

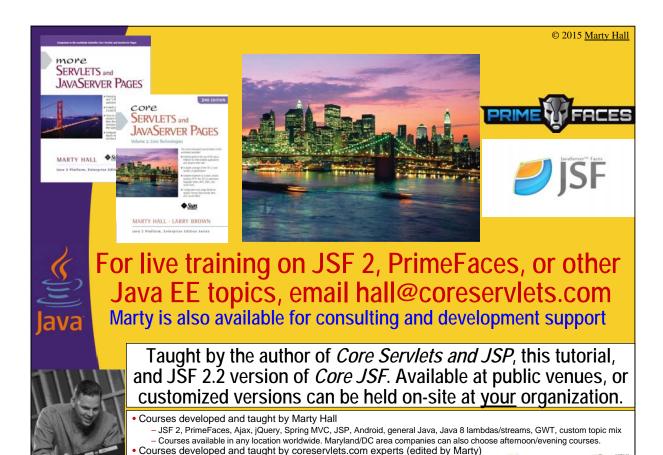
h:dataTable – Building HTML Tables from Collections

JSF 2.2 Version

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Topics in This Section

Options for handling variable-length data

- Building HTML from a bean property
- Using a builtin component like h:dataTable
- Making your own composite component
- Looping with ui:repeat

Using h:dataTable

- Basics: h:dataTable and h:Column
- Headings
- Style sheets
- Ajax-enabled tables
- Tables with conditional values

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Overview



Motivation for h:dataTable

Goal

- You want results pages to be simple and HTML-oriented
 - Separation of concerns
 - Allows Web page developers to build GUI

Problem

 What if the action controller method produces data whose length can change? How do you generate output without resorting to JSP scripting and explicit Java looping?

Solutions

- There are a number of alternatives, all of which would work well in some circumstances. The issue is how much control the Web page author needs.
 - This section covers h:dataTable, but other alternatives are covered in other tutorial sections

JSF Constructs for Handling Variable-Length Data

Simplest • Bean for Page Author

 Have bean getter method spit out string or very simple HTML based on a collection

h:dataTable

 Use a builtin component that builds a table from a collection.

Your own composite component

 Make own component that builds some HTML construct (e.g., list) from a collection

Most Control for Page

Author

ui:repeat

Do explicit looping in results page

Which Option to Use

In general

 Use the simplest option that gives the Web page author enough control

h:dataTable

- The tutorial section on ui:repeat compares and contrasts the options with a brief example of each.
- Bottom line of the comparison:h:dataTable is usually best when
 - · You want to produce an HTML table from the collection
 - Each entry in the collection corresponds to a table row in a relatively consistent manner

Other options

 There are separate tutorial sections on ui:repeat and composite components

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Example Notes

Data

- Normally, the data is produced in the business logic that is called by the action controller
 - E.g., you collect a bank customer ID and month in a form, and the button says
 - <h:commandButton ... action="#{user.findChanges}"/> where findChanges finds the bank account changes (deposits and withdrawals) in the month and puts then into an array or List
- Here, we will hardcode the data for simplicity
 - I.e., make a managed bean with a method that returns a fixed collection



Basics



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Simplest Syntax

- Attributes
 - var, value, border
- Nested element
 - h:column
- Example

```
<h:dataTable var="someVar" value="#{bean.someCollection}"
border="...">
<h:column>#{someVar.property1}</h:column>
<h:column>#{someVar.property2} </h:column>
...
</h:dataTable>
```

- Legal types for "value" attribute
 - Array, List, Collection, ResultSet, Result, DataModel
 - Never use ResultSet: breaks "business logic" separation discussed in managed beans section.
 - JSF 2.3 promises to also support Map and Iterable

Supporting Class: Programmer

```
public class Programmer {
  private String firstName, lastName, level;
  private double salary;
  private String[] languages;
  public Programmer(String firstName,
                    String lastName,
                    String level,
                    double salary,
                    String... languages) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
    this.lastName = lastName;
    this.level = level;
    this.salary = salary;
   this.languages = languages;
  }
  // getFirstName, getLastName, getLevel, getSalary,
  // getLanguages
```

Programmer (Continued)

```
/** Formats the salary like "$24,567.89". */
public String getFormattedSalary() {
   return(String.format("$%,.2f", salary));
}

/** Returns a String like "Java, C++, and Lisp".
   * That is, it puts commas and the word "and" into list.
   */
public String getLanguageList() {
   StringBuilder langList = new StringBuilder();
   for(int i=0; i<languages.length; i++) {
     if(i < (languages.length-1)) {
        langList.append(languages[i] + ", ");
     } else {
        langList.append("and " + languages[i]);
     }
   }
   return(langList.toString());
}</pre>
```

Supporting Class: Company

Managed Bean: Company1

```
This data never changes, so you might as well make it application scoped.
@ManagedBean
@ApplicationScoped
public class Company1 extends Company {
  public Company1() {
    super("My-Small-Company.com",
        new Programmer("Larry", "Ellison", "Junior", 34762.52,
                         "SQL", "Prolog", "OCL", "Datalog"),
        new Programmer("Larry", "Page", "Junior", 43941.86,
                         "Java", "C++", "Python", "Go"),
        new Programmer("Steve", "Ballmer", "Intermediate", 83678.29,
                         "Visual Basic", "VB.NET", "C#", "Visual C++",
                         "Assembler"),
        new Programmer("Sam", "Palmisano", "Intermediate", 96550.03,
                         "REXX", "CLIST", "Java", "PL/I", "COBOL"),
        new Programmer("Steve", "Jobs", "Intermediate", 103488.80,
                         "Objective-C", "AppleScript", "Java", "Perl",
                         "Tcl"));
  }
```

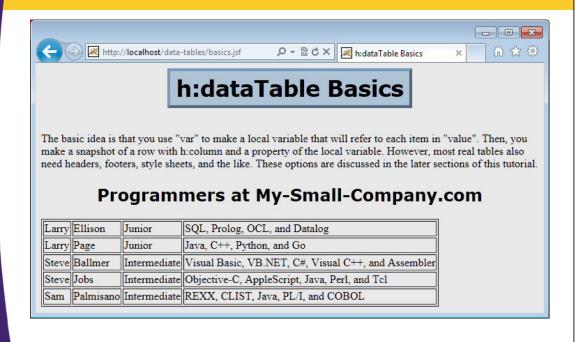
Facelets Page: Top

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
  "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"</pre>
                                                                          This first simple example
                                                                          doesn't use any f: tags,
                                                                          but most real h:dataTable
         xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
                                                                          examples use f:facet. So,
                                                                          plan ahead and add this
         xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
                                                                         namespace from the
                                                                         beginning.
<h:head><title>h:dataTable Basics</title>
                                                                        You probably are already
<link href="./css/styles.css"</pre>
                                                                        using this namespace for
                                                                        h:form, h:outputText, etc
                                                                        But even if not, you need
         rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
                                                                        it for h:dataTable and
</h:head>
<h:body>
```

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Facelets Page: Main Code

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Headers and Captions



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Overview

Problem

 Regular content gives a snapshot of a row. So, most content inside h:column is repeated for every row.

Solution

— Mark headings with f:facet. Shown for first row only.
<h:dataTable var="someVar" value="#{someCollection}">
<h:column>
<f:facet name="header">First Heading

#{someVar.property1}

</h:column>
This is a reserved name, not something arbitrary. So, it will fall if you use "heading", "Header", or "headers".

</h:dataTable>

Other f:facet options

– name="footer", name="caption" (outside h:caption)

Other Options for h:dataTable

Summary

<h:dataTable var="..." value="..." otherAttributes>...</h:dataTable>

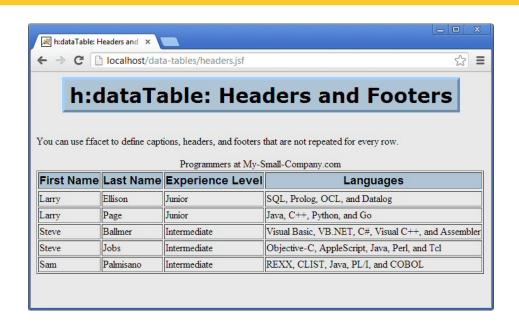
Most important other attributes

- border, bgcolor, cellpadding, cellspacing, width onclick, ondoubleclick, onmouseover, etc.
 - Same as for the normal tag.
- styleClass, captionClass, headerClass, footerClass
 - CSS style names for main table, caption, header, and footer.
 Discussed in upcoming section.
- rowClasses, columnClasses
 - List of CSS style names for each row and column. Will use each name in turn and then repeat. Discussed in upcoming section.
- first, rows
 - First entry in collection to use, total number of rows to show.
- id, rendered
 - Same as for all h:elements. Use id for Ajax. Use rendered if you will omit the table in certain situations (e.g., if no rows).

Facelets Page: Main Code

```
<h:dataTable var="programmer"
              value="#{company1.programmers}" border="1">
  <f:facet name="caption">Programmers at
                             #{company1.companyName}</f:facet>
  <h:column>
    <f:facet name="header">First Name</f:facet>
    #{programmer.firstName}
  </h:column>
  <h:column>
    <f:facet name="header">Last Name</f:facet>
    #{programmer.lastName}
  </h:column>
  <h:column>
    <f:facet name="header">Experience Level</f:facet>
    #{programmer.level}
  </h:column>
  <h:column>
    <f:facet name="header">Languages</f:facet>
    #{programmer.languageList}
  </h:column>
                                                      Note: same managed bean (Company1) and
                                                      supporting class (Programmer) as previous example.
 /h:dataTable>
```

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Style Sheets



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Overview

Problem

- Using a general style sheet for the entire table does not always work
 - Might be multiple tables in the page that want different styles
 - · Different rows might want different styles

Solution

- Explicitly supply CSS style names.

Summary

- styleClass, captionClass, headerClass, footerClass
 - CSS name that will apply to table as a whole, caption (if there is one), first row (if it is a header), and last row (if it is a footer)
- rowClasses
 - Comma-separated list of names. Apply first name to first non-header row or column, then next name, etc. When you get to end of list, repeat. For instance, two names will apply to odd/even rows.
- columnClasses
 - Comma-separated list of names. Apply until you run out, then stop.
 Do not repeat as with rowClasses. Thus, you normally supply
 exactly as many entries as you have columns.

Example: Summary

</h:dataTable>

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Example: Facelets Part 1

```
<h:dataTable var="programmer"
     value="#{company1.programmers}"
     border="1"
     styleClass="mainTable"
     captionClass="caption1"
     headerClass="heading"
     rowClasses="even,odd"> Fewer entries for rowClasses than rows in the table.
     will repeat once the end of the list of styles is reached.

(Same body as last example)
</h:dataTable>
```

Despite the simplicity and popularity of rowClasses, sometimes the same effect can be accomplished by using a single style sheet for the table as a whole, and applying the positional CSS selectors nth-child(even), nth-child(odd), or nth-child(xn+y). These selectors are now supported consistently by all major browsers. See the CSS lecture earlier in this JSF tutorial series.

Example: Facelets Part 2

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Example: Style Sheet Part 1

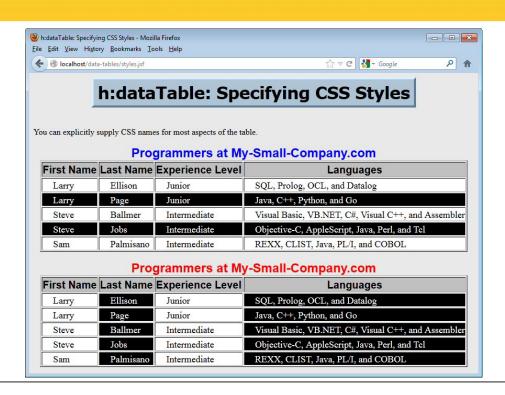
```
.mainTable {
   margin-left: auto;
   margin-right: auto;
.caption1 {
  font-family: sans-serif;
  font-weight: bold;
  font-size: 24px;
  color: blue;
.caption2 {
  font-family: sans-serif;
  font-weight: bold;
  font-size: 24px;
  color: red;
.heading {
    font-family: sans-serif;
    font-weight: bold;
   font-size: 20px;
    color: black;
   background-color: silver;
    text-align: center; }
```

Example: Style Sheet Part 2

```
.even {
    font-family: Times New Roman, serif;
    font-size: 18px;
    color: black;
    background-color: white;
    text-indent: 20px;
}
.odd {
    font-family: Times New Roman, serif;
    font-size: 18px;
    color: white;
    background-color: black;
    text-indent: 20px;
}
```

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Ajax-Enabled Tables



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Overview

Problem

- Wasteful to reload entire page when switching among various tables
 - Especially if there is a lot of non-table output on the page

Solution

 Use f:ajax to rebuild the table without reloading the entire page.

Notes

- Only basic code shown here.
- Full details on f:ajax are given in separate tutorial section.

Example Overview

CompanyInfo class

- Has list of available companies
- Maps company names to companies

Company class

- Stores list of programmers working for the company
 - Shown earlier in this tutorial

Programmer class

- Stores name, skill level, and programming languages
 - Shown earlier in this tutorial

Desired behavior

- User chooses a company name and sees table of programmers that work for that company.
- Table should be updated without reloading entire page

CompanyInfo

```
@ManagedBean
                             This information does not change based on user input, so it is application scoped.
@ApplicationScoped <
public class CompanyInfo {
  private String companyName;
  private Company[] companies = {
    new Company1(), new Company2(), new Company3() };
  private List<String> companyChoices;
  private Map<String, Company> companyMap; be associated with the corresponding Company
  public CompanyInfo() {
    companyChoices = new ArrayList<>();
    companyMap = new HashMap<>();
    companyName = companies[0].getCompanyName();
    for(Company c: companies) {
       companyChoices.add(c.getCompanyName());
       companyMap.put(c.getCompanyName(), c);
  }
```

CompanyInfo (Continued)

```
public String getCompanyName() {
   return(companyName);
}

public void setCompanyName(String companyName) {
   this.companyName = companyName;
}

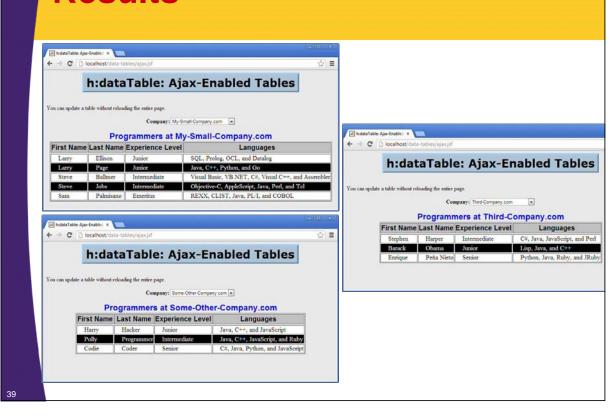
public List<SelectItem> getCompanyChoices() {
   return (companyChoices);
}

public Company getCompany() {
   return(companyMap.get(companyName));
}
```

Facelets Code

```
<div align="center"><b>Company:</b>
<h:selectOneMenu value="#{companyInfo.companyName}">
  <f:selectItems value="#{companyInfo.companyChoices}"/>
  <f:ajax render="programmerTable"/>
                                                   When the combobox value changes, fire off a behind-the-scenes
                                                    JavaScript request to the server. Update the model data for the
</h:selectOneMenu>
                                                   combobox (i.e., call setCompanyName). Then, return the data
                                                    needed to rebuild the element with the id "programmerTable".
</div>
                                                    Replace value for that element only, without reloading entire page
<h:dataTable var="programmer"
                 value="#{companyInfo.company.programmers}"
                 border="1"
                 id="programmerTable"
                 styleClass="mainTable"
                 captionClass="caption1"
                 headerClass="heading"
                 rowClasses="even,odd">
    (Table body almost identical to previous two examples)
</h:dataTable>
```

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Editable Table Cells



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Overview

Problem

You would like to let end user edit some table cells.
 However, you only want certain cells editable, and want a nearby "Update" button when it is.

Solution

 When user clicks "Edit" checkbox, change the output from simple text to a textfield followed by an update button. Use Ajax to prevent reloading entire page.

Main point of example

- h:dataTable cell values can use normal JSF constructs
 - Conditional text
 - h:inputText, h:commandButton and any other elements.
 Not limited to simple #{blah} output

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Java Classes

CompanyInfo

Shown earlier

Company

Shown earlier

Programmer

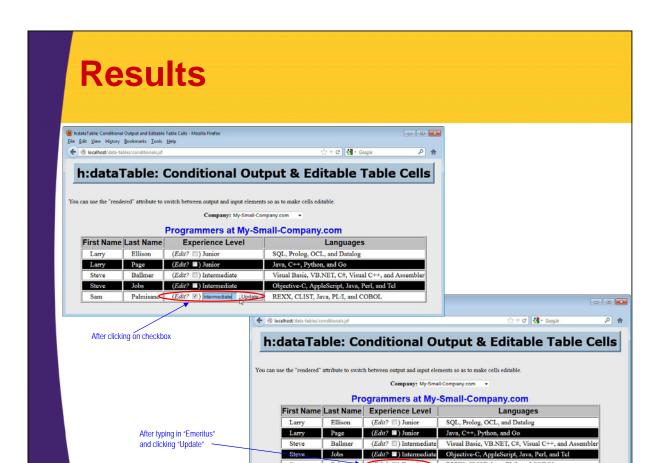
- Partially shown earlier.
 - Added a boolean property to say whether the skill level is editable.
 - Added code to setLevel that resets the boolean property to false.

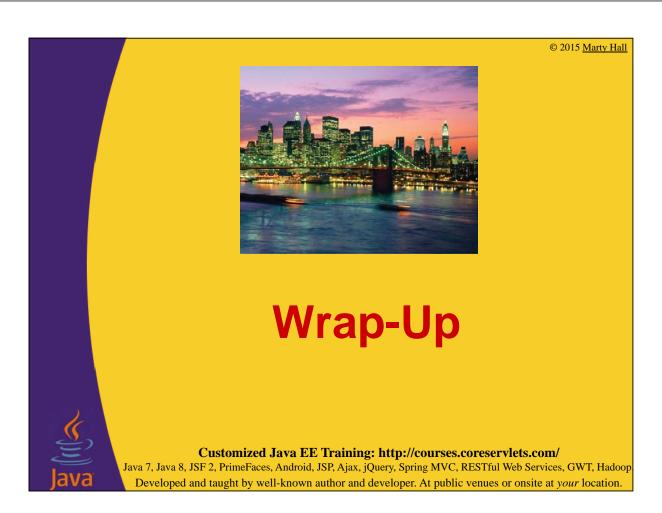
Programmer Class (New Parts)

```
public class Programmer {
    ...
    private boolean isLevelEditable;
    ...
    public void setLevel(String level) {
        isLevelEditable = false;
        this.level = level;
    }
    ...
    public boolean isLevelEditable() {
        return(isLevelEditable);
    }
    public void setLevelEditable(boolean isLevelEditable) {
        this.isLevelEditable = isLevelEditable;
    }
}
```

Facelets Code

```
Core h:selectOneMenu and h:dataTable code
<h:selectOneMenu ...>...</h:selectOneMenu>
                                                                  is about the same as the previous example.
<h:dataTable ...>
  ... (Most columns same as previous examples)
 <h:column>
    <f:facet name="header">Experience Level</f:facet>
    <h:selectBooleanCheckbox value="#{programmer.levelEditable}">
                                                                                   checked, these
                                                                                   two elements
      <f:ajax render="@form"/>
                                                                                   (input field and
    </h:selectBooleanCheckbox></i>)
                                                                                   Aiax-enabled
                                                                                   submit button)
    <h:inputText value="#{programmer.level}" size="12"
                                                                                   are shown.
                    rendered="#{programmer.levelEditable}"/>
    <h:commandButton value="Update" rendered="#{programmer.levelEditable}">
       <f:ajax render="@form" execute="@form"/>
    </h:commandButton>
    <h:outputText value="#{programmer.level}"
                     rendered="#{!programmer.levelEditable}"/>
                                                                          If the checkbox is
  </h:column>
                                                                          not checked, this
... (Most columns same as previous examples)
</h:dataTable>
                                                                          output) is shown
                                                                          instead.
```





Syntax Summary

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