

SEAM IN ACTION

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PART 1

FLYOVER



SEAM BRINGS JAVA EE TOGETHER



JSF

EJB 3



SEAM'S MISSION

"To provide a fully integrated development platform for building rich Internet applications based upon the Java EE environment." – Gavin King



DEFINE "FRAMEWORK"

- The "glue"
 - Contextual component model
 - Dependency injection framework
 - Enhanced EL
- Simplifies trouble spots in Java EE
 - Expands declarative programming model
 - Manages Java persistence correctly
- Integrates third-party libraries
- Delivers rapid development
 - Project generator, CRUD framework, hot deploy, Java EE test environment



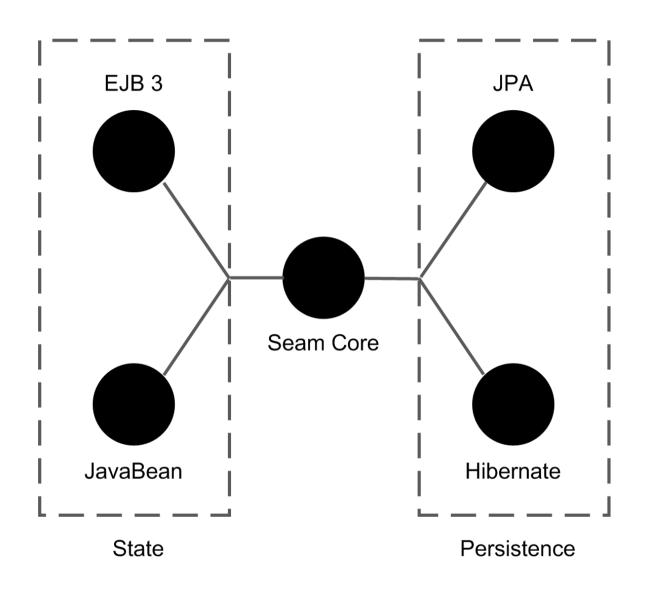
SEAM TODAY

- JavaServer Faces (JSF)
- Facelets (standardized in JSF 2)
- Java Persistence API (JPA)
- Enterprise JavaBeans 3 (EJB 3)
- Java Transaction API (JTA)
- RESTeasy (JAX-RS)
- **BPM**
- JavaMail
- iText (PDF)
- JExcelApi (Excel)
- YARFRAW (RSS)

- Java Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS)
- Hibernate Search
- Drools
- JavaScript / Ajax
- Quartz
- Wicket
- **GWT**
- Groovy (interpreted)
- Spring framework
- JBoss Cache
- ...and more



SEAM'S DEGREES OF FREEDOM





EJB FUNCTIONALITY WITHOUT EJBS





KEY INNOVATIONS IN SEAM

- Conversations and workspaces
 - Solves challenge of state management
- Business process integration
- Component events
 - Can be deferred until transaction completion
 - Can be asynchronous
- - via Facelets compositions
- Hot deploy classloader

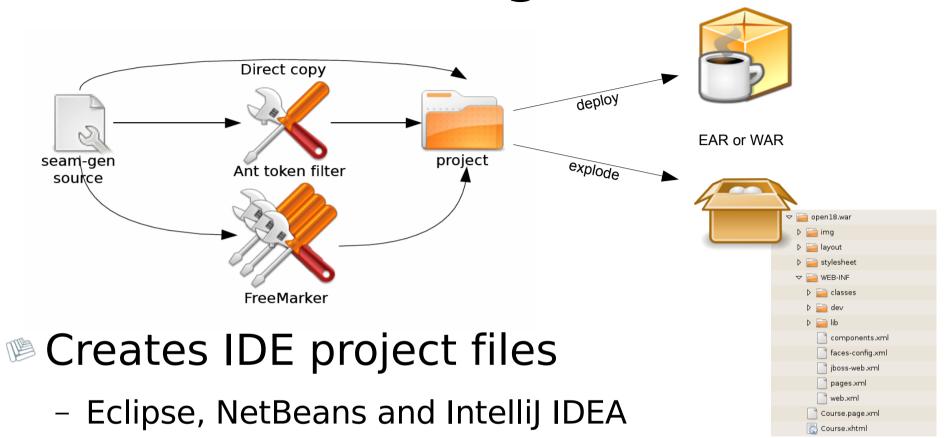


PART 2

TEEING OFF WITH SEAM



seam-gen



- Deploys to JBoss AS (default)
 - Incremental hot deployment for "instant change"
- Prepares three profiles: dev, prod, test
 - Test profile bootstraps Embedded JBoss



why seam-gen?

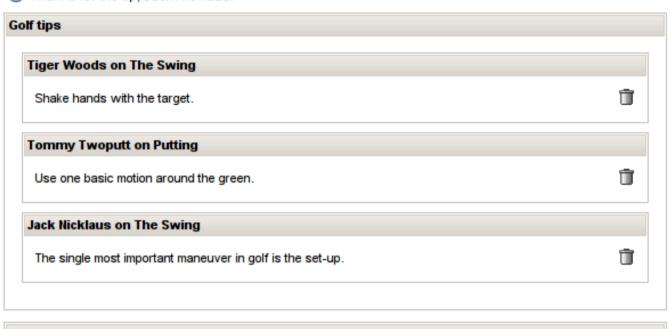
- Get to work quickly and be productive
- Use Seam in its natural environment
 - No bizarre exceptions to battle
- Generates the boring CRUD stuff

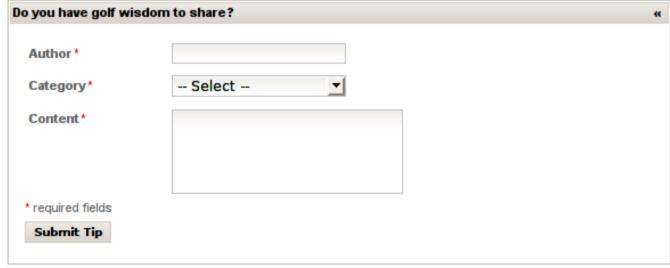
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Share your golf wisdom!

Thanks for the tip, Jack Nicklaus!







FORM BINDING

```
public class Tip
<h:form>
    <h:outputLabel for="content"
                                                  private String content;
        value="Content:"/>
                                                    // getters and setters
    <h:inputText id="content"
        value="#{tip.content}"/>
    <h:commandButton value="Post"
        action="#{tipBoard.post}"/>
                                                public class TipBoard
</h:form>
                                                 public String post() {
                                                        return "success";
Content:
 Post
                CLIENT
                                                        SERVER
```





```
@Name("tipBoard")
@Scope(EVENT)
public class TipBoard
{
    public String post()
        {
        return "/golftips.xhtml";
     }
}
```





```
@Local
public interface TipBoard
{
    String post();
}

@Stateless
@Name("tipBoard")
public class TipBoardBean
    implements TipBoard
{
    public String post() {
        return "/golftips.xhtml";
    }
}
```



INVOKING AN EJB FROM JSF

...is not a crime!

```
<h:form>
                                         @Stateless
                                         @Name("tipBoard")
                                          public class TipBoardBean
    <h:commandButton value="Post"
                                              implements TipBoard
       action="#{tipBoard.post}"/>
</h:form>
                                           public String post() { ... }
               CLIENT
                                                      SERVER
```



```
@Local
public interface TipBoard
    String post();
    void remove();
@Stateful
@Name("tipBoard")
@Scope(CONVERSATION)
public class TipBoardBean
    implements TipBoard
{
    public String post() {
        return "/golftips.xhtml";
    }
    @Remove public void remove() {}
```



```
@Local
public interface TipBoard
    String post();
    void remove();
@Stateful
@Name("tipBoard")
//@Scope(CONVERSATION)
public class TipBoardBean
    implements TipBoard
{
    public String post() {
        return "/golftips.xhtml";
    }
    @Remove public void remove() {}
```



SEEDING COMPONENTS

- new-action Generates a stateless component (SLSB) with one method and a JSF view that invokes it
- new-form Generates a stateful component (SFSB) with one method and one property and an accompanying JSF view with form
- new-conversation Generates a conversation-scoped component (SFSB) with a begin and end method and a counter (represents state)
- new-entity Generates a basic JPA entity class with required annotations



ARE ANNOTIONS A GOOD THING?



```
public class Tip implements Serializable
    private Long id;
    private int version;
    private Date posted;
    private String author;
    private TipCategory category;
    private String content;
    public Long getId() { return id; }
    public void setId(Long id) { this.id = id; }
    public int getVersion() { return version; }
    private void setVersion(version) { this.version = version; }
    public Date getPosted() { return posted; }
    public void setPosted(Date date) { posted = date; }
    public String getAuthor() { return author; }
    public void setAuthor(String name) { author = name; }
    public TipCategory getCategory() { return category; }
    public void setTipCategory(TipCategory cat) { category = cat; }
    public String getContent() { return content; }
    public void setContent(String content) { this.content = content; }
}
```

IN THE XML AGE...

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE hibernate-mapping PUBLIC "-//Hibernate/Hibernate Mapping DTD 3.0//EN"</pre>
    "http://hibernate.sourceforge.net/hibernate-mapping-3.0.dtd">
<hibernate-mapping>
    <class name="org.open18.golftips.model.Tip" table="tip">
        <id name="id" type="long" unsaved-value="null">
            <qenerator class="identity"/>
        </id>
        <version name="version" type="integer"/>
        cproperty name="posted" type="timestamp" not-null="true"/>
        cproperty name="author" type="string"/>
        <many-to-one name="category" column="category id"</pre>
            class="org.open18.golftips.model.TipCategory" not-null="true"/>
        content" type="string" not-null="true">
            <column sql-type="text"/>
        </property>
    </class>
</hibernate-mapping>
```



```
@Entity @Table(name = "tip")
public class Tip implements Serializable
   private Long id;
   private int version;
   private Date posted;
   private String author;
   private TipCategory category;
   private String content:
   @Id @GeneratedValue
   public Long getId() { return id: }
   public void setId(Long id) { this.id = id; }
   @Version
   public int getVersion() { return version; }
   private void setVersion(int version) { this.version = version; }
   @Temporal(TIMESTAMP)
   public Date getPosted() { return posted; }
   public void setPosted(Date date) { posted = date; }
   public String getAuthor() { return author; }
   public void setAuthor(String name) { author = name; }
   @ManyToOne @JoinColumn(name = "category id", nullable = false)
   public TipCategory getCategory() { return category; }
   public void setCategory(TipCategory cat) { category = cat; }
   @Lob
   public String getContent() { return content; }
   public void setContent(String content) { this.content = content; }
}
```



```
@Entity @Table(name = "tip") @Name("tip")
public class Tip implements Serializable
   private Long id;
   private int version;
   private Date posted;
   private String author;
   private TipCategory category;
   private String content:
   @Id @GeneratedValue
                                                             Validations enforced in the
   public Long getId() { return id; }
   public void setId(Long id) { this.id = id; }
                                                             UI using <s:validate> and
                                                             by Hibernate before writes
   @Version
   public int getVersion() { return version; }
   private void setVersion(int version) { this.version = version; }
   @Temporal(TIMESTAMP) @NotNull
   public Date getPosted() { return posted; }
   public void setPosted(Date date) { posted = date; }
   @NotNull @Length(min = 3, max = 50)
   public String getAuthor() { return author; }
   public void setAuthor(String pame) { author = name; }
   @ManvToOne @JoinColumn(name = "category id", nullable = false) @NotNull
   public TipCategory getCategory() { return category; }
   public void setCategory(TipCategory cat) { category = cat; }
   @Lob @NotNull @Length(min = 3, max = 10000)
   public String getContent() { return content; }
   public void setContent(String content) { this.content = content; }
```



JPA entity class and Seam component with Hibernate Validator constraints

FILLING @IN THE DOTS

```
@Logger private Log log;
@In EntityManager entityManager;
@In StatusMessages statusMessages;
@In @Out(required = false) Tip tip;
@Out(required = false) Tip savedTip;

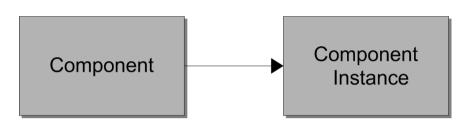
public String post()
{
    log.debug("New tip posted by #{tip.author}");
    tip.setPosted(new Date());
    entityManager.persist(tip);
    savedTip = tip;
    tip = null;
    statusMessages.add("Thanks for the tip, #{savedTip.author}!");
    return "/golftips.xhtml";
}
```



CONTEXTUAL COMPONENT

Component

- Class
- Name
- Scope



Component instance

- Created by container when name is requested
- Stored in scope (i.e., context), holds state
- Life cycle managed by container

Annotations

Define interactions and behavior



SEAM EJB COMPONENT

EJB Local Reference in web.xml (not required in JBoss AS)

```
<ejb-local-ref>
<ejb-ref-name>golftipsEE/TipBoardBean/local</ejb-ref-name>
<ejb-ref-type>Session</ejb-ref-type>
<local>org.open18.golftips.action.TipBoardBean</local>
</ejb-local-ref>
```

EJB Local Interface and Seam SLSB component

How does Seam make the connection?

RESOLVING AN EJB IN SEAM

- EJBs have dual citizenship
- First option: @JndiName
- Second option: Resolve JNDI from pattern
 - #{ejbName}
 - Value of name attribute on @Stateful/@Stateless
 - Unqualified class name of component
 - Value of <ejb-name> in ejb-jar.xml or web.xml
 - Plug into Seam's org.jboss.seam.core.init.jndiPattern
 - i.e., golfertipsEE/#{ejbName}/local
- SFSB references stored in Seam context
 - Default is conversation context



GETTING GROOVY

```
@Name("tipSearch")
@Scope(CONVERSATION)
                                             Types not required!
class TipSearch
    @In protected def entityManager
    @DataModel def tips
    @Begin(join = true) void search()
        tips = entityManager
            .createQuery("select t from Tip t").resultList
    void deleteSelected() {
        tips.findAll { t -> t.selected }
            .each { t -> entityManager.remove t }
        search()
        "/golftips.xhtml"
```



EJBS CAN BE GROOVY TOO!

```
@Stateful
@Name("tipSearch")
class TipSearchBean
    implements TipSearch
{
    @In protected def entityManager
    @DataModel def tips
    @Begin(join = true) void search()
        tips = entityManager
            .createQuery("select t from Tip t").resultList
    void deleteSelected() {
        tips.findAll { t -> t.selected }
            .each { t -> entityManager.remove t }
        search()
        "/golftips.xhtml"
    }
    @Remove void remove();
```



BIJECTION

- Similar in nature to dependency injection
 - Container satisfies the needs of components
- Occurs on every method invocation
- References to dependencies are transient
 - Adapts to change in state
 - Components in different scopes can safely interact

Bijection = Injection + Outjection

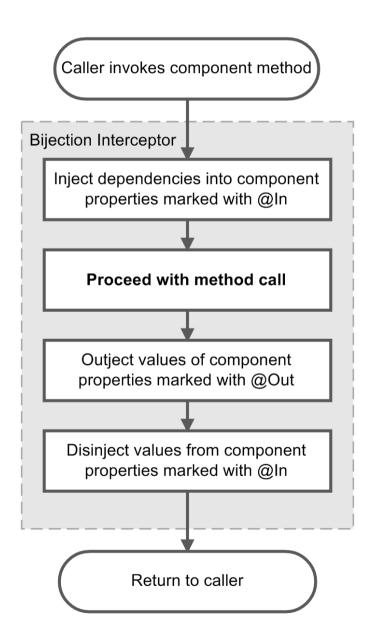


BIJECTION, YOUR CADDY





THE 4 STEPS OF BIJECTION





PART 3

JSF: CLEANING HOUSE



JSF TRIAGE

- Define components with annotations
- EJB functionality for JavaBeans
- Page actions, page-level security, GET
- Intelligent stateless & stateful navigation
- Context variable initializers
- Unified EL extensions
 - Parameterized expressions, pseudo-properties, etc.
- Transparent data model selections
 - Incorporated into bijection
- Global, managed transactions



GETTING DATA TO THE VIEW







JSF doesn't provide either option!







PAGE ACTION

Before render

FACTORY

Any time



PAGE ACTIONS

- Associated with one or more JSF view IDs
- Executed prior to Render Response phase
- Can result in a navigation event
- Protect page from:
 - An invalid data request
 - An out of bounds request
 - A user with insufficient credentials
- Trigger invocation from a plain link
 - i.e., a registration link



INITIALIZING A VARIABLE LAZILY

- Notoriously difficult in JSF
 - Leads to bad practice of looking up data in getter
- Typical case in component-based model
- Factory
 - Called when no value bound to name
 - Component method or EL value or method expression
 - Only occurs once, until context ends
- Can wrap variable in manager component
 - Receive life-cycle callback methods
 - Observe events



A CONTEXT VARIABLE @FACTORY

```
@Name("clubhouse")
public class Clubhouse
                                                         Called when the context
    @In protected EntityManager entityManager;
                                                         variable produced by this
                                                         factory is referenced and
    @Factory("newGolfers")
    public List<Golfer> findNewGolfers()
                                                         is uninitialized or null.
        return entityManager.createQuery(
            "select g from Golfer g order by g.dateJoined desc")
             .setMaxResults(5)
             .getResultList();
<h:dataTable var="_golfer" value="#{newGolfers}">
    <h:column>#{_golfer.name}</h:column>
</h:dataTable>
```



A DATA MODEL @FACTORY

```
@Name("clubhouse")
public class Clubhouse
    @In protected EntityManager entityManager;
    @DataModel(scope = ScopeType.PAGE)
    private List<Golfer> newGolfers;
    @Factory("newGolfers")
    public void findNewGolfers()
        newGolfers = entityManager.createQuery(
            "select g from Golfer g order by g.dateJoined desc")
            .setMaxResults(5)
            .getResultList();
<h:dataTable var="_golfer" value="#{newGolfers}">
    <h:column>#{ golfer.name}</h:column>
</h:dataTable>
```



JAVA EE INTEGRATION TESTING

SeamTest

- Based on TestNG
- DBUnitSeamTest for advanced database setup

Test application "as is"

- Mimic JSF or non-JSF requests
- Full JSF life cycle
- Mock APIs where appropriate
- JTA, EJB 3, EL

Uses Embedded JBoss

- Started once per suite
- Has baggage, look forward to EJB 3.1

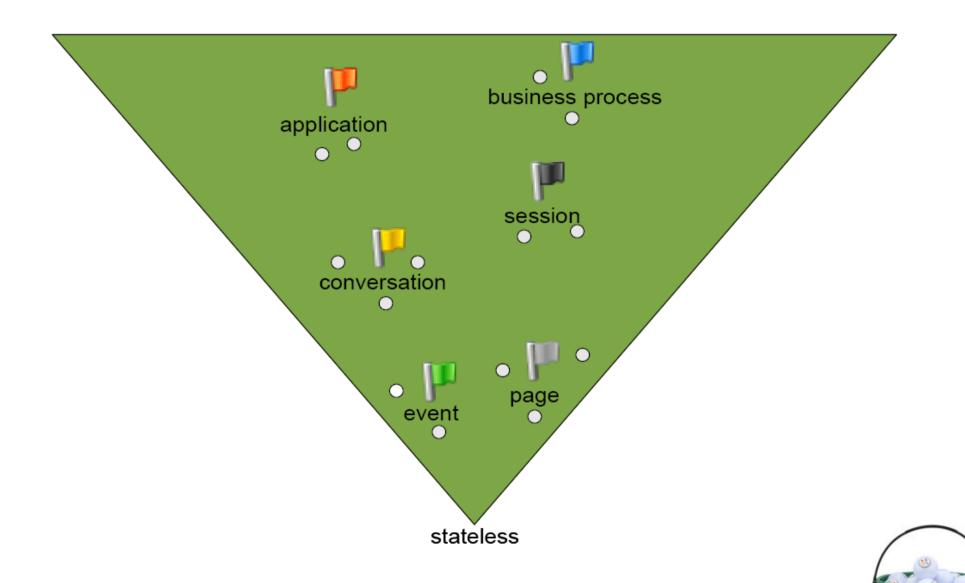


PART 4

MANAGING STATE



"FORE!"





CARVING OUT CONVERSATIONS

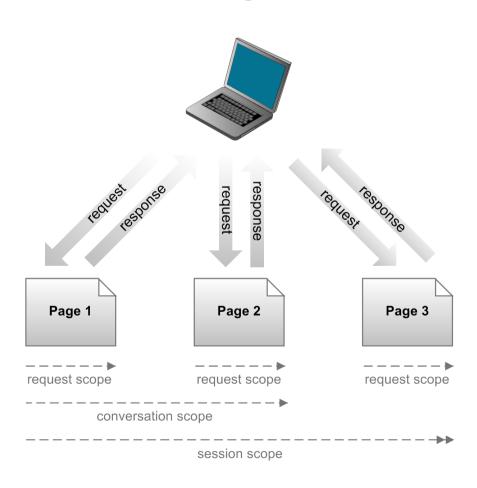
- Isolated regions of HTTP session
 - Solves "session bleeding" problem
- Much shorter timeout than session
- Boundaries defined declaratively
- Not explicitly tied to navigation model

id=1 id=2 id=4 id=4 HTTP Session



CONVERSATION PROPAGATION

- Conversation identifier sent with request
- Timeout period reset upon restore
- Optional directive signals boundaries
 - → begin
 - → join
 - → end
 - → nest
 - → none





CONVERSATION USES

- Non-persistent information
 - Search criteria, selections, breadcrumb navigation
- Outstanding changes to persistent data
 - Managed entities that have changed
- Natural cache of query results
 - Aware of business context



TWO CONVERSATION STYLES

Ad-hoc

- "Open for business"
- Can get tricky
- Works well with named conversations

Stateful pageflow

- Based on jPDL
- Every page request must be sanctioned
- Can move action expressions to pageflow



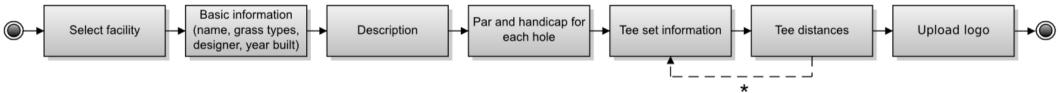
AD-HOC CONVERSATION

```
@Name("courseComparison")
@Scope(CONVERSATION)
public class CourseComparison
    @In protected EntityManager entityManager;
    @RequestParameter protected Long courseId;
    @DataModel private Set<Course> markedCourses;
    @Out("readyToCompare") private boolean ready = false;
    @Begin(join = true)
    public void mark()
        Course c = entityManger.find(Course.class, courseId);
        if (c == null) return;
        courses.add(c):
        ready = courses.size() > 1;
    }
                                            <h:commandLink value="Mark"
                                                action="#{courseComparison.mark}">
    public void clear()
                                                <f:param name="courseId"
                                                   value="#{ course.id}"/>
        courses.clear(); ready = false;
                                            </h:commandLink>
    @End(beforeRedirect = true)
```

public void reset() {}



CONVERSATIONAL PAGEFLOW (1)





CONVERSATIONAL PAGEFLOW (2)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<pageflow-definition>
    <start-state>
        <transition to="basicCourseInfo"/>
    </start-state>
    <page name="basicCourseInfo"</pre>
        view-id="/coursewizard/basicCourseInfo.xhtml" redirect="true">
       <transition name="cancel" to="cancel"/>
       <transition name="next" to="description"/>
    </page>
    <page name="review"</pre>
        view-id="/coursewizard/review.xhtml" redirect="true">
       <transition name="cancel" to="cancel"/>
       <transition name="success" to="end">
            <action expression="#{courseHome.setCourseId(course.id)}"/>
       </transition>
       <transition to="review"/>
    </page>
    <page name="end" view-id="/Course.xhtml" redirect="true">
        <end-conversation/>
    </page>
</pageflow-definition>
```

CONVERSATIONAL PAGEFLOW (3)

```
@Name("courseWizard")
@Scope(CONVERSATION)
public class CourseComparison
    @In protected EntityManager entityManager;
    @Out("newCourse") private Course course;
    @Begin(pageflow = "Course Wizard")
    public void enterNewCourse()
        course = new Course();
    @Conversational
    public void selectFacility(Facility facility)
        course.setFacility(facility);
    @End @Conversational
    public boolean save()
        try { entityManager.persist(course); return true; }
        catch (Exception e) { return false; }
```



SUPPORTING PARALLEL ACTIVITY

Workspaces

- Switch between parallel conversations
- Workspace switcher is akin to browser tabs



Nested conversations

- Isolate work within use case
- Can easily navigate back to parent conversation
- Terminated automatically if parent conversation ends



PART 5

RESPECT THE PERSISTENCE CONTEXT



MANAGING PERSISTENCE

Persistence manager

- JPA EntityManager or Hibernate Session
- Manages object representations of database records

Key services

- First-level cache
- Transparent database reads/writes

Lifetime

- Aligns well with use case (i.e., conversation)
- ORM undervalued w/o proper lifetime



WHAT IS A PERSISTENCE CONTEXT?

- Map maintained by persistence manager
- Bucket of retrieved entity instances
 - In-memory cache
 - Instances are managed
 - One instance per database record
 - Performs automatic dirty checking, deferred DML
 - Persistence by reachability
- All that stops working once it's closed!
 - Entity instances become detached
 - The LazyInitializationException leaves its mark
 - Conversations solve this problem

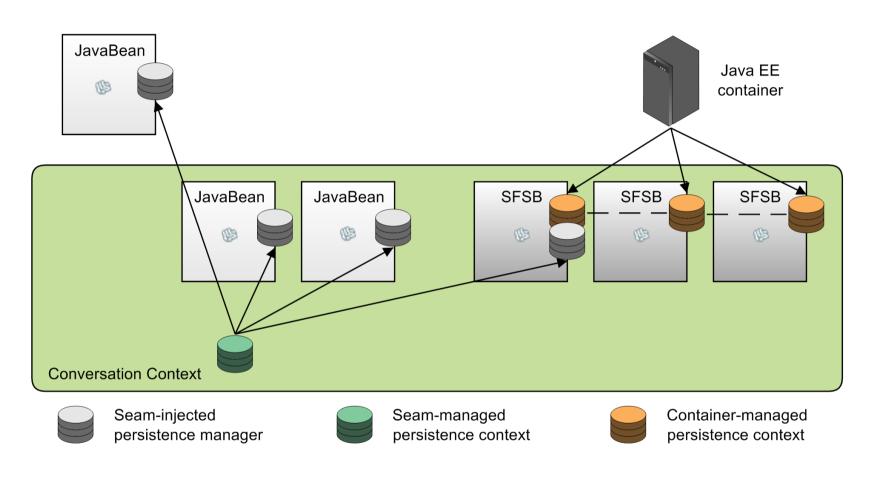


EXTENDING THE PC

- Spans multiple requests
- Form values applied to *managed* entity
- Dirty checking ensures update
 - Update only happens if entity has changed
 - Flushing can be deferred to keep changes pending
- Leverage optimistic locking
- Multi-record editing for free



SEAM VS CONTAINER-MANAGED PC



Seam (bi)jection

@In EntityManager entityManager;

Java EE resource injection

@PersistenceContext
EntityManager entityManager;

MANUAL FLUSHING

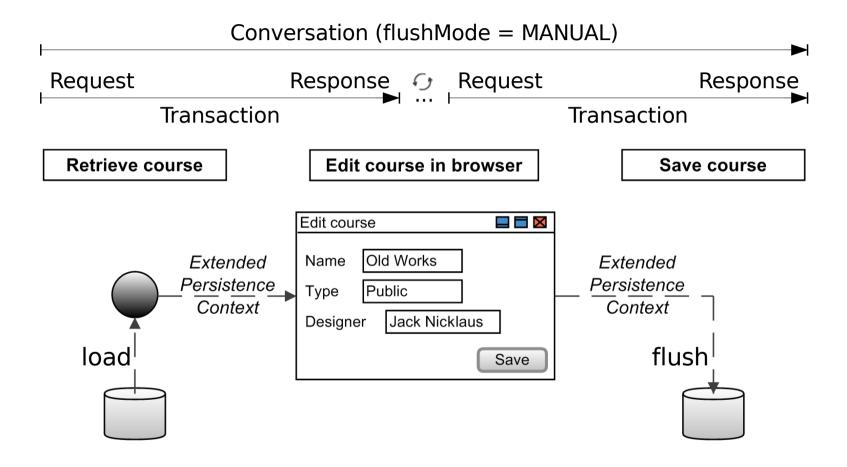
- Only available in Hibernate
- Defers updates until explicitly instructed
- Eliminates need for value objects
- Rollback need not involve database
- Can activate declaratively in Seam

```
@Begin(flushMode = MANUAL)
<begin-conversation flush-mode="MANUAL"/>
<core:manager default-flush-mode="MANUAL"/>
```

Conversations broken without it

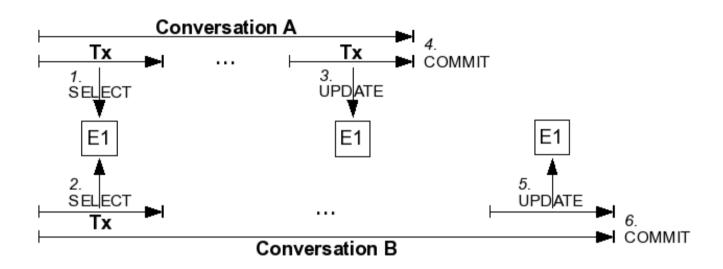


ATOMIC CONVERSATION





LAST COMMIT WINS?



```
Optimistic locking
private Integer version;
                                          Verifies record in database
@Version 
                                          hasn't changed.
protected Integer getVersion() {
                                          transaction if record is out
    return this.version;
                                          of sync.
}
protected void setVersion(Integer version) {
    this.version = version;
}
```

Aborts

PART 6

LOCK DOWN



RAMPING UP ON SEAM SECURITY

- Single-method authentication
 - Configured as method expression in components.xml
 - Hides the complexities of JAAS
- Seam 2.1 offers built-in authentication
 - Database or LDAP
- 3 levels of authorization
 - Role-based
 - Rule-based (Drools)
 - ACLs (database)
 - Identity and permissions management
 - OpenID Single Sign-on (SSO)

FORM-BASED AUTHENTICATION: THE 3-STEP PROGRAM



STEP 1: AUTHENTICATION METHOD

```
@Stateless
@Name("authenticator")
public class AuthenticatorBean implements Authenticator
    @Logger private Log log;
    @In Identity identity;
    @In Credentials credentials;
    public boolean authenticate()
        log.info("authenticating {0}", credentials.getUsername());
        if ("admin".equals(credentials.getUsername()))
            identity.addRole("admin");
            return true;
        return false;
}
```



STEP 2: SECURITY CONFIGURATION

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<components xmlns="http://jboss.com/products/seam/components"
    xmlns:security="http://jboss.com/products/seam/security"
    xsi:schemaLocation="
        http://jboss.com/products/seam/security
        http://jboss.com/products/seam/security-2.1.xsd
        http://jboss.com/products/seam/components
        http://jboss.com/products/seam/components-2.1.xsd">
        <security:identity authenticate-method="#{authenticator.authenticate}"/>
    </components>
```



STEP 3: JSF LOGIN FORM



DECLARATIVE AUTHENTICATION

User class

```
@UserPrincipal
public String getUsername() { return username; }
@UserPassword(hash = "MD5")
public String getPasswordHash() { return passwordHash; }
@UserRoles @ManyToMany
public Set<MemberRole> getRoles() { return roles; }
Role class
@RoleName
public String getName() { return name; }
@RoleGroups @ManyToMany
public Set<MemberRole> getGroups() { return groups; }
Configuration
<security:jpa-identity-store</pre>
    user-class="org.open18.model.Member"
    role-class="org.open18.model.MemberRole"/>
```



ANATOMY OF A PERMISSION

- Two parts
 - Target
 - Action
- Resolved by permission chain
 - First affirmative vote grants access
 - Resolvers are pluggable



AUTHORIZATION POINTS

Page

Method

```
@Restrict("#{identity.loggedIn}") public void findMembers() { ... }
@Restrict("#{course, 'modify')") public void updateCourse() { ... }
```

Entity

@PrePersist @Restrict public void prePersist();

Inline code

```
<h:panelGroup rendered="#{identity.loggedIn}"> ... </h:panelGroup>
<h:commandButton action="#{courseManager.edit}" value="Edit"
    rendered="#{s:hasPermission(course, 'modify')}"/>
```



PART 7

GET RICH



FILE HANDLING IS A BREEZE

Upload component

- Binds file input to byte[] property
- Captures content type

Graphics component

- Generate image from byte[] property
- Declarative transformations

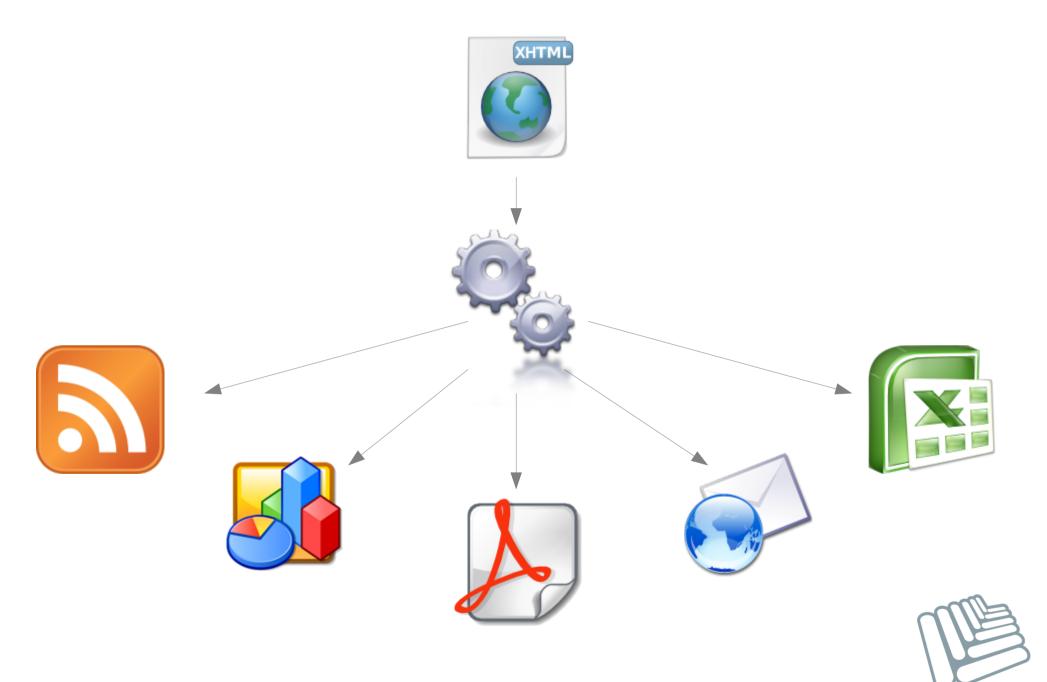
Document servlet

- Serves binary content to browser
- Supports file extensions in download URL
- Can use it to serve custom content





FLEXIBLE FACELETS



EVERY BUSINESS HAS A PROCESS

- Seam gives it a context
 - Integrates with jBPM
 - Process can "see" Seam components and context
- Process is a multi-user conversation
 - Each task is a single-user conversation
- Declarative boundaries
 - Annotations
 - @CreateProcess, @ResumeProcess
 - @StartTask, @BeginTask, @EndTask, @Transition
 - Page descriptor elements
 - JSF components



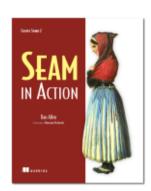
WEB BEANS: SEAM EVOLVED

- Continued commitment to Java EE
- Standardizes Seam's core container
 - Annotations extend Java type system ("API type")
 - Extensible context model
 - Conversations
- Type-safe resolution
 - Seam relies on string names
- Proxies instead of bijection
- Integration expected in Seam 3



RESOURCES

- Seam in Action (Manning, Sep 2008)
 - http://manning.com/dallen (4 free chapters)
 - http://code.google.com/p/seaminaction



- Seam, Web Beans and Hibernate blog
 - http://in.relation.to
- Seam community site & forums
 - http://seamframework.org
- Seam Issue Tracker
 - http://jira.jboss.org/jira/browse/JBSEAM
- Seam links (and lots of them)
 - http://delicious.com/seaminaction







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