued)

```
public Date getStartDate() {
    return(startDate);
}

public void setStartDate(Date startDate) {
    this.startDate = startDate;
}

public Date getEndDate() {
    return(endDate);
}

public void setEndDate(Date endDate) {
    this.endDate = endDate;
}

The startDate bean properties are of type Date.
Automatically converted by the backing component.
```

Managed Bean (Continued)

Managed Bean (Continued)

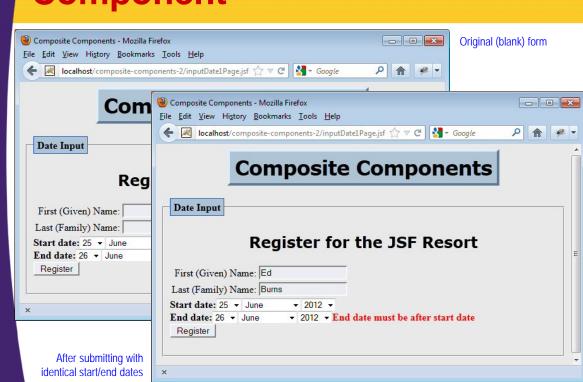
Helper Class

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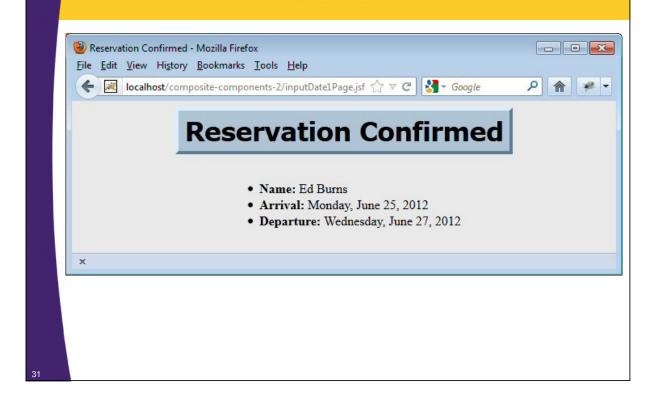
Facelets Page that Uses Component

Results Page

Result: Page that Uses Component



Result: Results Page



Calling Setter Methods of Backing Components

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Setter Methods: Idea

No setter methods in component

- Original input elements always look the same

Setter methods in component

- Original input elements should be customizable
 - Range of years should be customizable by page author
 - But, this range needs to affect what is returned to f:selectItems. So, put methods in the component itself. Call setter methods. Then, make year range variable:

```
<h:selectOneMenu id="year" converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{cc.years}"/>
</h:selectOneMenu>
```

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Backing Components: Code Summary

Java code

Composite component

```
<c:implementation>
    <c:set target="#{cc}" property="startYear"
        value="#{cc.attrs.startYear}"/>
        <c:set target="#{cc}" property="endYear"
        value="#{cc.attrs.endYear}"/>
        ...
</cc:implementation>
```

Calling Setter Methods from **Expression Language: Options**

- Use c:set from JSTL
 - Simple
 - Works in all JSF implementations
 - This is the approach used in these examples
- Define a JSTL function
 - Complex
 - Works in all JSF implementations
- Call directly from expression language
 - Simplest of all
 - Works only in Java EE 6
 - Passing arguments to methods was covered in the tutorial section on the expression language

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Using c:set from JSTL

Load the JSTL core library

```
<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml</a>
```

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xmlns:c="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsp/jstl/core">

- Call the setter method
 - General

– Usual way in composite components <c:set target="#{cc}"</p>

property="beanPropertyName"
value="#{cc.attrs.someAttributeValue}"/>

Reminder: the bean property name is the name of the setter method, minus the word "set", with the next letter changed to lower case.

Example: inputDate2

Idea

 Same as inputDate1, but the range of years should be customizable by page author

Code summary

- Java class
 - Move getYears, getMonths, getDays out of separate DateChoices class, and into component class.
 - Add startYear and endYear bean properties
 - setStartYear and setEndYear change what will be returned by getYears
- Composite component
 - Interface: add startYear and endYear attributes
 - Implementation, use c:set to call setStartYear/setEndYear

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Java Class (Beginning)

```
@FacesComponent("coreservlets.DateComponent2")
public class DateComponent2 extends DateComponent1 {
  private int[] days;
                                                  Basic backing component methods
  private int[] years;
                                                  (encodeBegin, getConvertedValue, etc.)
  private int startYear = 1900;
                                                  inherited unchanged from parent class that was
                                                  shown in previous example.
  private int endYear = 2100;
  private static Map<String, Integer> months;
  static { // Months never change, but years and days do
    months = new LinkedHashMap<String, Integer>();
    String[] names = new DateFormatSymbols().getMonths();
    for (int i = 0; i < 12; i++) {
      months.put(names[i], i + 1);
  public DateComponent2() {
    days = DateUtils.intArray(1, 31);
    years = DateUtils.intArray(startYear, endYear);
```

Java Class (Continued)

```
public int getStartYear() {
    return(startYear);
}

public void setStartYear(int startYear) {
    this.startYear = startYear;
    years = DateUtils.intArray(startYear, endYear);
}

public int getEndYear() {
    return(endYear);
}

public void setEndYear(int endYear) {
    this.endYear = endYear;
    years = DateUtils.intArray(startYear, endYear);
}
```

Java Class (Continued)

```
public int[] getDays() {
    return(days);
}

public int[] getYears() {
    return(years);
}

public Map<String, Integer> getMonths() {
    return(months);
}
```

Component File: Outline

Component File: Interface Section

Component File: Implementation Section

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Example Usage:Reservations at the JSF Resort

Idea

- Same as previous: let user make a hotel reservation.
 - But, range of years is customizable by page author

Managed Bean

- Unchanged from previous example

Page that uses component

- Collects name, checkin (arrival) date, and checkout (departure) date
 - Gives custom ranges of years

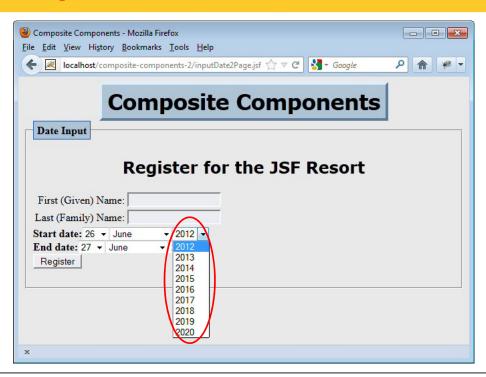
Results page

Unchanged from previous example

Facelets Page that Uses Component

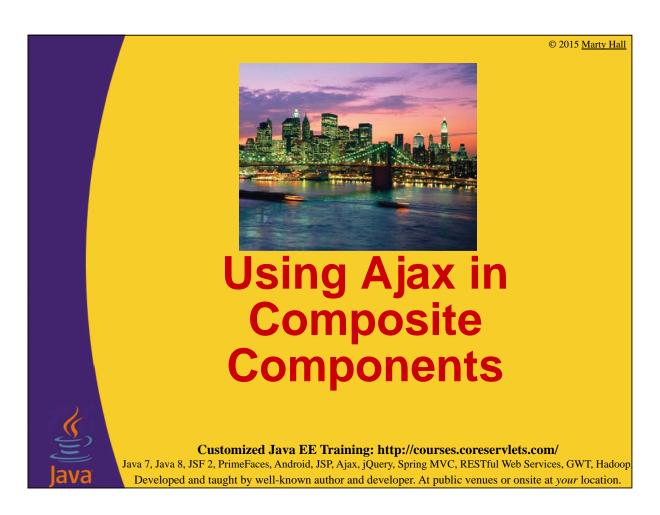
```
<h:form id="registrationForm">
   <h2>Register for the JSF Resort</h2>
   <utils:inputName2 value="#{resortBean}"
                     firstNamePrompt="First (Given) Name"
                     lastNamePrompt="Last (Family) Name"/>
   <b>Start date:</b>
   <utils:inputDate2 value="#{resortBean.startDate}"</pre>
                     startYear="2012" endYear="2020"/><br/>
   <br/>b>End date:</b>
   <utils:inputDate2 value="#{resortBean.endDate}"
                     id="checkoutDate"
                     startYear="2012" endYear="2021"/>
   <h:message for="registrationForm:checkoutDate"
              styleClass="error"/><br/>
   <h:commandButton action="#{resortBean.register}"
                    value="Register"/>
</h:form>
```

Result: Page that Uses Component



Result: Results Page





Ajaxified Components: Idea

No Ajax

- Once page loaded, the menus always look the same
 - Changes to one menu do not affect others.
 - So, in our example, the choice for days is always 1-31, even for months that should have less than 31 days
 - In the code, Feb 30 would wrap around and become March 2

Ajax

- Changes to one menu affect how others look
 - Changing the month affects the number of days
 - Changing the year might affect the number of days in February (depending on leap years)

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Ajaxified Components: Code Summary

Java code

- Same as in previous examples

Composite component

Using Ajax in Composite Components

render attribute

- Give the id exactly as listed in the component file
 - No need to put form id and client id in front, as we will have to do when wrapping up JavaScript components
 - JSF will automatically resolve the id properly

execute attribute

- Use @all
- JSF will automatically treat @all as only the elements inside the component, not all elements in the page

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Java Class (First Half)

```
@FacesComponent("coreservlets.DateComponent3")
public class DateComponent3 extends DateComponent2 {
  private static final int[] DAYS_28 =
    DateUtils.intArray(1, 28);
  private static final int[] DAYS_29 =
    DateUtils.intArray(1, 29);
  private static final int[] DAYS_30 =
    DateUtils.intArray(1, 30);
  private static final int[] DAYS_31 =
    DateUtils.intArray(1, 31);
```

Java Class (Second Half)

```
@Override
public int[] getDays() {
   Date date = (Date)getValue();
   Calendar cal = new GregorianCalendar();
   cal.setTime(date);
   int month = cal.get(Calendar.MONTH) + 1;
   int year = cal.get(Calendar.YEAR);
   int daysInMonth =
        DateUtils.daysInMonth(month, year);
   switch (daysInMonth) {
      case 28: return(DAYS_28);
      case 29: return(DAYS_29);
      case 30: return(DAYS_30);
      default: return(DAYS_31);
   }
}
```

Helper Class

```
public class DateUtils {
  public static int daysInMonth(int month, int year) {
    if (month == 2) {
      if (isLeapYear(year)) {
       return (29);
      } else {
        return (28);
    } else if (month == 4 || month == 6 || month == 9 || month == 11) {
      return (30);
    } else {
      return (31);
  }
  private static boolean isLeapYear(int year) {
    return((year % 4 == 0) &&
           ((year % 400 == 0) || (year % 100 != 0)));
  // Several other Date-related utilities shown elsewhere
```

Component File: Interface Section

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Component File: Implementation Section

```
<cc:implementation>
  <c:set target="#{cc}" property="startYear"
         value="#{cc.attrs.startYear}"/>
  <c:set target="#{cc}" property="endYear"
         value="#{cc.attrs.endYear}"/>
 <h:selectOneMenu id="day" converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{cc.days}"/>
  </h:selectOneMenu>
  <h:selectOneMenu id="month" converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{cc.months}"/>
    <f:ajax render="day" execute="@all"/>
 </h:selectOneMenu>
  <h:selectOneMenu id="year" converter="javax.faces.Integer">
    <f:selectItems value="#{cc.years}"/>
    <f:ajax render="day" execute="@all"/>
  </h:selectOneMenu>
</cc:implementation>
```

Example Usage: Reservations at the JSF Resort

Idea

- Same as previous: let user make a hotel reservation.
 - But, choices for days should match the month (and year, in the case of leap years and February)

Managed Bean

Unchanged from previous example

Page that uses component

 Same as last example: collects name, checkin date, and checkout date. Gives custom ranges of years.

Results page

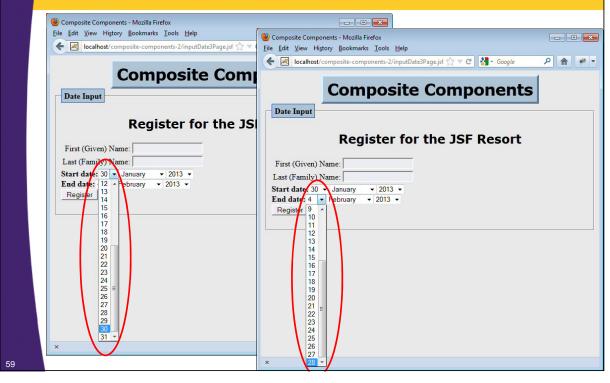
Unchanged from previous example

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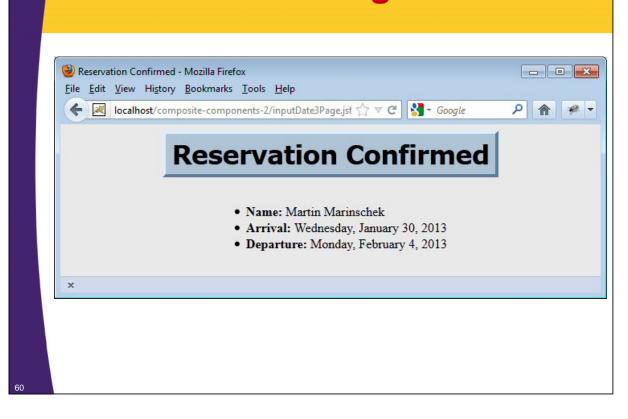
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```
<h:form id="registrationForm">
  <h2>Register for the JSF Resort</h2>
   <utils:inputName2 value="#{resortBean}"
                     firstNamePrompt="First (Given) Name"
                     lastNamePrompt="Last (Family) Name"/>
   <b>Start date:</b>
  <utils:inputDate3 value="#{resortBean.startDate}"
                     startYear="2012" endYear="2020"/><br/>
  <br/><b>End date:</b>
  <utils:inputDate3 value="#{resortBean.endDate}"
                     id="checkoutDate"
                     startYear="2012" endYear="2021"/>
  <h:message for="registrationForm:checkoutDate"
              styleClass="error"/><br/>
   <h:commandButton action="#{resortBean.register}"
                    value="Register"/>
</h:form>
```

Result: Page that Uses Component



Result: Results Page





Wrap-Up



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Summary

- Assemble final value out of pieces by extending UlInput and overriding methods
 - getFamily
 - return("javax.faces.NamingContainer");
 - encodeBegin
 - find components with findComponent("local-id"), set vals
 - getSubmittedValue
 - return(this);
 - getConvertedValue
 - findComponent, getSubmittedValue, convert and combine
- Call setter methods based on attribute values
 - Most portable approach: use c:set
- Embed Ajax behavior
 - Use execute="@all"

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