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# Hidden Value Example with JSF 2.0

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In this example, we are going to demonstrate a simple way to implement a hidden value field in JSF. Hidden value fields, are used to submit data that are not inserted and authorised from the user. Some years ago (J2EE 1.4), a hidden value field was one of the three techniques that were used to implement web sessions.

In JSF, we can use the

```
<h:inputHidden />
```

tag, in order to render an HTML hidden value field. For example, the JSF tag

```
<h:inputHidden value="sample text" />
```

will render back, this HTML tag expression:

```
<input type="hidden" name="random value" value="some text" />
```

. By the end of this example, you will be able to render hidden value fields through

```
<h:inputHidden />
```

tag and to also access the hidden values of them, with Javascript.

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## 1. Managed Bean

Our usual, simple Managed Bean, declared as "user".

```
UserBean.java
```

```
01 package com.javacodegeeks.enterprise.jsf.hiddenvalue;
02
03 import java.io.Serializable;
```

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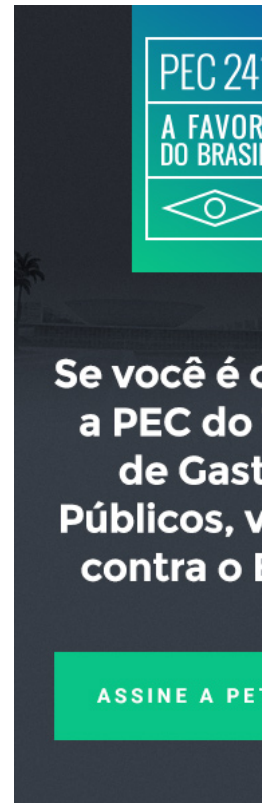
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```

04 import javax.faces.bean.ManagedBean;
05 import javax.faces.bean.SessionScoped;
06
07 @ManagedBean(name="user")
08 @SessionScoped
09 public class UserBean implements Serializable{
10
11     private static final long serialVersionUID = 7134492943336358840L;
12     String answer = "Hi from hidden value!";
13
14     public String getAnswer() {
15         return answer;
16     }
17
18     public void setAnswer(String answer) {
19         this.answer = answer;
20     }
21 }

```

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## 2. Our Page

Its scope is to render a hidden value through the fore-mentioned JSF tag and if a button event occurs, then it has to print the value of our hidden field; as we already said, this will be implemented with Javascript.

index.xhtml

```

01 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
02 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
03 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
04 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
05       xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html">
06
07     <h:head>
08         <title>JSF Hidden Value Example</title>
09         <script type="text/javascript">
10             function printHiddenValue()
11             {
12                 alert(document.getElementById('simpleform:hiddenID').value);
13             }
14         </script>
15     </h:head>

```

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```

20     <n:commandbutton value= Click Me! onclick= printHiddenValue() />
21 </h:form>
22 </h:body>
23 </html>

```

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## 3. Demo

Another very simple example, let's try to run our application by accessing

http://localhost:8080/HiddenValueJSF

; if everything goes right, after clicking the button under our page's heading, we should get something like this:



This was an example of Hidden Value in JSF 2.0. You can also download the source code for this example: HiddenValueJSF

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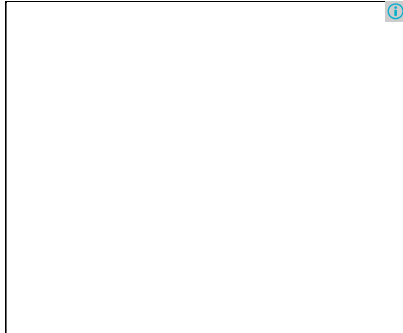
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