

# Play References

## Play References + Cheat Sheet



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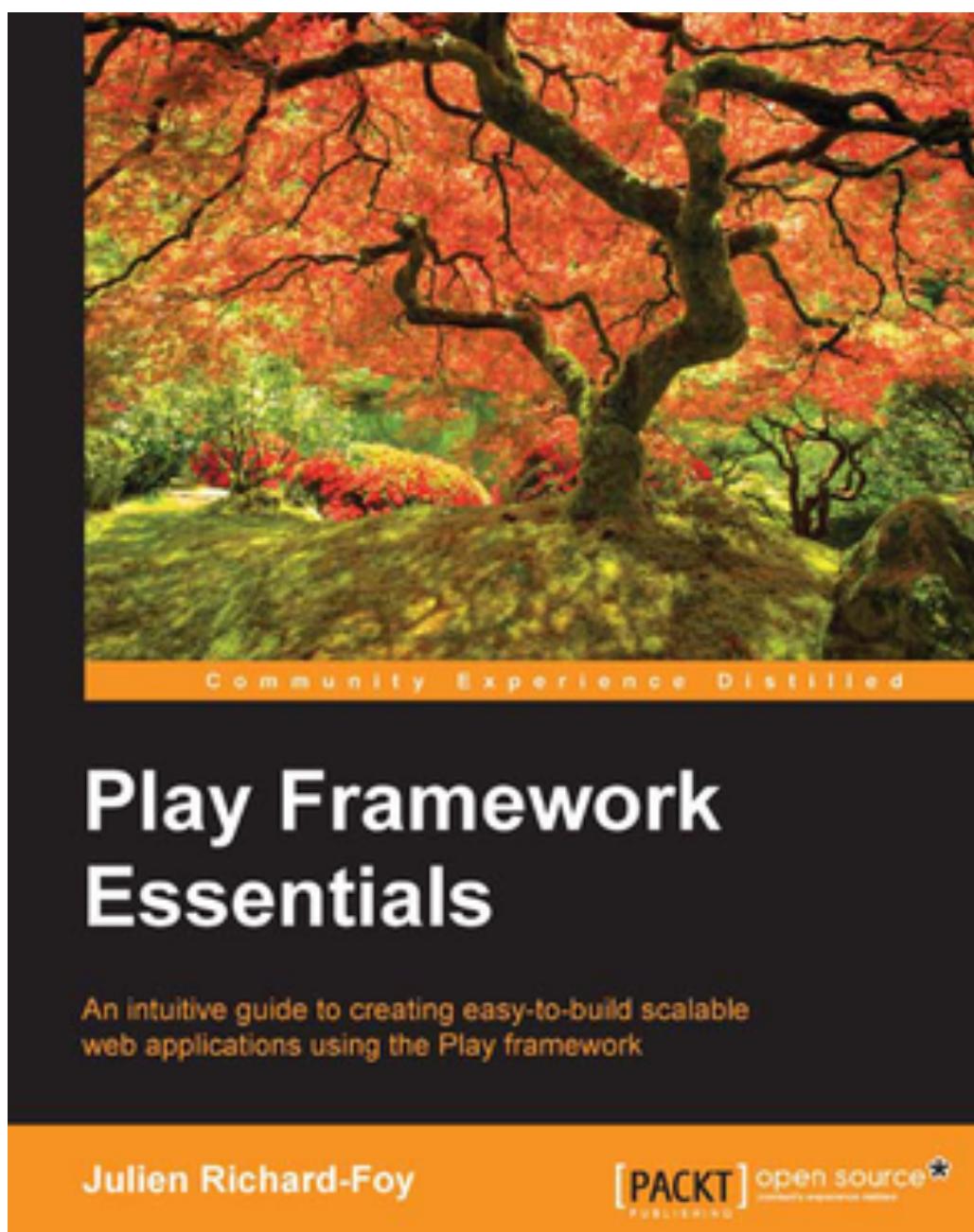
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## Play Framework V1.x Books



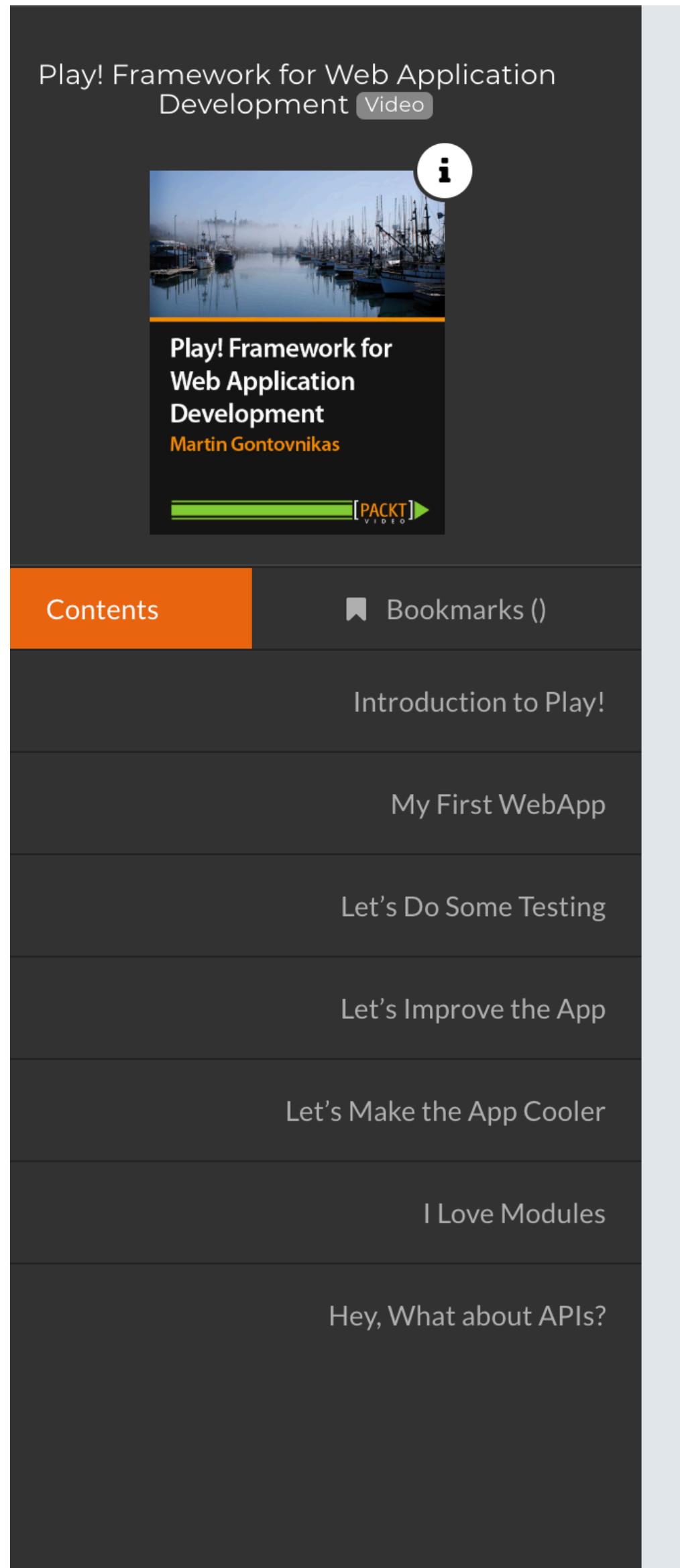
<https://www.packtpub.com/web-development/play-framework-cookbook>

1st Edition only, 2ed edition is for a different framework - Play 2



<https://www.packtpub.com/web-development/play-framework-essentials>

# Play Framework V1.x Video Course



The image shows a screenshot of a video player interface for a Packt Video course. The title bar reads "Play! Framework for Web Application Development" and "Video". Below the title is a thumbnail image of a harbor with many boats. To the right of the thumbnail is a circular icon with an 'i' inside. The main content area is titled "Table of Contents". The table of contents is organized into two main sections: "1 Introduction to Play!" and "2 My First WebApp". Each section contains several sub-topics listed in orange text.

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Creating the Controllers	
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<https://www.packtpub.com/web-development/play-framework-web-application-development-video>

# Play Cheat Sheet

## Model

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Play 1.2.7



<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/1.2.7/cheatsheet/model>

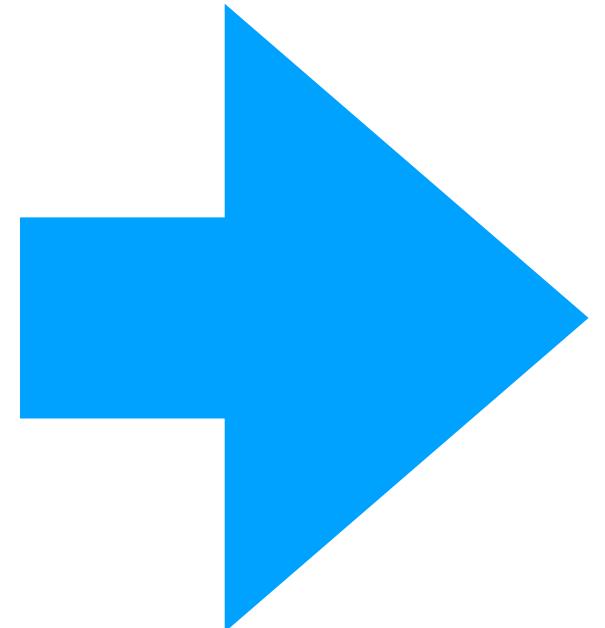
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# Command Line

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## Command line – play command

### **classpath**

Display the computed classpath

### **id**

Define the framework ID, used for multi-environment configuration

### **secret**

Generate a new secret key, used for encryption

### **install**

Install a module

### **list-modules**

List modules available in the central module repository

### **modules**

Display the computed modules list

### **new**

Create a new application

### **new-module**

Create a module

### **build-module**

Build and package a module

### **eclipsify**

Create all Eclipse configuration files

### **netbeansify**

Create all NetBeans configuration files

### **idealize**

Create all IntelliJ Idea configuration files

### **javadoc**

Generate your application Javadoc

### **auto-test**

Automatically run all application tests

### **clean**

Delete temporary files (including the bytecode cache)

### **test**

Run the application in test mode in the current shell

### **precompile**

Precompile all Java sources and templates to speed up application start-up

### **war**

Export the application as a standalone WAR archive

### **run**

Run the application in the current shell

### **start**

Start the application in the background

### **stop**

Stop the running application

### **restart**

Restart the running application

### **status**

Display the running application's status

### **out**

Follow logs/system.out file

### **pid**

Show the PID of the running application

### **check**

Check for a Play framework release newer than the current one

### **help**

Display help on a specific command

# Templates

# Templates (1)

## Template – Standard Tags

**#{extends 'page.html'}/**

**#{doLayout /}**

Master template decorators

**#{get 'title'}Used if title not set#{/get}**

**#{set title:'Home Page'}**

Shared variables between page and master templates

**#{include 'tree.html'}/**

Includes fragment – page context is shared

**#{script id:'myscript' , src:'script.js', charset:'utf-8' /}**

**#{stylesheet id:'main', media:'print', src:'print.css' /}**

Imports script & styles in the page

**#{a @Application.logout()}**

**}Disconnect#{/a}**

**#{form @Client.create() , id:'form' enctype:'multipart/form-data' } ... #{/form}**

Handy tags to create anchors and forms

**#{verbatim}\${'&'}#{/verbatim}**

Disables HTML escaping

**#{i18n /}**

Exports localized messages in Javascript

**#{ifErrors} <p>Error(s) found!</p> # {/ifErrors}**

Checks for validation errors

**#{ifError 'user.name'} #{error 'user.name' /} #{/ifError}**

Checks a given error

**#{errors} <li>\${error}</li> #{/errors}**

Iterates over the current validation errors

**#{if cond}...#{/if}#{elseif cond}...#{/elseif}#{else}...#{/else}**

**#{ifnot cond}...#{/ifnot}**

Conditional constructs

**#{list items:0..10, as:'i'}\${i}#{/list}**

**#{list items:'a'..'z', as:'l'} \${l}\_isLast ?:"|" }#{/list}**

**#{list users}\${\_}#{/list}**

Loop constructs

**#{list items:task, as:'task'}\${task}#{/list}**

**#{else}No tasks on the list#{/else}**

Tip: Else can be used along with list

**#{cache 'key', for:'15min'}...#{/cache}**

Caches content for 15 minutes

# Templates (2)

## Template – Groovy extension

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# Models

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## Model – Basics

**@Entity(name="sql\_tbl") public class Post extends Model**

Specifies that the class is persistent

**@Embedded**

Defines this field as being embedded

**@EmbeddedId**

Defines this field as being (part of) the identity for the class, and being embedded into this class

**@Embeddable**

Specifies that the class is persistent embedded in another

## Model – Relations

**@OneToOne(entity, fetch=[LAZY,EAGER], nullable=true)**

Defines this field as being a 1-1 relation with another persistent entity

**@OneToMany(mappedBy="remote\_attribute")**

Defines this field as being a 1-N relation with other persistent entities

**@ManyToMany(cascade=[ALL, PERSIST, MERGE, REMOVE, REFRESH, DETACH])**

Defines this field as being a M-N relation with other persistent entities

**@ManyToOne**

Defines this field as being a N-1 relation with another persistent entity

## Model.action – Queries

**Query query = JPA.em().createQuery("jpql\_query");**

Access the persistence manager

**Post post = Post.findById(id);**

**List posts = Post.findAll();**

Finder methods

**post.save();**

Save the object to the persistent store

**boolean post.validateAndSave();**

true if object validates and saved, see validation annotations

**List posts = Post.all().from(50).fetch(100);**

Read records 50 to 100, if any

**Post.find("select p from Post p, Comment c where c.post = p and c.subject like ?", "%hop%");**

Parametrized lookup using a join

# Controllers

# Sessions

## Controller - Session Management

**WARNING: Play Session is NOT the J2EE session**

session and flash use cookies! 4KB limit/20 cookies max

**session.getId();**

Returns the session ID – in most cases: a must have!

```
session.put(String key, String value);
session.get("user_flag");
Values are limited to Strings, 4KB max

flash.put(String key, String value);
flash.get(String key);
Flash entries are discarded at end of next request

Cache.set("key_" + id, product, "30mn");
Set cache value to 30 minutes
```

**Cache.get("key\_" + id, Product.class);**  
Get cache value, may return null

**Cache.delete("key\_" + id);**  
Non blocking cache delete

**Cache.safeDelete("key\_" + id);**  
Blocking cache delete

## Controller.action - Redirection

**render(params...);**

Renders template with given parameters, as text/html

**renderXML(params...);**

Renders parameters as application/xml

**renderJson(params...);**  
Renders parameters as application/json

**renderText(params...);**  
Renders parameters as text/plain

**renderTemplate("Clients/showClient.html", id, client);**

Bypasses default template

**redirect("http://www.crionics.com");**  
HTTP redirect to the given URL

**From an action, calling another Controller.action()**

The framework transparently generates a REDIRECT!

## Controller.action - Others

**Logger.info("Action executed ...");**

**Logger.debug("A log message");**

**Logger.error(ex, "Oops");**

Logging configuration lives in application.conf

```
@CacheFor("1h") public static void index()
{ ... }
```

Caches the result of the action for 1 hour

**Play.configuration.getProperty("blog.title");**

Access to the configuration file

**Query query =**  
**JPA.em().createQuery("query");**  
Access the persistence manager

# Complete Cheat Sheets

# Templates Complete

## Template - Implicit objects

**errors**  
The validation errors raised in the controller  
**flash**  
Flash scope  
**lang**  
The negotiated language

## messages

The map of localised messages  
**out**  
The output stream writer  
**params**  
Current parameters

## play

Main framework class  
**request**  
The current HTTP request  
**session**  
The session scope

## Template - Tag grammar

**\${ client.name }**  
Evaluates and outputs a variable  
 **\${ client?.name }**  
Displays client.name only if client not null  
 **@{ Controller.action() }**  
Calculates URL relative path to action

**@f Controller.action().secure()**  
Calculates URL relative HTTPS path to action  
 **@@f Controller.action()**  
Calculates URL absolute path to action  
 **@{'path/to/static\_content'}**  
  
 **& message.key**  
Message are maintained in conf/messages, supports i18

**\* this is a comment \***  
What else to say?  
 **%{ out.print("HelloWorld") }%**  
Groovy scripts for UI logic  
 **#f my.custom.tag**  
A typical custom tag – page context not shared

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## Template - Custom Tags

@FastTags.Namespace("domain")  
public class RecaptchaTag extends FastTags {

public static void \_recaptcha(Map args, Closure body, PrintWriter out, ExecutableTemplate template, int fromLine) { ...  
/app/view/tags/domain/mytag.tag  
Custom tag can be called as #{domain.mytag/}

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<b>Model – Basics</b>	<b>@EmbeddedId</b> Defines this field as being (part of) the identity for the class, and being embedded into this class <b>@Embeddable</b> Specifies that the class is persistent embedded in another	<b>persistent class</b> <b>@MappedSuperclass</b> Specifies that this class contains persistent information to be mapped in a subclass
<b>Model – Generators</b>	<b>Used to generate auto indexes</b> <b>@SequenceGenerator</b> Defines a generator of values using sequences in the datastore for use with persistent entities	<b>@TableGenerator</b> Defines a generator of sequences using a table in the datastore for use with persistent entities
<b>Model – Relational mapping</b>	<b>@Basic</b> Defines this field as being persistent, can be omitted <b>@Transient</b> Defines this field as being transient (not persisted) <b>@Lob(fetch=[LAZY, EAGER], type=[BLOB,CLOB])</b> Defines this field as being stored as a large object <b>@UniqueConstraint(primary=false, String columns[])</b> Used to define secondary indexes	<b>@Temporal(DATE,TIME,TIMESTAMP)</b> Should only be used on java.util.Date and Calendar fields <b>@Enumerated(ORDINAL, STRING)</b> Defines this field as storing an enumerated class <b>@Column(name="sql_column_name")</b> Defines a table column name that is different to the field name
<b>Model – Callbacks</b>	<b>@PostPersist</b> Defines this method as being a callback for post-persist events <b>@PreRemove</b> Defines this method as being a callback for pre-remove events <b>@PostRemove</b> Defines this method as being a callback for post-remove events	<b>@PreUpdate</b> Defines this method as being a callback for pre-update events <b>@PostLoad</b> Defines this method as being a callback for post-load events
<b>Model – Relations</b>	<b>@ManyToOne(cascade=[ALL, PERSIST, MERGE, REMOVE, REFRESH, DETACH])</b> Defines this field as being a M-N relation with other persistent entities <b>@ManyToMany</b> Defines this field as being a N-1 relation with another persistent entity	<b>@JoinColumn(name = "id_connector")</b> Defines a column for joining to either a join table or foreign key relation. <b>@JoinTable(name = "nm_table", joinColumns = { @JoinColumn(name = "id_coupon", nullable = false) }, inverseJoinColumns = { @JoinColumn(name = "id_campaign", nullable = false) })</b> Used to map ManyToMany relationships
<b>Model – JPA Queries</b>	<b>@NamedNativeQuery(name="q2","sql_query")</b> Defines a native SQL query for use in the persistence unit <b>@SqlResultSetMapping</b> Used to map a native SQL query result to the object model	This is only a subset of the JPA2 annotations, Hibernate also has its own non standard set.

# Controllers Complete

<b>Controller.action – Smart binding</b>	<pre>public static void show(List id) public static void show(Set id) <b>Controller/get?date=02-18-1972</b> public static void get(@As("MM-dd-yyyy") Date date) (@As(binder=MyCustomStringBinder.class)) Custom parameter binder</pre>	<pre>public static void create(String comment, File attachment) Send File as multipart/form-data encoded POST request ?client.name=paul&amp;client.email=p@example.com public static void create(Client client) JavaBean (POJO) binding @NoBinding Marks a non-bindable field</pre>
<b>Controller.action – Validation</b>	<pre>@Required String lastname @IsTrue String agree @Max(7500) Integer wordCount @Min(18) Long age @MaxSize(2083) String value @MinSize(42) String value @Email String address</pre>	<pre>@Equals("passwordConfirmation") String password @InFuture String dueDate @InFuture("1979-12-31") String birthDate @Match("[A-Z]{3}") String abbreviation @Match("directDebit creditCard onReceipt") @Past String actualDepartureDate @Past("1980-01-01") String birthDate @Range(min = 17500, max = 40000) String wordCount</pre>
<b>Controller – Session Management</b>	<p><b>WARNING:</b> Play Session is NOT the J2EE session session and flash use cookies! 4KB limit/20 cookies max</p> <pre>session.getId(); Returns the session ID - in most cases: a must have!</pre> <pre>session.put(String key, String value); session.get("user_flag");</pre>	<p>Values are limited to Strings, 4KB max</p> <pre>flash.put(String key, String value); flash.get(String key); Flash entries are discarded at end of next request</pre> <pre>Cache.set("key_" + id, product, "30mn"); Set cache value to 30 minutes</pre>
<b>Controller.action – Redirection</b>	<pre>render(params...); Renders template with given parameters, as text/html</pre> <pre>renderXML(params...); Renders parameters as application/xml</pre>	<pre>redirect("http://www.cronics.com"); HTTP redirect to the given URL</pre> <p><b>From an action, calling another Controller.action()</b> The framework transparently generates a REDIRECT!</p>
<b>Controller – Jobs</b>	<pre>@OnApplicationStart</pre>	<pre>@Every("1h") public class Bootstrap extends Job {public void doJob() {...} }</pre>
<b>Controller – Interceptions</b>	<p><b>@Before</b> → <b>action</b> → <b>@After</b> → <b>template</b> → <b>@Finally</b> Interceptions evaluation order</p> <pre>@Before static void checkAuthentication() @After static void log()</pre>	<pre>@Finally static void audit() You get the idea</pre> <pre>@With(Secure.class) public class Admin extends Application Custom interceptors at the controller scope</pre>
<b>Controller.action – Others</b>	<pre>Logger.info("Action executed ..."); Logger.debug("A log message"); Logger.error(ex, "Oops"); Logging configuration lives in application.conf</pre>	<pre>@CacheFor("1h") public static void index() { ... } Caches the result of the action for 1 hour</pre> <pre>Play.configuration.getProperty("blog.title"); Access to the configuration file</pre>
<b>Controller – Libraries</b>	<pre>WS.url("http://s.com/posts").get().toJSON(); HTTP GET request to JSON</pre> <pre>WS.withEncoding("iso-8859-1").url("http://s.com/posts").get().toJSON(); HTTP GET request to JSON using iso-8859-1 encoding</pre> <pre>WS.url("http://s.com/").post().toXML(); HTTP POST request to XML</pre> <pre>DB.execute("raw sql"); Eval raw SQL</pre> <pre>XML.getDocument(String); String to XML</pre> <pre>XML.serialize(Document); XML to String</pre> <pre>XPath.selectNodes(String xpath, Object node); XPath expression evaluator</pre>	<pre>Files.copy(File,File); File copy</pre> <pre>Files.copyDir(File,File); Recursive directory copy</pre> <pre>Files.delete(File); Deletes file/directory</pre> <pre>IO.readLines(File); IO.readContentAsString(File); IO.readContent(File); IO.write(byte[],File); Read/Write file contents</pre> <pre>Images.crop(File orig,File to, int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2); Images.resize(File orig, File to, int w, int h); Images.toBase64(File image); Handy methods!</pre>
		<pre>Crypto.encryptAES(String); Crypto.decryptAES(String); Encryption using the application secret key</pre> <pre>Crypto.passwordHash(String); Create an MD5 password hash</pre> <pre>Codec.UUID(); Generates unique IDs</pre> <pre>Codec.byteToHexString(byte[] bytes); Write a byte array as hexadecimal String</pre> <pre>Codec.encodeBASE64(byte[] value); Codec.decodeBASE64(String base64); Encode/Decode a base64 value</pre> <pre>Codec.hexSHA1(String); Build a hexadecimal SHA1 hash for a String</pre>