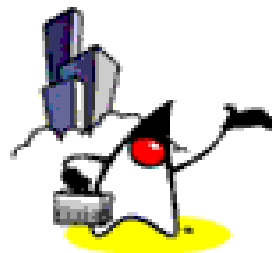




# JSTL (JSP Standard Tag Library)





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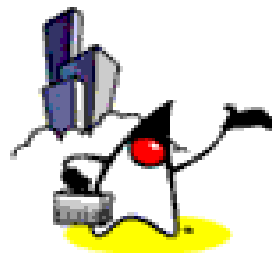
- 11/01/2003: version 1: created by Sang Shin
- Things to do
  - speaker notes need to be polished
  - there are still some topics that are not covered yet

# Agenda

- What is and Why JSTL?
- JSTL Functional areas
  - Core tags
  - Database Access tags
  - XML tags
    - Quick review on XPath
  - Internationalization and Text Formatting tags
  - EL (Expression Language) functions tags



# What is & Why JSTL?



# What is JSTL?

- **Standard set** of tag libraries
- Encapsulates **core functionality** common to many JSP applications
  - iteration and conditionals
  - XML
  - database access
  - internationalized formatting
- Likely to evolve to add more commonly used tags in future versions

# Why JSTL?

- You don't have to write them yourself
- You learn and use a single standard set of tag libraries that are already provided by compliant Java EE platforms
- Vendors are likely to provide more optimized implementation
- **Portability** of your applications are enabled

# JSTL Tag Libraries

- Core (prefix: c)
  - Variable support, Flow control, URL management
- XML (prefix: x)
  - Core, Flow control, Transformation
- Internationalization (i18n) (prefix: fmt)
  - Locale, Message formatting, Number and date formatting
- Database (prefix: sql)
  - SQL query and update
- Functions (prefix: fn)
  - Collection length, String manipulation

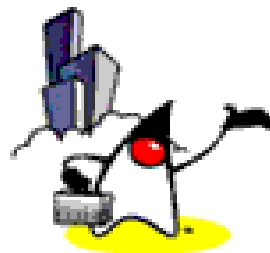


# Declaration of JSTL Tag Libraries

- Core
  - `<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" %>`
- XML
  - `<%@ taglib prefix="x" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/xml" %>`
- Internationalization (i18n)
  - `<%@ taglib prefix="fmt" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/fmt" %>`
- Database (SQL)
  - `<%@ taglib prefix="sql" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/sql" %>`
- Functions
  - `<%@ taglib prefix="fn" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/functions" %>`



# Core Tags (Core Actions)



# Core Tags Types (page 1)

- Variable support
  - `<c:set>`
  - `<c:remove>`
- Conditional
  - `<c:if>`
  - `<c:choose>`
    - `<c:when>`
    - `<c:otherwise>`
- Iteration
  - `<c:forEach>`
  - `<c:forTokens>`

# Core Tags Types (page 2)

- URL management
  - <c:import>
    - <c:param>
  - <c:redirect>
    - <c:param>
  - <c:url>
    - <c:param>
- General purpose
  - <c:out>
  - <c:catch>

# Variable Support, <c:set>

- Sets the value of an EL variable or the property of an EL variable via “var” attribute
  - in any of the JSP scopes via “scope” attribute
  - page, request, session, application
- If the variable does not already exist, it gets created and saved (in the scope object)
- Variable can be set in 2 different ways
  - <c:set var="foo" scope="session" value="..."/>
    - example: <c:set var="bookId" value="\${param.BookID}"/>
  - <c:set var="foo">value to be set</c:set>

## Example: <c:set> definition quoted from ./elsupport/Set.jsp

```
<c:set var="customerTable" scope="application">
<table border="1">
  <c:forEach var="customer" items="{customers}">
    <tr>
      <td>${customer.lastName}</td>
      <td><c:out value="{customer.address}" default="no address
specified"/></td>
      <td>
        <c:out value="{customer.address}">
          <font color="red">no address specified</font>
        </c:out>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </c:forEach>
</table>
</c:set>
```

The content between <c:set> and /c:set  
is saved as \${customerTable}.

# Example: How a predefined Variable “customerTable” is used: ./elsupport/Set2.jsp

<h4>Using "customerTable" application scope attribute defined in Set.jsp a first time</h4>

```
<c:out value="${customerTable}" escapeXml="false"/>
```

<h4>Using "customerTable" application scope attribute defined in Set.jsp a second time</h4>

```
<c:out value="${customerTable}" escapeXml="false" />
```

# Example: How a predefined Variable “customerTable” is used: ./elsupport/Set2.jsp

**<c:set>**

**Using "customerTable" application scope attribute defined in Set.jsp a first time**

Richard	123 Chemin Royal Montreal Canada	123 Chemin Royal Montreal Canada
Mikita	45 Fisher Blvd Chicago USA	45 Fisher Blvd Chicago USA
Gilbert	123 Main Street New-York City USA	123 Main Street New-York City USA
Howe	7654 Wings Street Detroit USA	7654 Wings Street Detroit USA
Sawchuk	12 Maple Leafs Avenue Toronto Canada	12 Maple Leafs Avenue Toronto Canada

**Using "customerTable" application scope attribute defined in Set.jsp a second time**

Richard	123 Chemin Royal Montreal Canada	123 Chemin Royal Montreal Canada
Mikita	45 Fisher Blvd Chicago USA	45 Fisher Blvd Chicago USA
Gilbert	123 Main Street New-York City USA	123 Main Street New-York City USA
Howe	7654 Wings Street Detroit USA	7654 Wings Street Detroit USA
Sawchuk	12 Maple Leafs Avenue Toronto Canada	12 Maple Leafs Avenue Toronto Canada



# Variable Support <c:remove>

- Remove an EL variable
  - <c:remove var="cart" scope="session"/>

# Conditional Tags

- Flow control tags eliminate the need for scriptlets
  - Without conditional tags, a page author must generally resort to using scriptlets in JSP page
- `<c:if test="..">`
  - Conditional execution of its body according to value of a test attribute
- `<c:choose>`
  - Performs conditional block execution by the embedded `<c:when>` and `<c:otherwise>` sub tags
  - Works like if-then-else

## Example: <c:if test="...">, ./conditionals/lf.jsp

```
<c:forEach var="customer" items="${customers}">  
  <c:if test="${customer.address.country == 'USA'}">  
    ${customer}<br>  
  </c:if>  
</c:forEach>
```

Only the customers whose “address.country” property value is “USA” are displayed through <c:forEach> loop.

## Example: <c:choose>, <c:when> ./conditionals/Choose.jsp

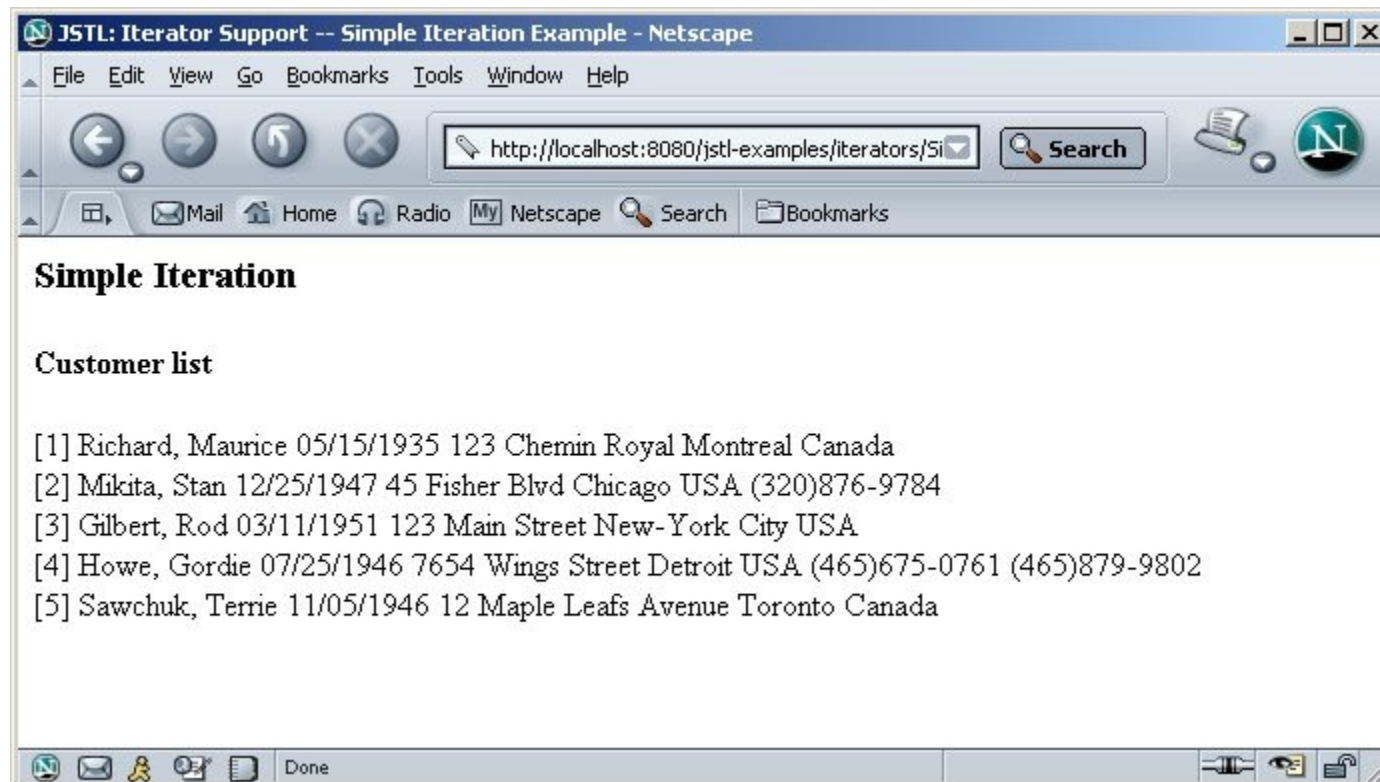
```
<c:forEach var="customer" items="{customers}">
  <c:choose>
    <c:when test="{customer.address.country == 'USA'}">
      <font color="blue">
    </c:when>
    <c:when test="{customer.address.country == 'Canada'}">
      <font color="red">
    </c:when>
    <c:otherwise>
      <font color="green">
    </c:otherwise>
  </c:choose>
  {customer}</font><br>
</c:forEach>
```

# Iterator Tag: <c:forEach>

- Allows you to iterate over a collection of objects
  - **items**: represent the collection of objects
  - **var**: current item
  - **varStatus**: iteration status
  - **begin, end, step**: range and interval
- Collection types
  - **java.util.Collection**
  - **java.util.Map**
    - value of **var** attribute should be of type **java.util.Map.Entry**

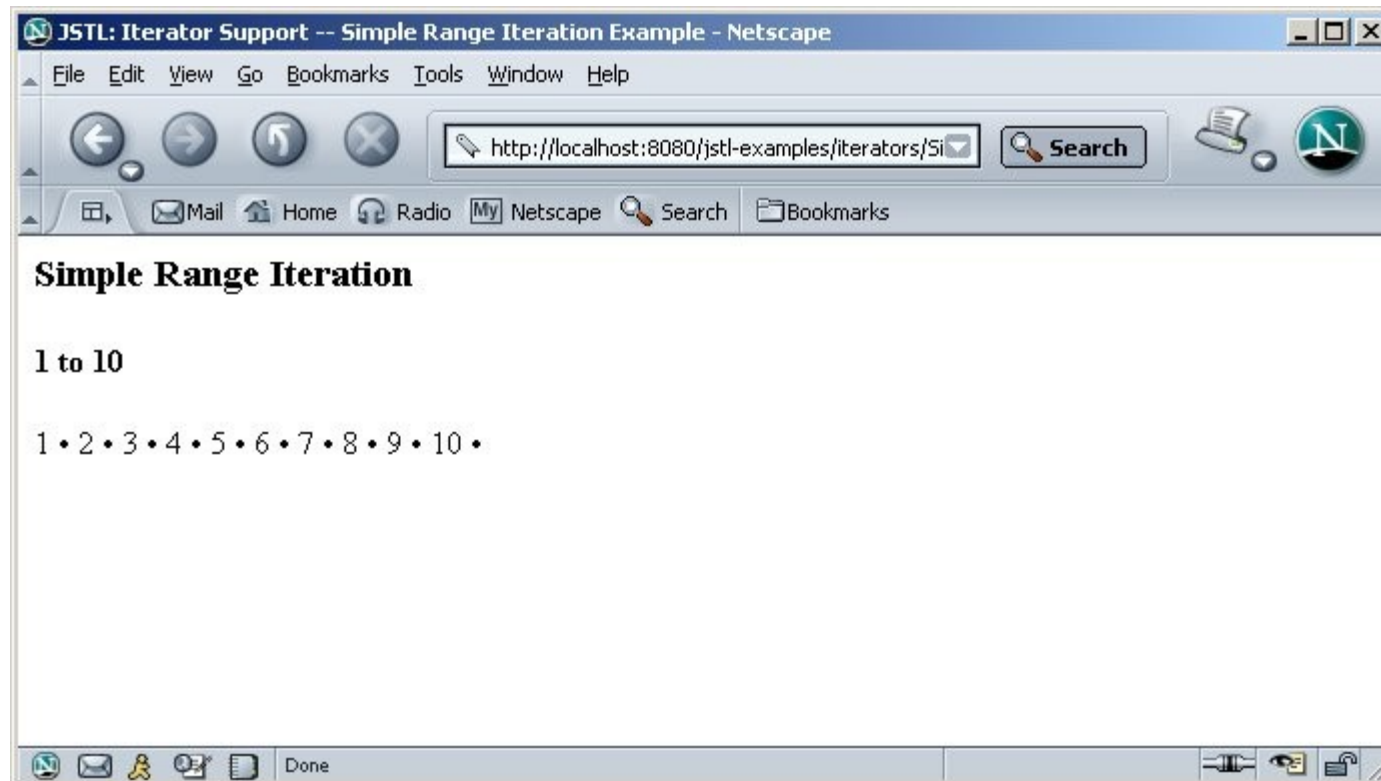
# Example: `<c:forEach>` quoted from `./iterators/Simple.jsp`

```
<c:forEach var="customer" items="${customers}">  
  ${customer}<br>  
</c:forEach>
```



# Example: <c:forEach>, Range quoted from ./iterators/SimpleRange.jsp

```
<c:forEach var="i" begin="1" end="10">  
  ${i} •  
</c:forEach>
```



# Example: <c:forEach>, Data types quoted from ./iterators/DataTypes.jsp

```
<c:forEach var="i" items="${intArray}">
  <c:out value="${i}"/> •
</c:forEach>
```

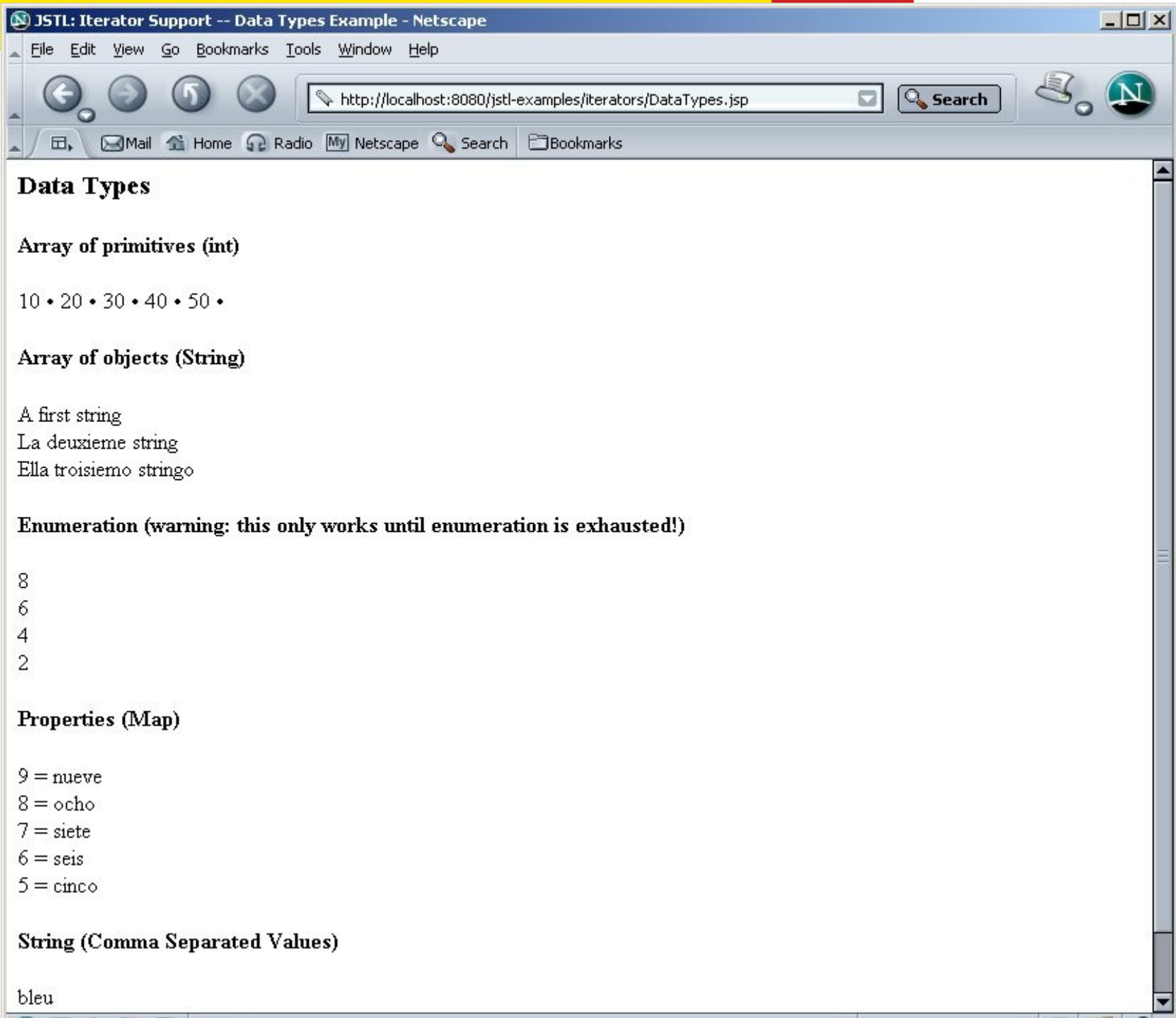
```
<c:forEach var="string" items="${stringArray}">
  <c:out value="${string}"/><br>
</c:forEach>
```

```
<c:forEach var="item" items="${enumeration}" begin="2" end="10" step="2">
  <c:out value="${item}"/><br>
</c:forEach>
```

```
<c:forEach var="prop" items="${numberMap}" begin="1" end="5">
  <c:out value="${prop.key}"/> = <c:out value="${prop.value}"/><br>
</c:forEach>
```

```
<c:forEach var="token" items="bleu,blanc,rouge">
  <c:out value="${token}"/><br>
</c:forEach>
```





# Example: <c:forEach>, Iteration status quoted from ./iterators/Status.jsp

```
<c:forEach var="customer" items="{customers}" varStatus="status">
  <tr>
    <td><c:out value="{status.index}"/></td>
    <td><c:out value="{status.count}"/></td>
    <td><c:out value="{status.current.lastName}"/></td>
    <td><c:out value="{status.current.firstName}"/></td>
    <td><c:out value="{status.first}"/></td>
    <td><c:out value="{status.last}"/></td>
  </tr>...
</c:forEach>
<c:forEach var="i" begin="100" end="200" step="5" varStatus="status">
  <c:if test="{status.first}">
    begin:<c:out value="{status.begin}">begin</c:out>
    end:<c:out value="{status.end}">end</c:out>
    step:<c:out value="{status.step}">step</c:out><br>
    sequence:
  </c:if> ...
</c:forEach>
```

# Example: <c:forEach>, Iteration status quoted from ./iterators/Status.jsp

**Iteration Status**

Using status information: current, index, count, first, last

index	count	last name	first name	first?	last?
0	1	Richard	Maurice	true	false
1	2	Mikita	Stan	false	false
2	3	Gilbert	Rod	false	false
3	4	Howe	Gordie	false	false
4	5	Sawchuk	Terrie	false	true

There are 5 customers in the list.

**Iteration using range attributes**

begin:100 end:200 step:5  
sequence: 100 105 110 115 120 125 130 135 140 145 150 155 160 165 170 175 180 185 190 195 200  
There are 21 numbers in the list.

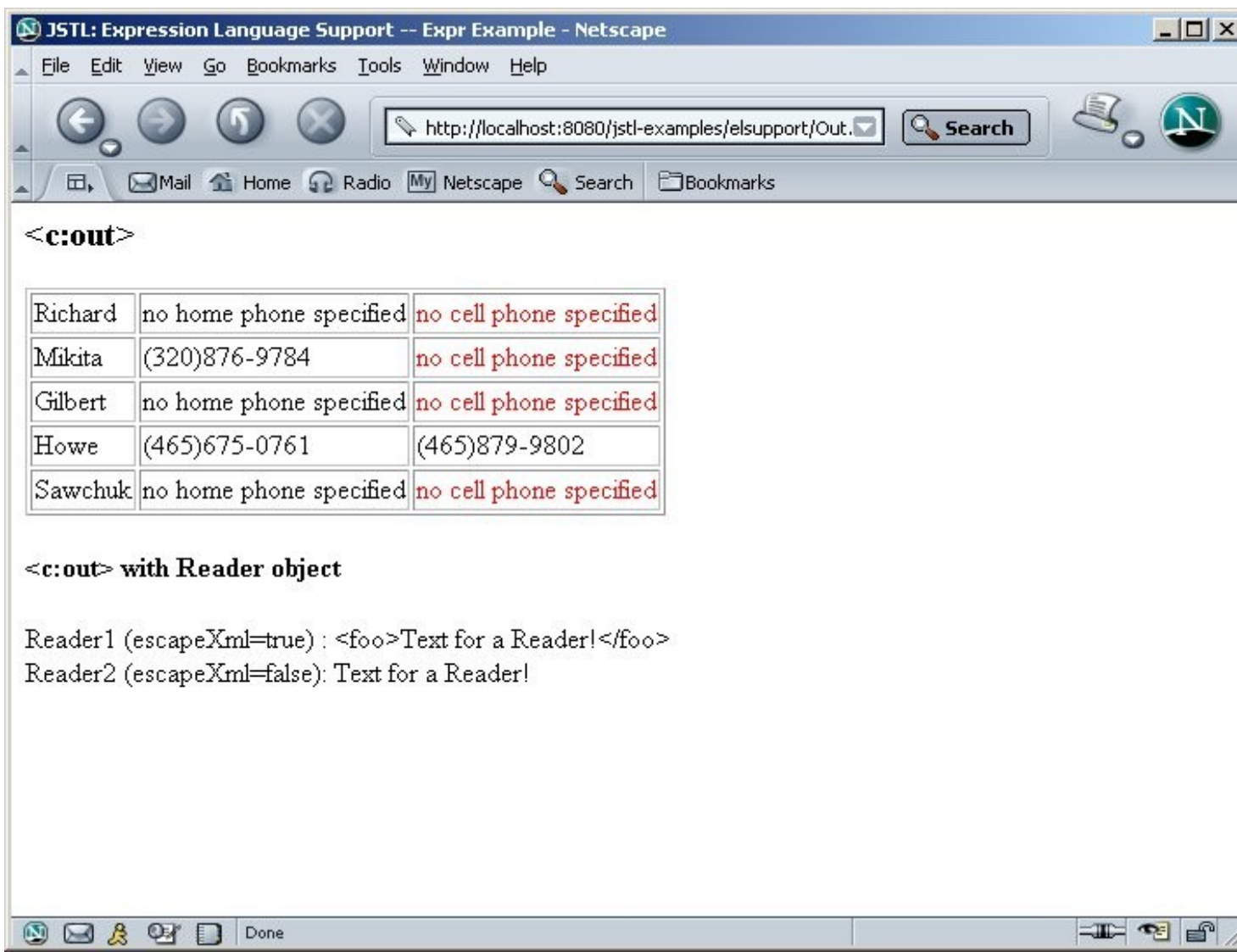
## Example: <c:forToken>

```
<c:forTokens var="token" items="one,two,three" delims=",">  
<c:out value="{token}"/>  
</c:forTokens>
```

## Example: <c:out> quoted from /elsupport/Out.jsp

```
<table border="1">
  <c:forEach var="customer" items="{customers}">
    <tr>
      <td><c:out value="{customer.lastName}"/></td>
      <td><c:out value="{customer.phoneHome}" default="no
home phone specified"/></td>
      <td>
        <c:out value="{customer.phoneCell}" escapeXml="false">
          <font color="red">no cell phone specified</font>
        </c:out>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </c:forEach>
</table>
```

# Example: `<c:out>` quoted from `/elsupport/Out.jsp`



# URL Import: `<c:import>`

- More generic way to access URL-based resources (than `<jsp:include>`)
  - Absolute URL: for accessing resources outside of Web application
  - Relative URL: for accessing resources inside of the same Web application
- More efficient (than `<jsp:include>`)
  - No buffering
- `<c:param>` tag can be used to specify parameters (like `<jsp:param>`)

## Example: <c:import> Absolute URL quoted from /import/Absolute.jsp

```
<blockquote>  
<ex:escapeHtml>  
  <c:import url="http://www.cnn.com/cnn.rss"/>  
</ex:escapeHtml>  
</blockquote>
```



## Example: <c:import> with <c:param>

```
<c:import url="header.jsp">  
  <c:param name="pageTitle" value="newInstance.com"/>  
  <c:param name="pageSlogan" value=" " />  
</c:import>
```

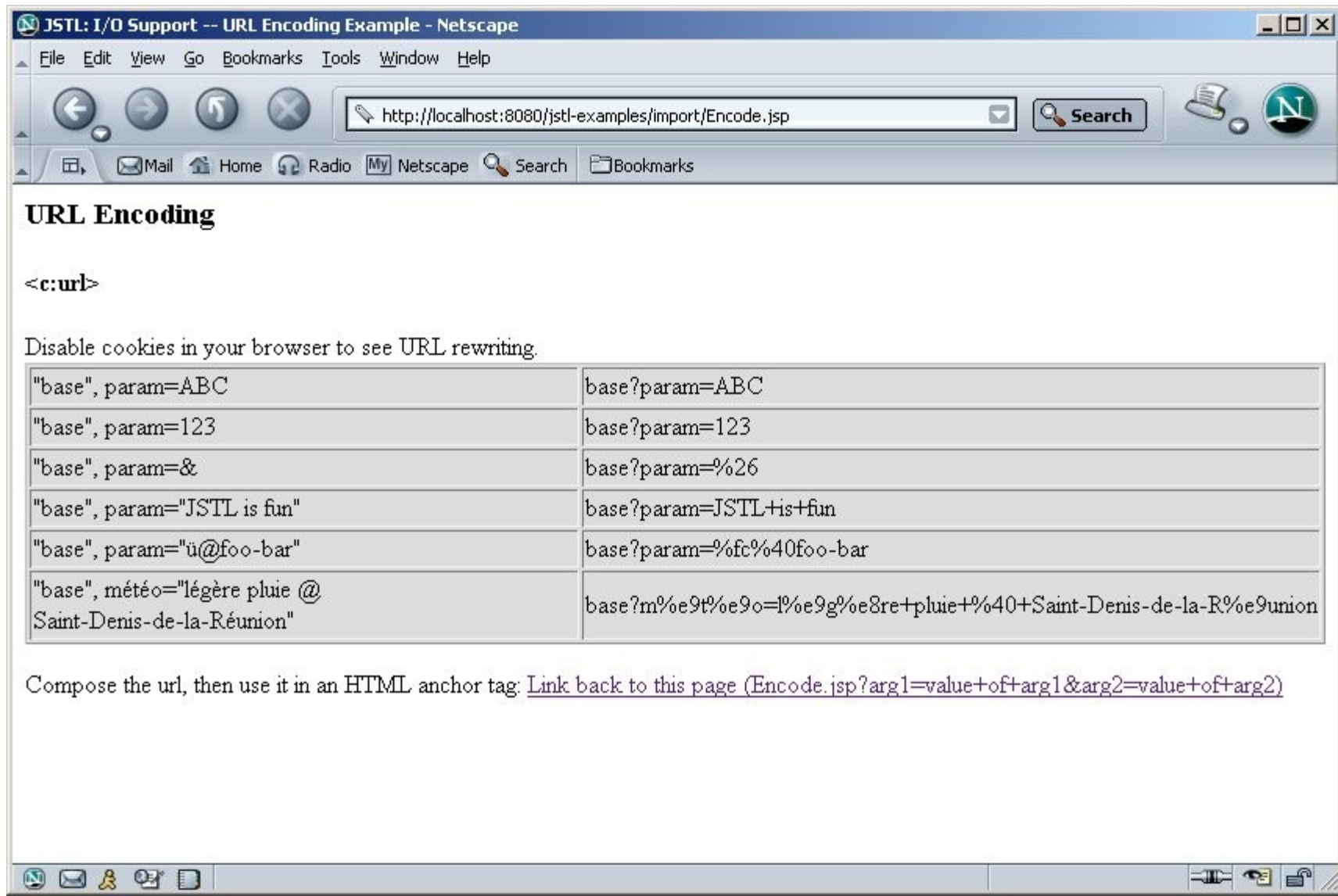
# URL Rewriting: <c:url>

- Used for URL rewriting
  - All the URL's that are returned from a JSP page (to a browser) have session ID if Cookie is disabled on the browser
- Can take param subtags for including parameters in the returned URL

## Example: <c:url>

```
<table border="1" bgcolor="#dddddd">
  <tr>
    <td>"base", param=ABC</td>
    <td>
      <c:url value="base">
        <c:param name="param" value="ABC"/>
      </c:url>
    </td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>"base", param=123</td>
    <td>
      <c:url value="base">
        <c:param name="param" value="123"/>
      </c:url>
    </td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

# Example: `<c:url>` - Cookie enabled quoted from `/import/Encode.jsp`



**URL Encoding**

`<c:url>`

Disable cookies in your browser to see URL rewriting.

"base", param=ABC	base?param=ABC
"base", param=123	base?param=123
"base", param=&	base?param=%26
"base", param="JSTL is fun"	base?param=JSTL+is+fun
"base", param="ü@foo-bar"	base?param=%fc%40foo-bar
"base", météo="légère pluie @ Saint-Denis-de-la-Réunion"	base?m%e9t%e9o=l%e9g%e8re+pluie+%40+Saint-Denis-de-la-R%e9union

Compose the url, then use it in an HTML anchor tag: [Link back to this page \(Encode.jsp?arg1=value+of+arg1&arg2=value+of+arg2\)](#)

# Example: `<c:url>` - Cookie disabled

**URL Encoding**

`<c:url>`

Disable cookies in your browser to see URL rewriting.

"base", param=ABC	base;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?param=ABC
"base", param=123	base;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?param=123
"base", param=&	base;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?param=%26
"base", param="JSTL is fun"	base;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?param=JSTL+is+fun
"base", param="ü@foo-bar"	base;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?param=%fc%40foo-bar
"base", météo="légère pluie @ Saint-Denis-de-la-Réunion"	base;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?m%e9t%e9o=%e9g%e8re+pluie+%40Saint-Denis-de-la-Réunion

Compose the url, then use it in an HTML anchor tag: [Link back to this page](#)  
(Encode.jsp;jsessionid=E5BF7CAEA2ACFAB4B0F7BA6EAB895B1F?arg1=value+of+arg1&arg2=value+of+arg2)

# Redirection: <c:redirect>

- Sends an HTTP redirect to the client
- Takes <c:param> subtags for including parameters in the returned URL

## <c:out>

- Evaluates an expression and outputs the result of the evaluation to the current **JspWriter** object
- If the result of the evaluation is a **java.io.Reader** object, data is first read from the Reader object and then written into the current **JspWriter** object
  - improved performance
- Syntax
  - `<c:out value="value" [escapeXml="{true|false}"] [default="defaultValue"] />`
  - If `escapeXml` is true, escape character conversion

## Example: <c:out> quoted from /elsupport/Out.jsp

```
<table border="1">
  <c:forEach var="customer" items="{customers}">
    <tr>
      <td><c:out value="{customer.lastName}"/></td>
      <td><c:out value="{customer.phoneHome}" default="no
home phone specified"/></td>
      <td>
        <c:out value="{customer.phoneCell}" escapeXml="false">
          <font color="red">no cell phone specified</font>
        </c:out>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </c:forEach>
</table>
```



# Example: <c:out> quoted from /elsupport/Out.jsp

<h4><c:out> with Reader object</h4>

<%

```
java.io.Reader reader1 = new java.io.StringReader("<foo>Text for  
a Reader!</foo>");
```

```
pageContext.setAttribute("myReader1", reader1);
```

```
java.io.Reader reader2 = new java.io.StringReader("<foo>Text for  
a Reader!</foo>");
```

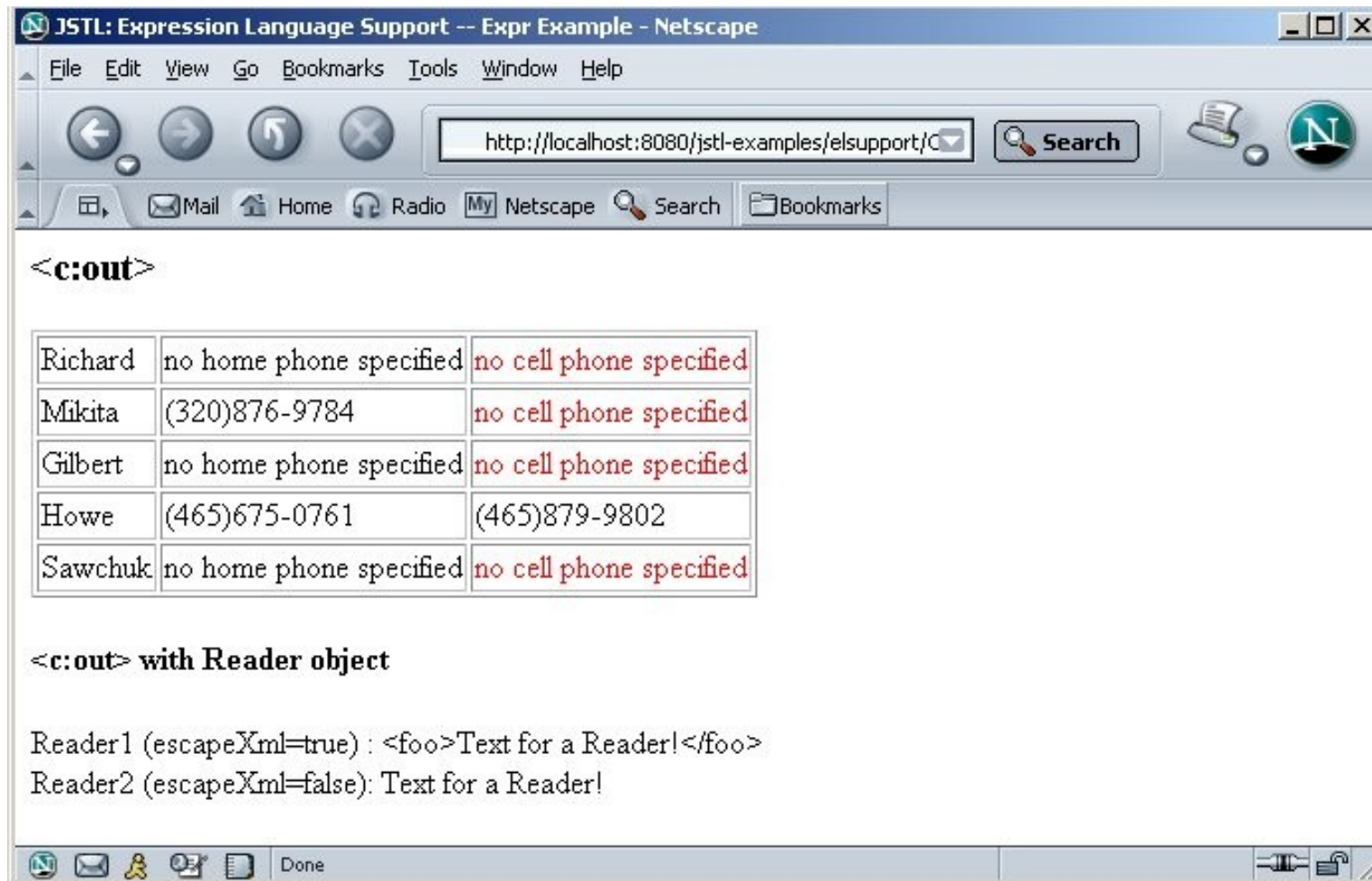
```
pageContext.setAttribute("myReader2", reader2);
```

%>

Reader1 (escapeXml=true) : <c:out value="\${myReader1}"/><br>

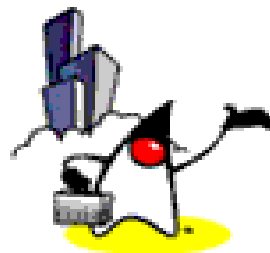
Reader2 (escapeXml=false): <c:out value="\${myReader2}"  
escapeXml="false"/><br>

# Example: `<c:out>` quoted from `/elsupport/Out.jsp`

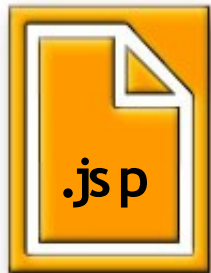




# Database Access Tags (SQL Tags)



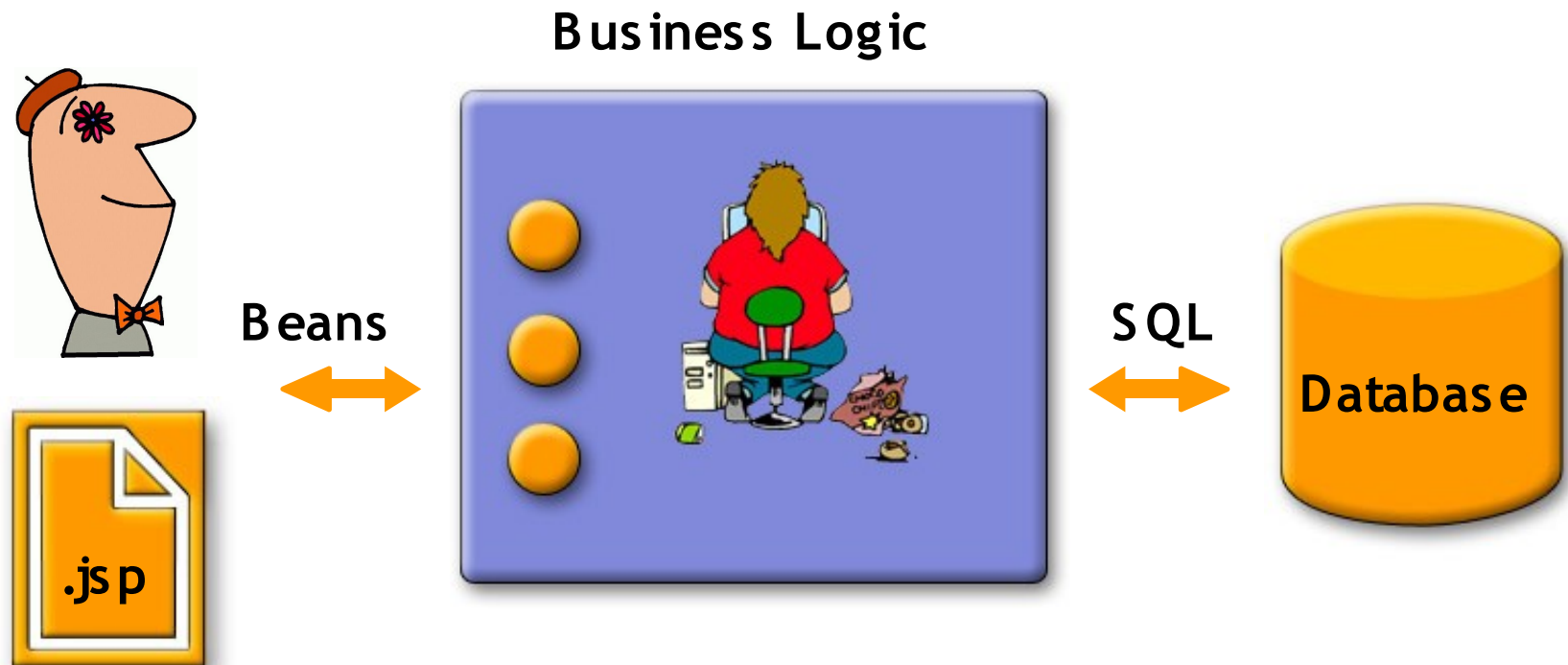
# RAD/Prototyping/Simple Apps



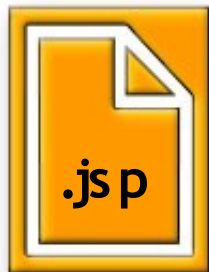
SQL



# MVC Architecture



# SQL Tags



Query the database  
`<sql:query>`

Easy access to  
result set  
Result  
ResultSupport

Update the database  
`<sql:update>`  
`<sql:transaction>`



# DataSource

- All DB actions operate on a DataSource
- Different ways to access a DataSource
  - Object provided by application logic
  - Object provided by <sql:dataSource> action

```
<sql:dataSource var="dataSource"
  driver="org.gjt.mm.mysql.Driver"
  url="jdbc:..." />
<sql:query dataSource="${dataSource}" .../>
```

# Example: <sql:setDataSource> for setting a table using PointBase

```
<sql:setDataSource  
  var="example"  
  driver="com.pointbase.jdbc.jdbcUniversalDriver"  
  url="jdbc:pointbase:server://localhost:1092/jstlsample;create=true"  
>
```



# Example: `<sql:transaction>` & `<sql:update>` from `/sql/QueryDirect.jsp`

```
<sql:transaction dataSource="${example}">
```

```
  <sql:update var="newTable">
    create table mytable (
      nameid int primary key,
      name varchar(80)
    )
  </sql:update>
```

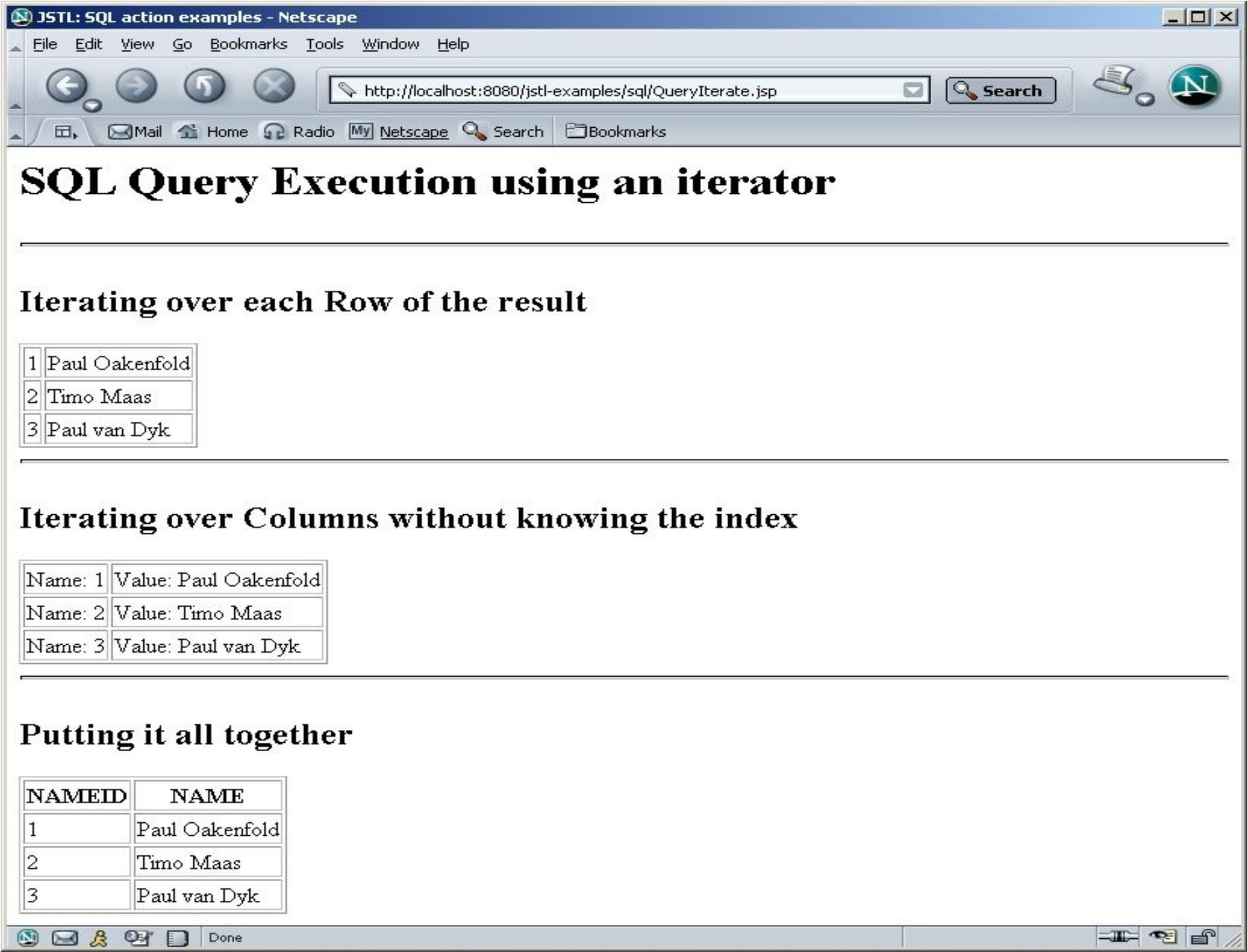
```
  <sql:update var="updateCount">
    INSERT INTO mytable VALUES (1,'Paul Oakenfold')
  </sql:update>
```

```
  <sql:update var="updateCount">
    INSERT INTO mytable VALUES (2,'Timo Maas')
  </sql:update>
```

```
  ...
```

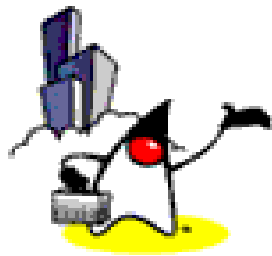
```
  <sql:query var="deejays">
    SELECT * FROM mytable
  </sql:query>
```

```
</sql:transaction>
```





# XML Tags

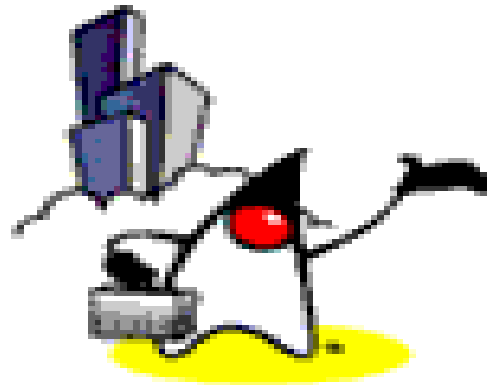


# XML Tags

- Flow control
  - `<x:choose>`, `<x:when>`, `<x:if>`, `<x:otherwise>`
- Iteration
  - `<x:forEach>`
- General purpose
  - `<x:out>`
  - `<x:set>`
- Parsing and Transformation
  - `<x:parse>`
  - `<x:transform>` with `<x:param>` subtags

# XML Tags

- Used to access information stored in XML document
- Access description is specified in **XPath expression** as a value of **select** attribute
  - `<x:set var="d" select="$a//d"/>`
  - `<x:out select="$d/e"/>`
- Flow control, Iteration, General purpose XML tags work similarly as corresponding tags in Core tags



# Quick XPath Review (Start)

# Example XML Document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<games>
  <country id="Luxembourg">
    <athlete>
      <name>Lux 1</name>
      <sport>swimming</sport>
      <age>23</age>
      <gender>M</gender>
    </athlete>
  </country>
  <country id="Denmark">
    <athlete>
      <name>Den 1</name>
      <sport>cycling</sport>
      <age>18</age>
      <gender>F</gender>
    </athlete>
    <athlete>
      <name>Den 2</name>
      <sport>sailing</sport>
      <age>27</age>
      <gender>M</gender>
    </athlete>
  </country>
</games>
```

# What is XPath?

- XPath is an **Expression Language** for referencing particular parts of XML document
- XPath expression uses a **tree model** to represent a XML document
  - XPath expression `/games/country/athlete` evaluates to a **node-set** that contains all nodes corresponding to the **athletes** of all **countries** in the **games** XML document



# XPath Expression Result Data Types: 4 Data Types

- Node set
  - Type we will spend most time with
- Boolean
- Number
- String

# Node Set, Location Path, Location Step, Predicate

- A node-set is a **collection** of zero or more nodes from XML document
- A node-set is a return type from **location path** expression
- A location path expression is composed of **location steps**
- A Location step can be qualified with a **predicate**
  - `/games/country/athlete[sport="sailing"]`
  - `/games/country[@id="Denmark"]/athlete`

# Examples of Node Set

- /games/country/athlete
  - all **athlete** elements which has **country** parent element which in turn has **games** parent element
- /games/country[1]/athlete[2]
  - the 2<sup>nd</sup> **athlete** element under 1<sup>st</sup> **country** element
- /games/country/athlete[sport="sailing"]
  - all **athlete** elements whose child element **sport** has string-value **sailing**
- /games/country[@id="Denmark"]/athlete
  - all **athlete** elements whose parent element **country** has **id** attribute value **Denmark**

# Examples of Node Set

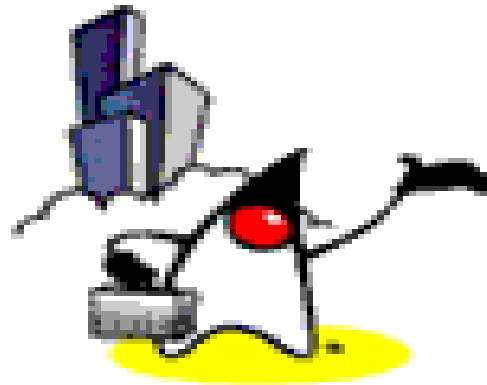
- /games/country/\*
  - all child elements under /games/country
- /games/country//sport
  - all sport elements in a subtree that begins with /games/country

# XPath Type Coercion (Conversion)

- XPath specification defines rules on how node-set, boolean, number, string are to be **converted** to each other
- Node-set is converted to
  - boolean: true if node-set is not empty, false otherwise
  - string: the string value of the **first node** in the node-set
    - the reason why `<x:out select="$doc//sport"/>` results in “swimming”
  - number: node-set is first coerced to a string, which is then coerced to a number

# XPath Functions

- XPath expression can contain functions
- Example
  - `count(node-set)`: returns number of nodes in a node-set
    - `count(/games/country)` returns 2 since there are 2 country nodes in the node-set
  - `id(object)`: selects a node with the specified id
  - `last()`: returns size of the current node-set
  - string functions
    - `string substring(/games/country, 1, 3)`
  - boolean functions
    - `boolean not(/games/country)`



# Quick XPath Review (End)

## <x:parse>

- Parse XML document into a scoped variable



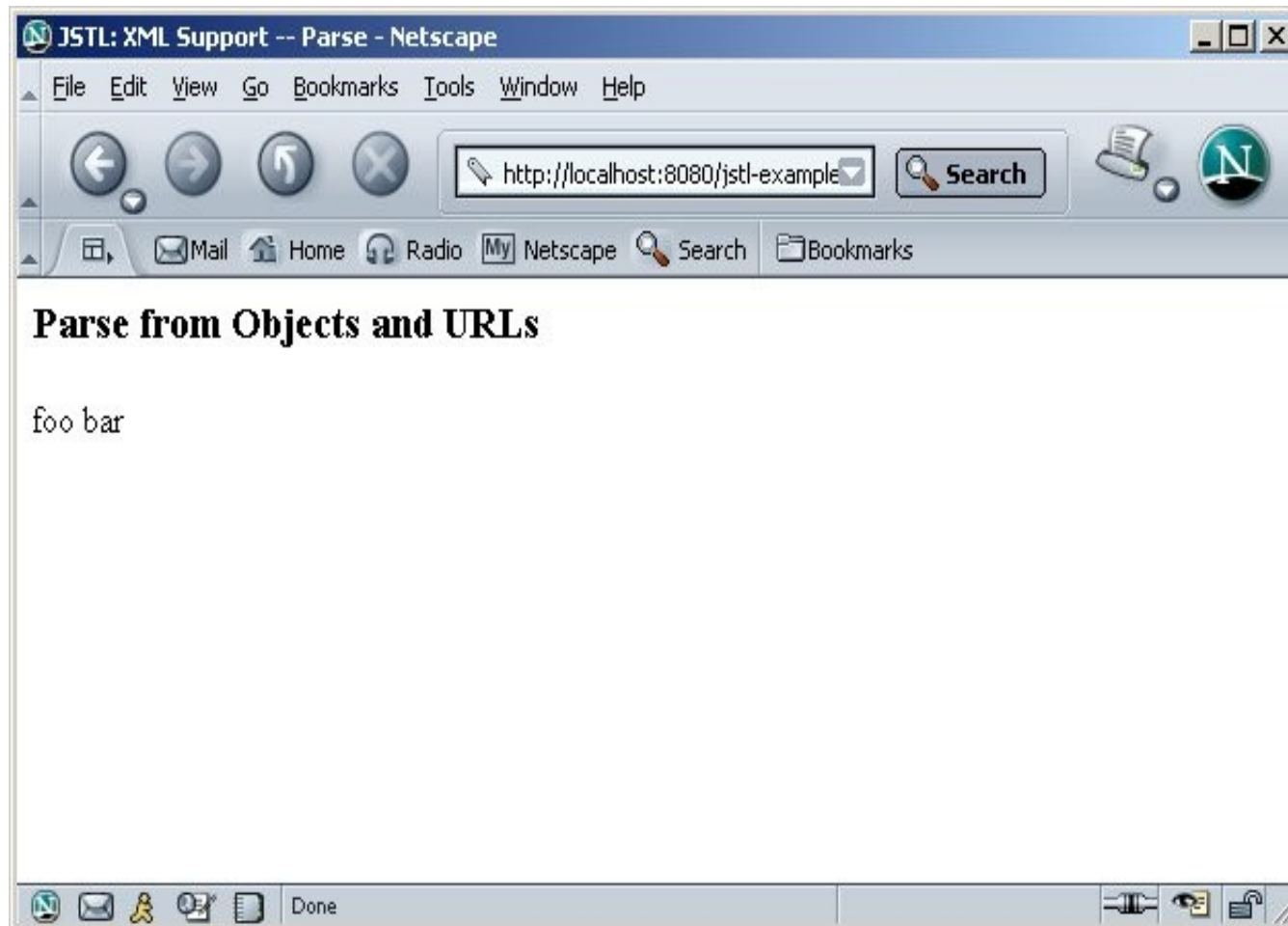
# Example: `<x:parse>` from `/xml/Parse.jsp`

```
<c:set var="xmlText">
  <a>
    <b>
      <c>
        foo
      </c>
    </b>
    <d>
      bar
    </d>
  </a>
</c:set>
```

```
<x:parse var="a" doc="{xmlText}" />
```

```
<x:out select="$a//c"/>
<x:out select="$a/a/d"/>
```

# Example: `<x:parse>` from `/xml/Parse.jsp`



## <x:out>

- Works like <c:out> tag
- <x:out> tag converts node-set type to a String type
  - the string value of the **first node** in the node-set
  - The string value of an element is the concatenation of **all descendent text nodes**, no matter how deep

Example element	String value
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<athlete>	
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<name>Lux 1</name>	Lux 1
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<sport>swimming</sport>	swimming
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<age>23</age>	23
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<gender>M</gender>	M
--------------------	---

</athlete>	
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## Example: <x:out> from /xml/Out.jsp

```
<tr>
  <td>$doc//sport</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc//sport"/></pre></td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>$doc/games/country/*</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc/games/country/*"/></pre></td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>$doc//*</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc//*"/></pre></td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>$doc/games/country</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc/games/country"/></pre></td>
</tr>
```

JSTL: XML Support -- Parse / Out - Netscape

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http://localhost:8080/jstl-examples/xml/Out.jsp Search

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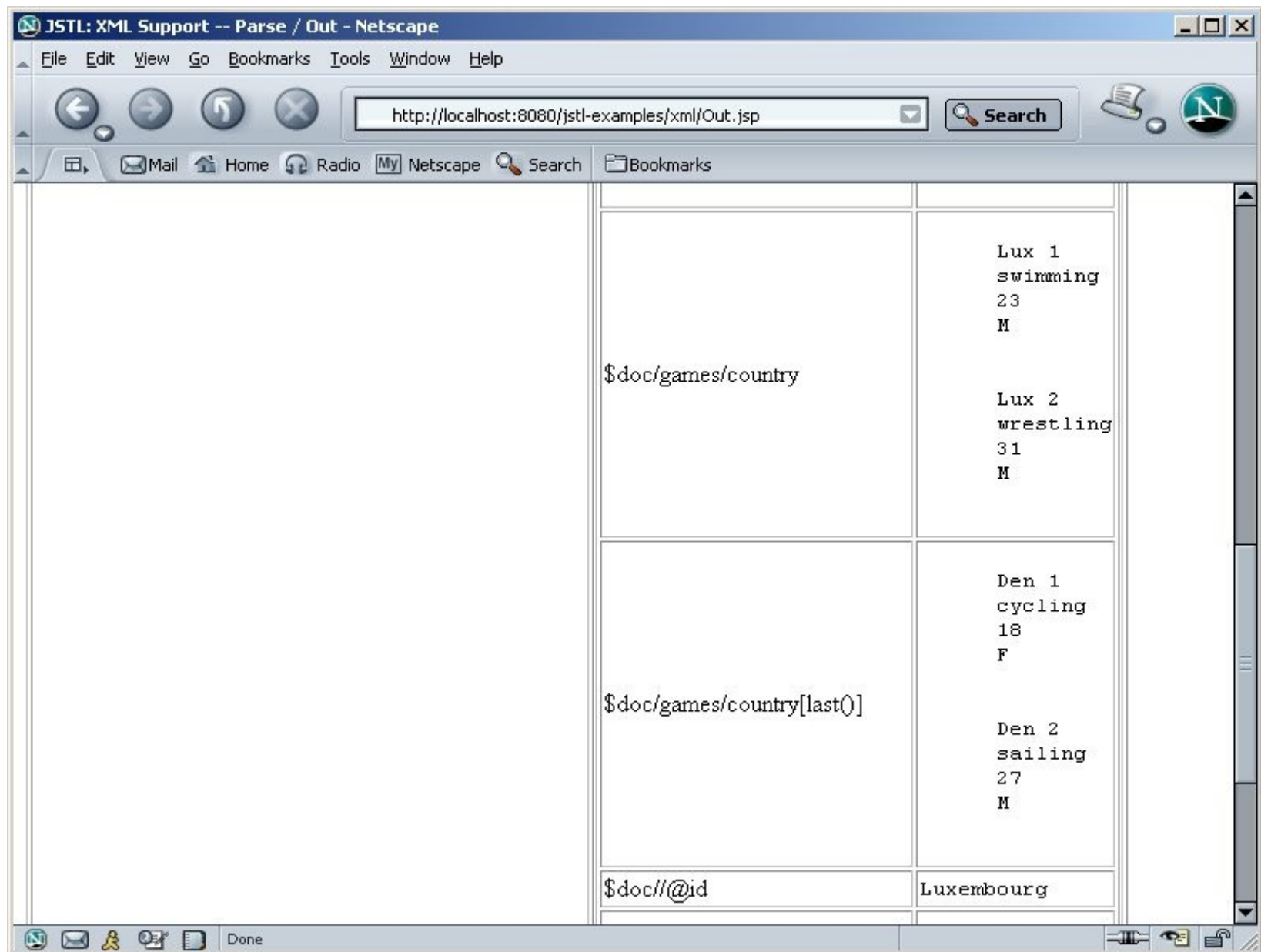
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<games>
  <country id="Luxembourg">
    <athlete>
      <name>Lux 1</name>
      <sport>swimming</sport>
      <age>23</age>
      <gender>M</gender>
    </athlete>
    <athlete>
      <name>Lux 2</name>
      <sport>wrestling</sport>
      <age>31</age>
      <gender>M</gender>
    </athlete>
  </country>
  <country id="Denmark">
    <athlete>
      <name>Den 1</name>
      <sport>cycling</sport>
      <age>18</age>
      <gender>F</gender>
    </athlete>
    <athlete>
      <name>Den 2</name>
      <sport>sailing</sport>
      <age>27</age>
      <gender>M</gender>
    </athlete>
  </country>
</games>
```

Expression	Result
\$doc//sport	swimming
\$doc/games/country/*	Lux 1 swimming 23 M
\$doc/*	Lux 1 swimming 23 M  Lux 2 wrestling 31 M  Den 1 cycling 18 F  Den 2 sailing 27 M

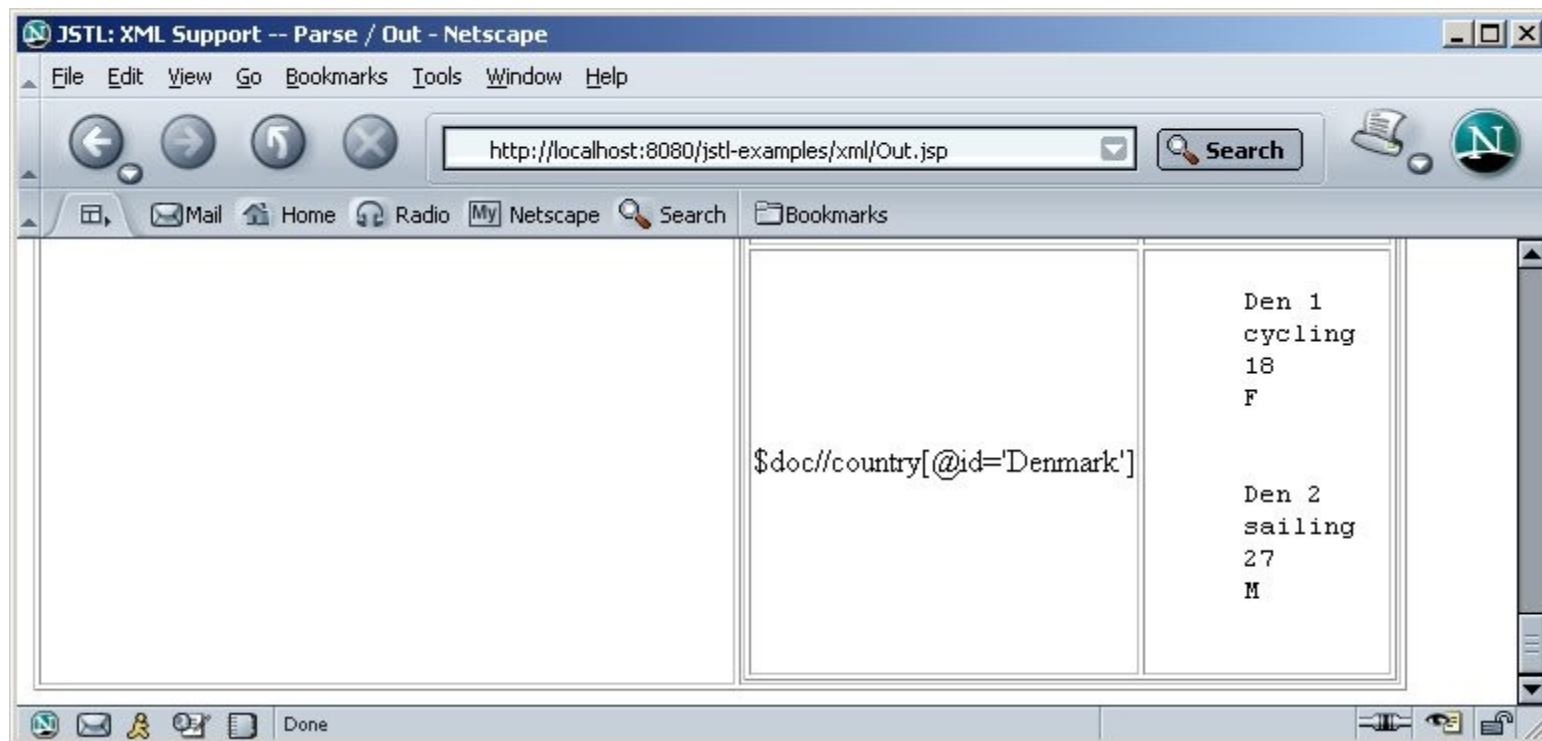
Done

## Example: <x:out> from /xml/Out.jsp

```
<tr>
  <td>$doc/games/country[last()]</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc/games/country[last()]" /></pre></td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>$doc//@id</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc//@id" /></pre></td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>$doc//country[@id='Denmark']</td>
  <td><pre><x:out select="$doc//country[@id='Denmark']" /></pre></td>
</tr>
</table>
</td>
</tr>
```



# Example: `<x:out>` from `/xml/Out.jsp`





# Access to built-in scope variables in XPath expression

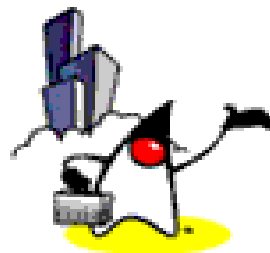
- \$foo
- \$param:
- \$header:
- \$cookie:
- \$iParam:
- \$pageScope:
- \$requestScope:
- \$sessionScope:
- \$applicationScope:

# Example: Access to built-in scope variables

- `$sessionScope:profile`
  - The session-scoped EL variable named profile
- `$initParam:mycom.productId`
  - The String value of the mycom.productId context parameter



# EL Functions



# EL Functions in JSTL 1.1

- `<fn:length>` Length of collection of string
- `<fn:toUpperCase>`, `<fn:toLowerCase>` Change the capitalization of a string
- `<fn:substring>`, `<fn:substringBefore>`, `<fn:substringAfter>`  
Get a subset of a string
- `<fn:trim>` Trim a string
- `<fn:replace>` Replace characters in a string
- `<fn:indexOf>`, `<fn:startsWith>`, `<fn:endsWith contains>`,  
`<fn:containsIgnoreCase>` Check if a string contains another string
- `<fn:split>`, `<fn:join>` Split a string into an array, and join a collection into a string
- `<fn:escapeXml>` Escape XML characters in the string

# Example: EL Functions

```
<%-- truncate name to 30 chars and display it in uppercase --%>
${fn:toUpperCase(fn:substring(name, 0, 30))}
```

```
<%-- Display the text value prior to the first '*' character --%>
${fn:substringBefore(text, '*')}
```

```
<%-- Scoped variable "name" may contain whitespaces at the
beginning or end. Trim it first, otherwise we end up with +'s in the URL
--%>
```

```
<c:url var="myUrl" value="${base}/cust/${fn:trim(name)}"/>
```

```
<%-- Display the text in between brackets --%>
${fn:substring(text, fn:indexOf(text, '(')+1, fn:indexOf(text, ')'))}
```

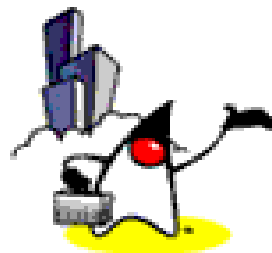
```
<%-- Display the name if it contains the search string --%>
<c:if test="${fn:containsIgnoreCase(name, searchString)}">
    Found name: ${name}
</c:if>
```

```
<%-- Display the last 10 characters of the text value --%>
${fn:substring(text, fn:length(text)-10)}
```

```
<%-- Display text value with bullets instead of '-' --%>
${fn:replace(text, '-', '&#149;')}
```

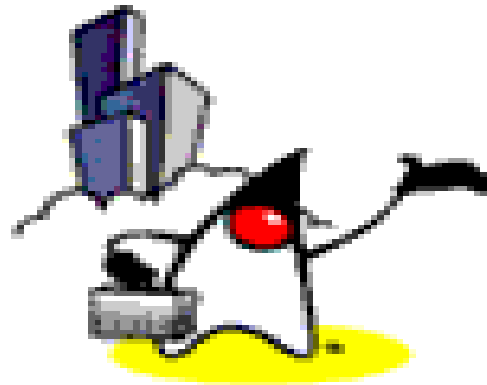


# Internationalization (i18n) & Text Formatting Tags



# I18N and Formatting Tags

- Setting locale
  - `<fmt:setLocale>`
  - `<fmt:requestEncoding>`
- Messaging
  - `<fmt:bundle>`
  - `<fmt:message>` with `<fmt:param>` subtag
  - `<fmt:setBundle>`
- Number and Date formatting
  - `<fmt:formatNumber>`, `<fmt:parseNumber>`
  - `<fmt:formatDate>`, `<fmt:parseDate>`
  - `<fmt:setTimeZone>`, `<fmt:timeZone >`

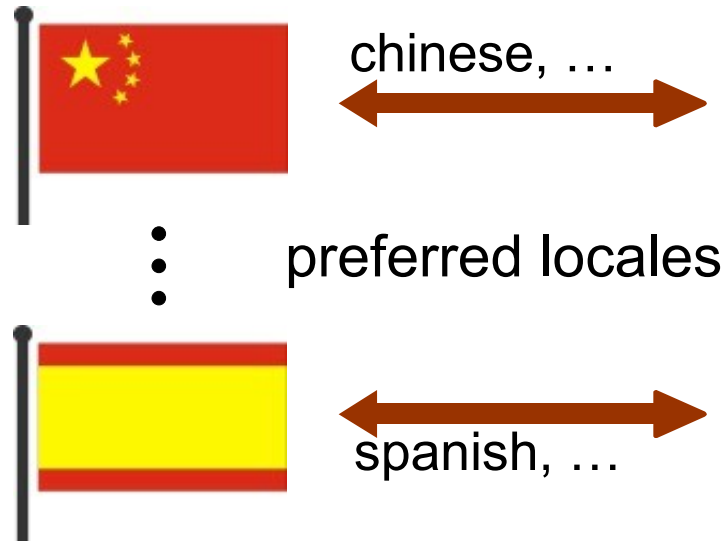


# Quick I18N Review (Start)



# How Locale Is Set in Web app

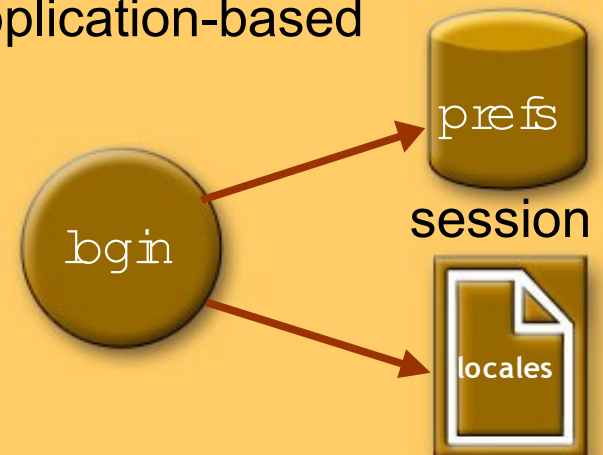
Worldwide Users



Web Application

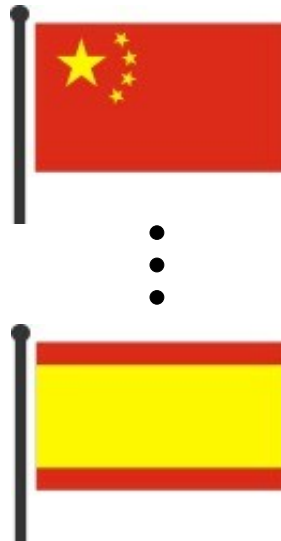
1. Request sensing

2. Application-based



# I18N Architecture: Option 1

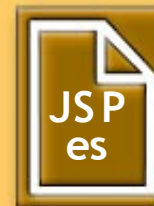
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Web Application

1. One page per locale

controller



<fmt:formatNumber>

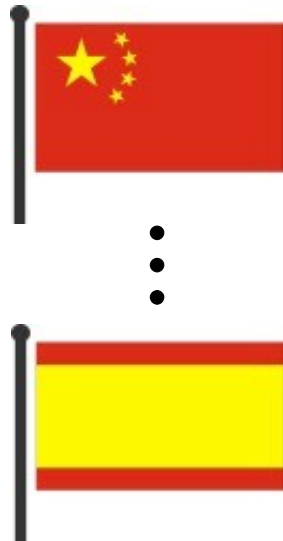
<fmt:parseNumber>

<fmt:formatDate>

<fmt:parseDate>

# I18N Architecture: Option 2

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Web Application

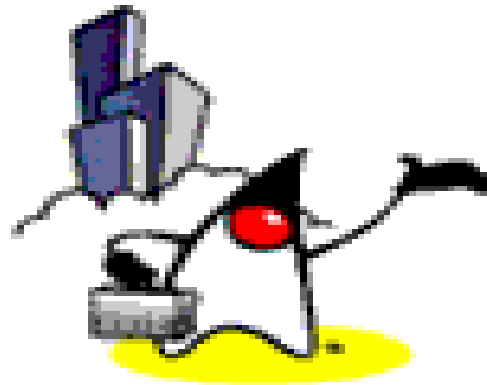
2. One page for all locales

Resource Bundles



`<fmt:message key="...">`





# Quick I18N Review (End)

# Setting Locales

- `<fmt:setLocale>`
  - Override client-specified locale for a page
- `<fmt:requestEncoding>`
  - Set the request's character encoding, in order to be able to correctly decode request parameter values whose encoding is different from ISO-8859-1

# Messaging Tags

- `<fmt:bundle>`
  - specify a resource bundle for a page
- `<fmt:message key="..">`
  - used to output localized strings
  - `<fmt:param>` subtag provides a single argument (for parametric replacement) to the compound message or pattern in its parent message tag

## Example: quoted from `./fmt/GermanLocale.jsp`

```
<fmt:setLocale value="de"/>
<fmt:bundle
  basename="org.apache.taglibs.standard.examples.i18n.R
  esources">
  <fmt:message>
    greetingMorning
  </fmt:message>
</fmt:bundle>
```

# Example: `<fmt:setLocale>`



<http://localhost:8080/webapps-jstl/format/GermanLocale.jsp>



# Formatting Tags

- `<fmt:formatNumber>`, `<fmt:formatDate>`
  - used to output localized numbers and dates
- `<fmt:parseNumber>`, `<fmt:parseDate>`
  - used to parse localized numbers and dates
- `<fmt:setTimeZone>`, `<fmt:timeZone >`
  - used to set and get timezone

## Example: quoted from ./format/FormatDateTime.jsp

```
<jsp:useBean id="now" class="java.util.Date" />  
<fmt:setLocale value="en-US" />
```

```
<ul>
```

```
<li> Formatting current date as "GMT":<br>
```

```
<fmt:timeZone value="GMT">
```

```
<fmt:formatDate value="{now}" type="both" dateStyle="full" timeStyle="full"/>
```

```
</fmt:timeZone>
```

```
<li> Formatting current date as "GMT+1:00", and parsing  
its date and time components:<br>
```

```
<fmt:timeZone value="GMT+1:00">
```

```
<fmt:formatDate value="{now}" type="both" dateStyle="full"  
timeStyle="full" var="formatted"/>
```

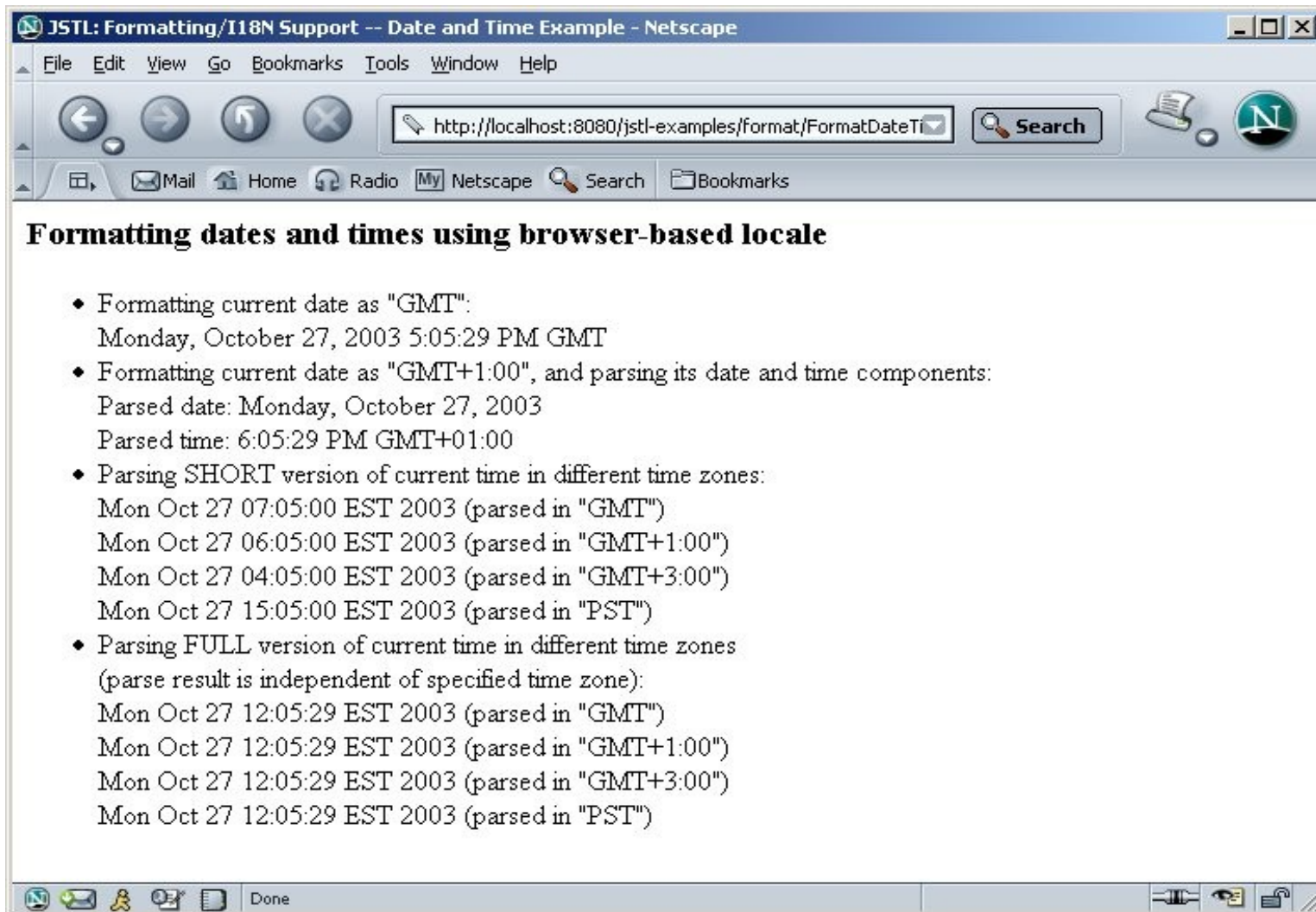
```
<fmt:parseDate value="{formatted}" type="both" dateStyle="full"  
timeStyle="full" timeZone="PST" var="parsedDateTime"/>
```

```
Parsed date: <fmt:formatDate value="{parsedDateTime}" type="date"  
dateStyle="full"/><br>
```

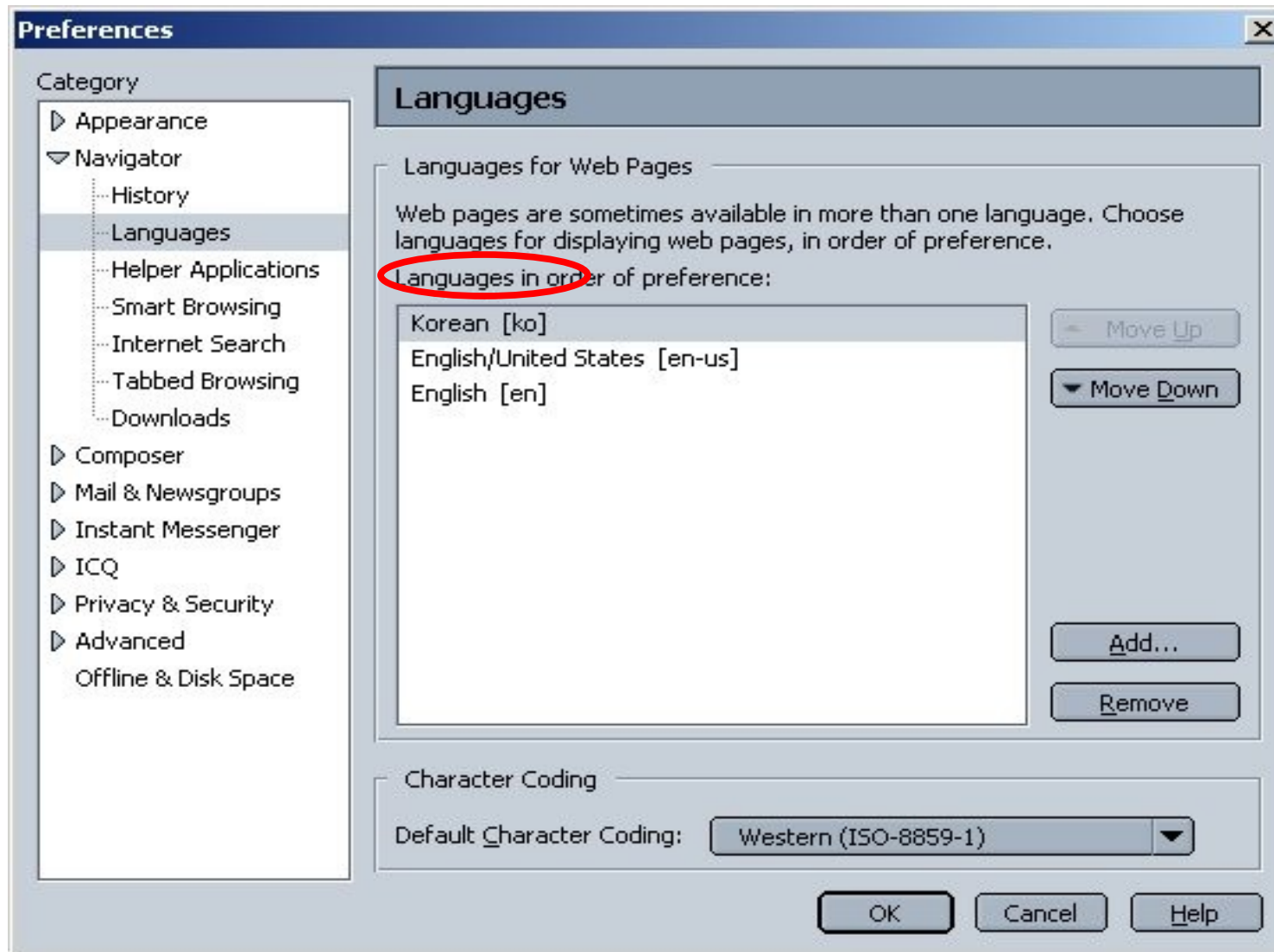
```
Parsed time: <fmt:formatDate value="{parsedDateTime}" type="time"  
timeStyle="full"/>
```

```
</fmt:timeZone>
```

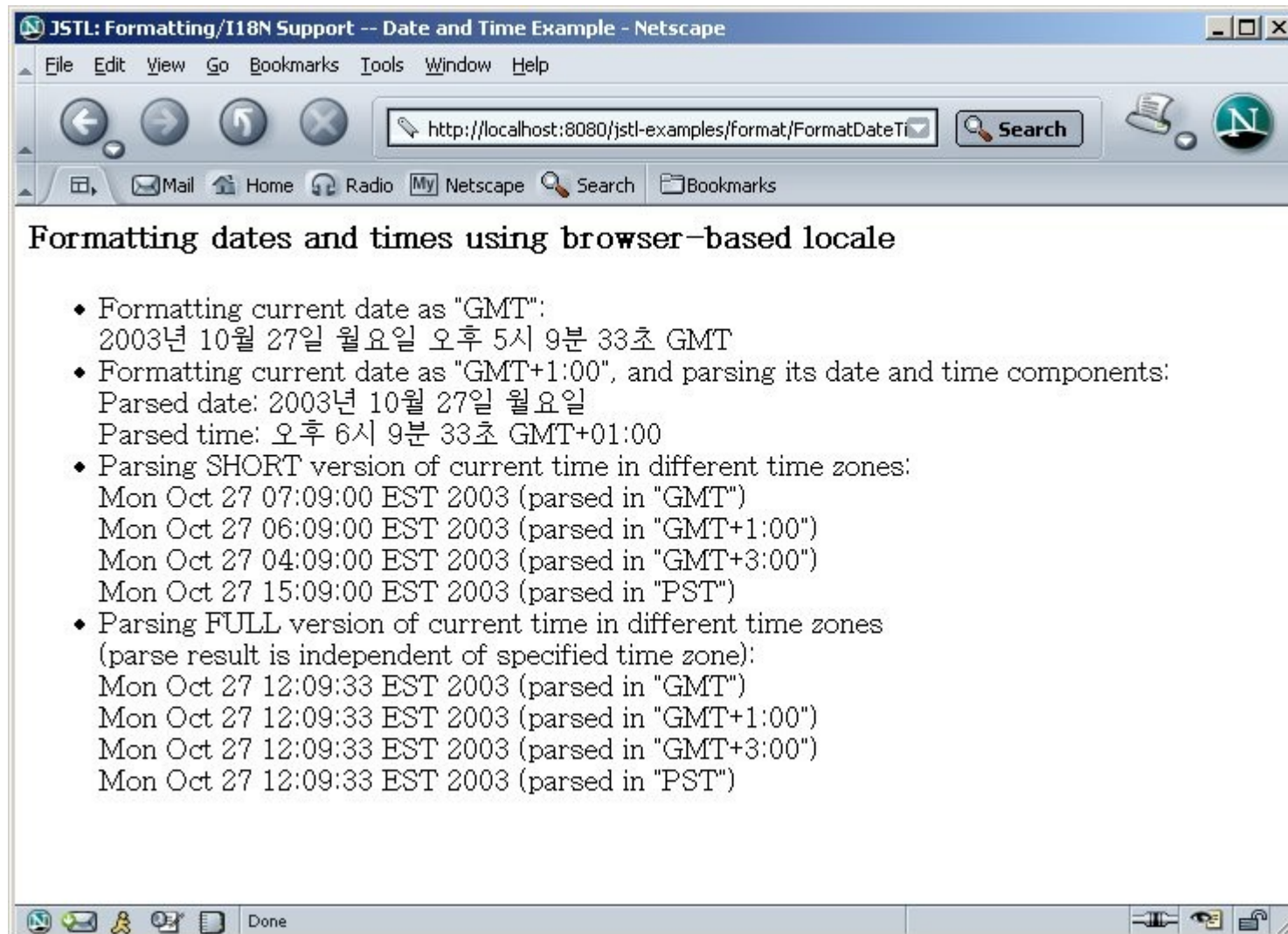
# Example: using browser locale en-us quoted from ./format/FormatDateTime.jsp



# Change Browser Locale preference to Korean



# Example: using browser locale ko quoted from ./format/FormatDateTime.jsp





# Passion!

