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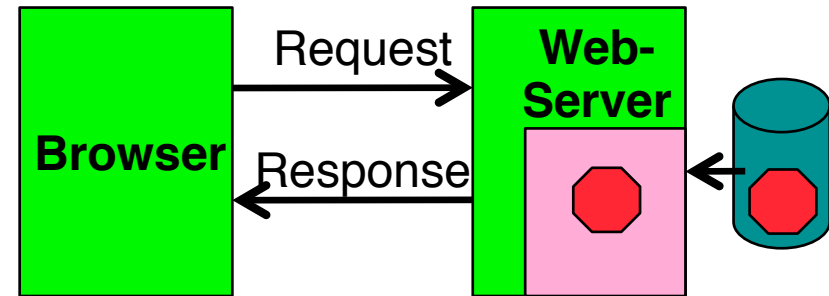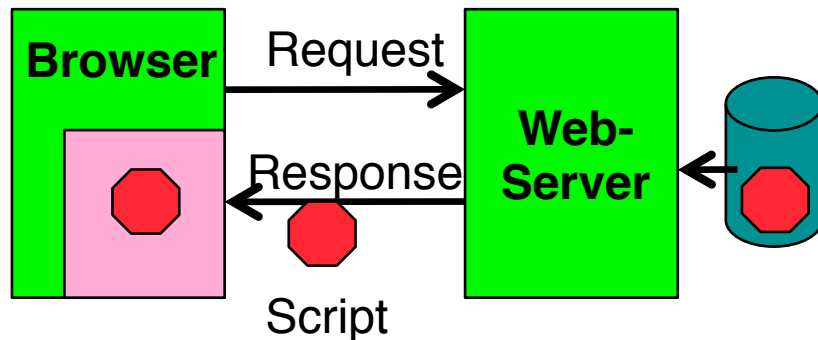
Server-Side vs. Client-Side Realisation

- Client-side realisation:
  - Browser contains execution engine for scripts
  - Web server does not need to execute scripts
  - Script is sent to client as part of server response
  - Examples: JavaScript, **Java Applets**

- Server-side realisation:
  - Web server contains execution engine for scripts
  - Browser does not need to execute scripts
  - Script is executed on server and computes response to client
  - Examples: PHP, **Java Servlets, Java Server Pages, Java Server Faces**
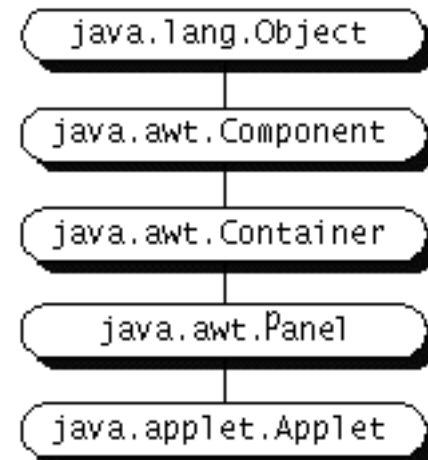
Applets

- *Applet:*
  - "application snippet"
  - Java program, embedded in HTML page
  - Executed by browser software
    - » directly or via *plugin*
  - Does not contain a "main()" method!
- *Application:*
  - *Stand-alone* Java program
  - Contains a static "main()" method

Example: Hello-World Applet (1)

```java
import java.applet.Applet;
import java.awt.Graphics;


public class HelloWorldApplet extends Applet {
    public void paint(Graphics g) {
            g.setFont(new Font("SansSerif", Font.PLAIN, 48));
            g.drawString("Hello world!", 50, 50);
    }
}
```

- Class for applet derived from `Applet`
- `Applet` derived from `Component`
  – Calls `paint` method
  – Redefining the `paint` method means
     it is executed at display time
- Similar to Java Swing, Java 2D

```
java.lang.Object
      │
java.awt.Component
      │
java.awt.Container
      │
java.awt.Panel
      │
java.applet.Applet
```

Example: Hello-World Applet (2) – Old Version

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Hello World </title>
  </head>
  <body>

    The Hello-World example applet is called: <br>

    <applet code="HelloWorldApplet.class" width=300>
    </applet>


  </body>
</html>
```

This is frequently used but deprecated HTML syntax!

java/Applets/HelloWorld.html

Example: Hello-World Applet (2) – New Version

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Hello World </title>
  </head>
  <body>

    The Hello-World example applet is called: <br>
    <object type="application/x-java-applet"
     height="100" width="400">
        <param name="code" value="HelloWorldApplet" />
    </object>
  </body>
</html>
```

Modern HTML5 syntax
(Note : "`classid`" not supported in HTML5!)

java/Applets/HelloWorldNew.html   Assuming "HelloWorldApplet.class" exists

Parameter Passing in HTML – Old Version

Applet:

```java
public class HelloWorldAppletParam extends Applet {

    public void paint(Graphics g) {
        String it = getParameter("insertedtext");
        g.setFont(new Font("SansSerif", Font.PLAIN, 48));
        g.drawString("Hello "+it+" world!", 50, 50);
    }
}
```

HTML:

```html
<html>
   ...
      <br>
      <applet code="HelloWorldAppletParam.class"
           width="800">
           <param name="insertedtext" value="wonderful">
      </applet>
   ...
</html>
```

java/Applets/HelloWorldParam.html

Parameter Passing in HTML – New Version

Applet:

```java
public class HelloWorldAppletParam extends Applet {

    public void paint(Graphics g) {
      String it = getParameter("insertedtext");
      g.setFont(new Font("SansSerif", Font.PLAIN, 48));
       g.drawString("Hello "+it+" world!", 50, 50);
    }
}
```

HTML: This is modern HTML5.

```html
<html>
  ...
    <br>
    <object type="application/x-java-applet"
      height="100" width="800">
          <param name="code" value="HelloWorldAppletParam" />
          <param name="insertedtext" value="wonderful" />
          Java Applets not supported.
    </object>
  ...
</html>
```
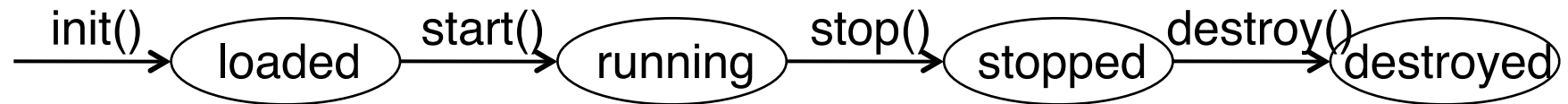
Java/Applets/HelloWorldParamNew.html

Applet Life Cycle

```
  init()              start()             stop()              destroy()
────────▶ ( loaded ) ────────▶ ( running ) ────────▶ ( stopped ) ────────▶ (destroyed)
```

Callback methods:


```
public class ... extends Applet {

    . . .

    public void init() { . . . }
    public void start() { . . . }
    public void stop() { . . . }
    public void destroy() { . . . }

    . . .

}
```

User Interaction in Applets

- Applets are able to react to user input
  - Define an event handler
  - Register during applet initialization (init())
- Applets are executed locally, and therefore have full access to local input
  - Mouse movements, key press, …
  - This is not possible with server-side code!
- Applets can make use of graphics libraries
  - For instance Java 2D
 - This is not easily possible with server-side code!

Swing Applets

- Class **javax.swing.JApplet**
  - Derived from **Applet**
  - Is a top level Swing Container
- All Swing GUI components can be used
- Particularities of Swing Applets:
  - Add panels, layout managers etc as with **JFrame**
  - Default layout manager is **BorderLayout**
  - Direct drawing into a Swing applet is not recommended!
  - Redefine method **paintComponent()**
  - Call parent method:

```
public void paintComponent(Graphics g){
    super.paintComponent(g);
    . . .
}
```

Example: Counter as Swing-Applet (1)

```java
public class CounterSwingApplet extends JApplet {

    CounterPanel counterPanel;

    public void init() {
        counterPanel = new CounterPanel();
        add(counterPanel);
    }
}

// The View
class CounterPanel
        extends JPanel implements Observer {

    private Counter ctr;

    JPanel valuePanel = new JPanel();
    JTextField valueDisplay = new JTextField(10);

    JButton countButton = new JButton("Count");
    JButton resetButton = new JButton("Reset");
    JPanel buttonPanel = new JPanel();

    . . .
```
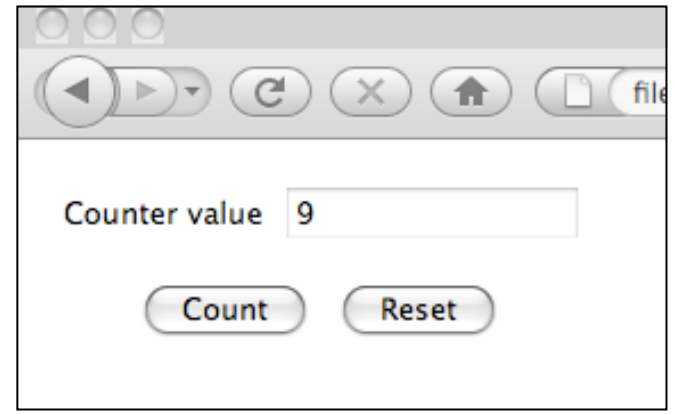
Counter.html

Example: Counter as Swing Applet (2)

```
public CounterPanel () {              class CounterPanel (contd.)

    ctr = new Counter();
    valuePanel.add(new Label("Counter value"));
    . . .
    add(valuePanel,BorderLayout.NORTH);

    countButton.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
        public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent event) {
            ctr.count();
        }
    });
    . . .
    ctr.addObserver(this);
}

public void update (Observable o, Object arg) {
    valueDisplay.setText(String.valueOf(ctr.getValue()));
}

public void paintComponent(Graphics g){
    super.paintComponent(g);
}
}

class Counter extends Observable { . . . }
```

Organisation of Bytecode Files

- **`<object>`** and **`<applet>`** tags allow
  - Declaration of a "codebase" directory (attribute **`codebase`**)
  - Declaration of a Java archive (JAR) file (attribute **`archive`**)
- Advantages of codebase:
  - Java bytecode concentrated at one location
  - Fits with Java file conventions
- Advantages of archives:
  - Less files, less HTTP connections, better performance
  - Lower bandwidth requirements due to (LZW) compression

Cubic.html

Applets and Security

- "Sandbox security":
  An applet is not allowed to
  - Open network connections (except of the host from which it was loaded)
  - Start a program on the client
  - Read or write files locally on the client
  - Load libraries
  - Call "native" methods (e.g. developed in C)
- "Trusted" Applets
  - Installed locally on the client, or
  - Digitally signed and verified
  - Such applets may get higher permissions, e.g. for reading/writing files

Advantages and Disadvantages of Java Applets

- Advantages:
  - Interaction
  - Graphics programming
  - No network load created during local interactions
  - Executed decentrally – good scalability

- Disadvantages:
  - Dependencies on browser type, browser version, Java version
    - » Persisting problem, leading to many incompatibilities, including recent Java 7 problems
  - Debugging is problematic
  - Java-related security problems

Flashback Trojan botnet infects 600,000 Macs
05.04.2012

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Literature:
http://java.sun.com/products/servlet/docs.html
http://glassfish.java.net/

Basic Principle: Server-Side Execution
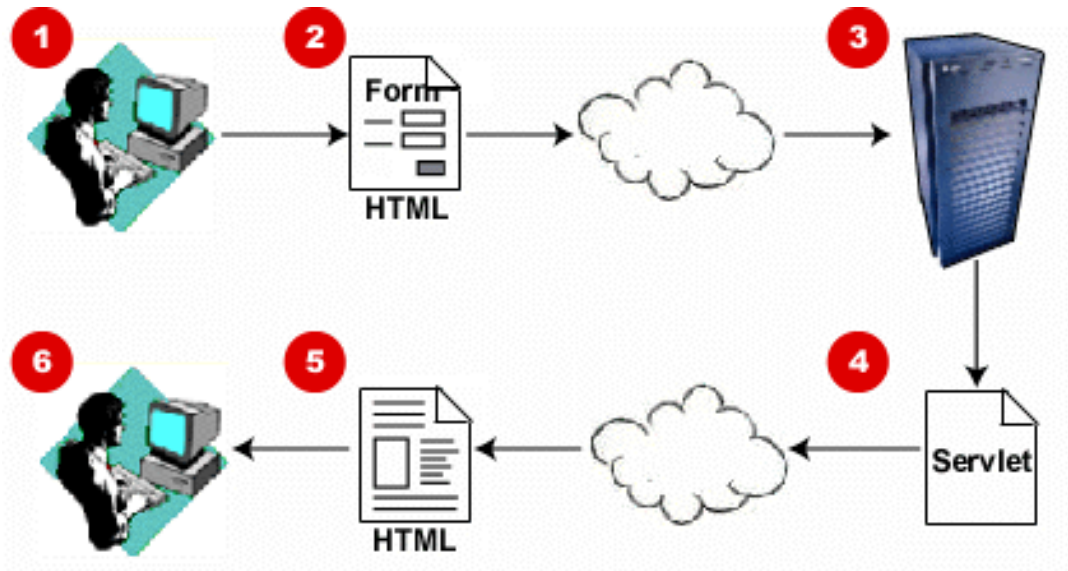
1. User fills form
2. Form is sent as HTTP request to server
3. Server determines servlet program and executes it
4. Servlet computes response as HTML text
5. Response is sent to browser
6. Response, as generated by servlet, is displayed in browser

Java-Enabled Web Server

- Servlets are part of Java *Enterprise* Edition (Java EE)
- Prerequisite:
  - Web server must be enabled for Java *servlets*
    - » Recognize servlet requests
    - » Administer servlets
    - » Execute servlets *(servlet container)*
- Before doing any experiments:
  - Install Servlet Container software
  - E.g. Apache Tomcat or Oracle GlassFish

GlassFish Server 3.1.2 – Server Running

localhost:8080

oracle.com

GlassFish Server 3.1.2

Your server is now running
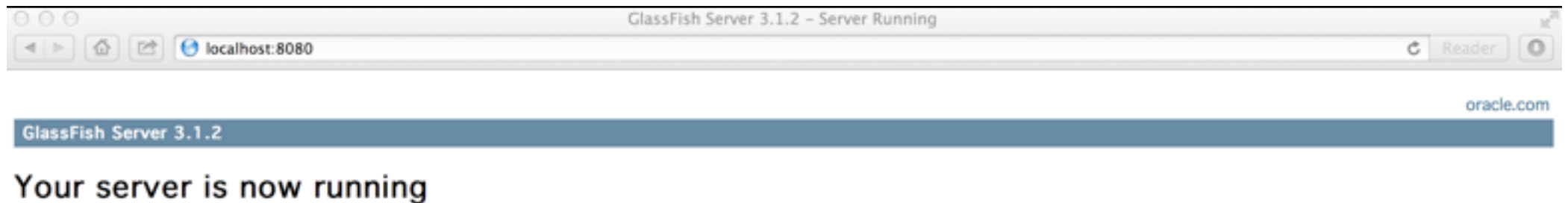
Java Servlets

- Java Servlet Specification (JSS):
  - Part of Java Enterprise Edition (EE)
  - First version: 1996 (Java: 1995)
  - Current version: 3.0 (with Java EE 6)
  - Java Server Pages: 1997–1999
  - Java Server Faces: 2001 –
- Reference implementation for a "servlet container":
  - "GlassFish" (Oracle)
- Other well-known Java EE servers:
  - Apache Tomcat (Catalina), BEA Weblogic (now Oracle), JBoss, jetty
- Basic principle very similar to PHP:
  - Web server calls (Java) servlet code on request from client
  - Servlet determines response to client
    - » Most obvious usage: Produces a HTML page
    - » Other usages: Acts as server-side partner in AJAX-like technologies

Servlet-API: Basics

- **`abstract class javax.servlet.GenericServlet`**

  – Declares method **`service()`**

- **`abstract class javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet`**

  – Subclass of GenericServlet for HTTP servlets

  – Defines standard implementation for method **`service()`**, calls

    » **`doPost(), doGet(), doPut()`**

  `protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req,`
      `HttpServletResponse resp)`

  `protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest req,`
      `HttpServletResponse resp)`

- **`interface javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest`**

  – Provides information about request, method examples:
  `getAttribute(), getParameter(), getReader()`

- **`interface javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse`**

  – Access to response construction, method examples:
  `setContentType(), getWriter()`

Example: Hello-World Servlet

```java
import java.io.*;
import javax.servlet.*;
import javax.servlet.http.*;

public class HelloWorld extends HttpServlet {

    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
            HttpServletResponse response)
      throws IOException, ServletException
    {
        response.setContentType("text/html");
        PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
        out.println("<html>");
        out.println("<head>");
        out.println("<title>Hello World!</title>");
        out.println("</head>");
        out.println("<body>");
        out.println("<h1>Hello World!</h1>");
        out.println("</body>");
        out.println("</html>");
    }
}
```

Example: Very Simple Dynamic Servlet

HTML page showing current date and time

```java
public class myDate extends HttpServlet {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 11L;

public void doGet (HttpServletRequest request,
                   HttpServletResponse response)
            throws ServletException, IOException {

    String title = "Date Servlet Page";
    response.setContentType("text/html");

    PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
    out.println("<html><head><title>");
    out.println(title);
    out.println("</title></head><body>");
    out.println("<h1>" + title + "</h1>");
    out.print("<p>Current time is: ");
    out.println(new java.util.GregorianCalendar().getTime());
    out.println("</body></html>");
    out.close();
  }
}
```

Date Servlet Page

Current time is: Wed Nov 21 17:12:50 CET 2012

http://localhost:8080/myDateServlet/

Deployment of Servlet Application

- Servlet is a Java code file (myDate.java)
  - Needs to be compiled
  - Needs to be made known to the Servlet Container
- *Deployment:*
  - Installation of new server-side java code in the server software
  - Provide a location (directory), called *context path*
  - Provide metadata on the new application
- Usually a Dynamic Web application is archived (with jar) in a single archive file with ".war" extension (Web application archive)
- Several ways for deployment exist
  - E.g. administrative Web interface of GlassFish
  - E.g. through development environments
    - » e.g. NetBeans, Eclipse (with GlassFish Plugin)

File Structure for Deployment

```
▼ 📁 META-INF
    📄 MANIFEST.MF
▼ 📁 WEB-INF
    ▼ 📁 classes
        📄 myDate.class
    ▼ 📁 lib
    📄 web.xml
```
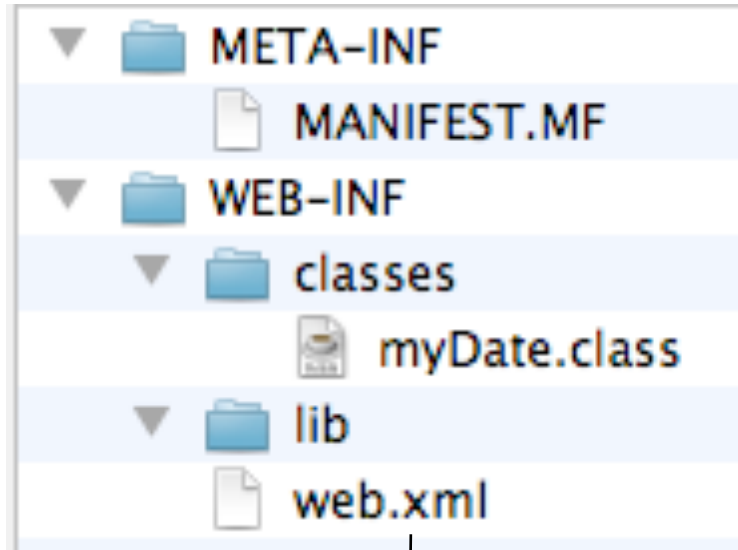
Meta information

```xml
<?xml version "1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>

                osystems, Inc.//DTD Web Application 2.3//EN"
                  om/dtd/web-app_2_3.dtd">
<web-app>
    <display-name>My little Date Application</display-name>
    <description>
      Small demo example, by Heinrich Hussmann, LMU.
    </description>
    <context-param>
      <param-name>webmaster</param-name>
      <param-value>husmann@ifi.lmu.de</param-value>
      <description>
         The EMAIL address of the administrator.
      </description>
    </context-param>
    <servlet>
      <servlet-name>myDate</servlet-name>
      <description>
            Example servlet for lecture
      </description>
        <servlet-class>myDate</servlet-class>
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
      <servlet-name>myDate</servlet-name>
      <url-pattern>/</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
     <session-config>
       <session-timeout>30</session-timeout>     <!-- 30 minutes -->
     </session-config>
</web-app>
```

Administration Interface for Server

User: admin | **Domain:** domain1 | **Server:** localhost

GlassFish™ Server Open Source Edition

Deploy Applications or Modules

Specify the location of the application or module to deploy. An application can be in a packaged file or specified as a directory.

Location: ⦿ **Packaged File to Be Uploaded to the Server**

(Choose File) 📄 myDateServlet.war

○ **Local Packaged File or Directory That Is Accessible from GlassFish Server**

[   ] [Browse Files...] [Browse Folders...]

Type: * [Web Application ⇕]

Context Root: [myDateServlet]

Path relative to server's base URL.

Application Name: * [myDateServlet]

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Literature:
> http://java.sun.com/products/jsp
> http://courses.coreservlets.com/Course-Materials/csajsp2.html

Introductory Example: Java Server Page (JSP)

HTML page with current date/time

```
<html>
<%! String title = "Date JSP"; %>
<head><title> <%=title%> </title></head>
<body>
<h1> <%=title%> </h1>
<p>Current time is:
<% java.util.Date now = new GregorianCalendar().getTime(); %>
<%=now%></p>
</body></html>
```
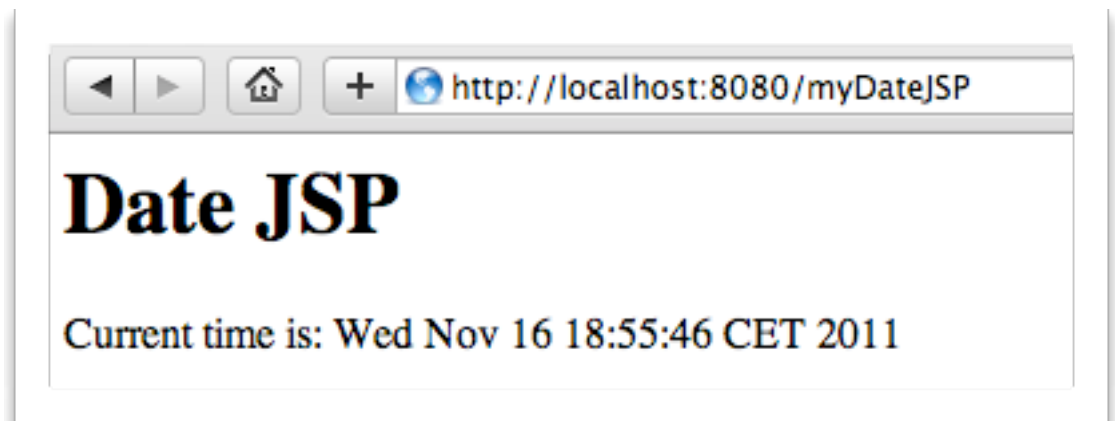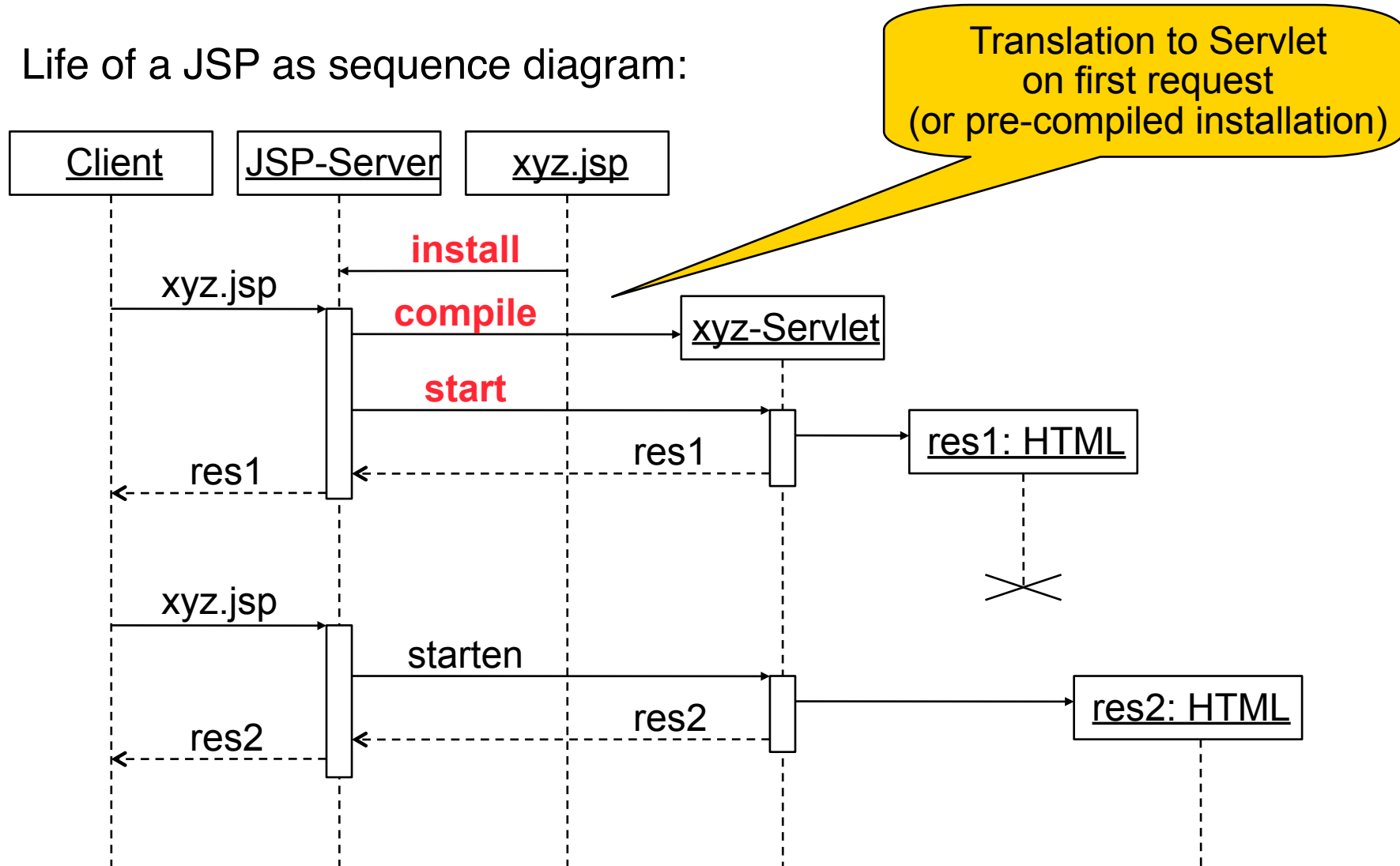
- Basic idea for Java Server Pages:
  - Scripts embedded in HTML
    ("*Scriptlets*")
  - Automatic translation into
    Java Servlet code

http://localhost:8080/myDateJSP

Date JSP

Current time is: Wed Nov 16 18:55:46 CET 2011

Java HTML

Java Server Pages und Servlets

Life of a JSP as sequence diagram:

Translation to Servlet
on first request
(or pre-compiled installation)

JSP Language Elements

Java Server Pages specification provides markup language to be compiled into Java Servlets

Current version is JSP 2.2, JSP is likely to be superseded by JSF!

JSP can be used to generate arbitrary texts, not only HTML

Interesting target language: XML

Language elements:

- Script elements

  Embedding of Java code

- Implicit objects

  Access to important parts of servlets

- Directives

  Global instructions for compilation

- Actions

  Standard elements for runtime behavior

Embedding of Scriptlets in HTML

Two options for embedding:

- JSP-specific syntax: Tags with special symbols

  `<%, <%!, <%=, <%@, %>, <%--, --%>`

  – Not elegant, but very practical

- XML-Syntax with *name spaces*

  » XML name space (xmlns) prefix, e.g. "jsp"

  » Prefix definition is bound to a URL

  » Tags take the form `<jsp: xyz>`

  » Used for JSP actions in particular

JSP Script Elements

- Declarations
  - Syntax: `<%!` *`declarations`* `%>`
    `<jsp:declaration>` *`declarations`* `</jsp:declaration>`
  - Example: `<%!` `String title = "Date JSP"; %>`
  - Is translated into instance variable of generated class,
    i.e. visible in all methods of the class.

- Anweisungen (*Scriptlets*)
  - Syntax: `<%` *`commands`* `%>`
    `<jsp:scriptlet>` *`commands`* `</jsp:scriptlet>`
  - Example: `<% java.util.Date now = new`
    `GregorianCalendar().getTime(); %>`
  - Local variables are not visible in other methods.

- Expressions
  - Syntax: `<%=` *`expression`* `%>`
    `<jsp:expression>` *`expression`* `</jsp:expression>`
  - Example: `<%= now %>`
  - Equivalent to `<% out.print(now); %>`

Implicit Objects in JSP Scripts

The most important implicit objects:

- **`request (javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest)`**
  - To read HTTP headers, parameters, cookies etc. from request
- **`response (javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse)`**
  - To write HTTP headers, cookies etc. into the response
- **`session (javax.servlet.http.HttpSession)`**
  - Tracking of associated interactions ("sessions")
- **`out (javax.servlet.jsp.JspWriter)`**
  - Output stream (result test)
  - Standard **`print()`** and **`println()`** commands

- Example:

```
<% if (request.getParameter("CountButton")!=null) {
     counter.count();
   }; %>
```

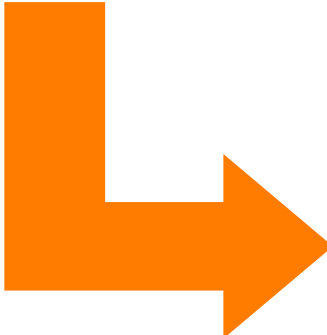# Generated Servlet Code (Excerpt)

```
<html>
    <%! String title = "Date JSP"; %>
    <head>
        <title> <%=title%> </title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1> <%=title%> </h1>
        <p>Current time is:
                <% java.util.Date now = new GregorianCalendar().getTime(); %>
                <%=now%>
    </body>
</html>
```

```
                    ...
                    out.write("\r\n");
                    out.write("\t<body>\n");
                    out.write("\t\t<h1> ");
                    out.print(title);
                    out.write(" </h1>\n");
                    out.write("\t\t<p>Current time is:\n");
                    out.write("\t\t\t");
                    java.util.Date now = new GregorianCalendar().getTime();
                    out.write("\n");
                    out.write("\t\t\t");
                    out.print(now);
                    out.write("\n");
```

Cleaning Up the JSP Code

- Mixture between Java scriptlets and HTML markup
  - Is confusing
  - Is difficult to maintain
- Approaches to a better structure of the JSP:
  - Use JavaBeans
  - Use Tag Libraries (Markup tags associated with Java implementation)
  - Use Standard Tag Library (JSTL)
  - Use Expression Language (JSP-EL)
  - Use JSPX (XML syntax, easier to handle for editing tools)
- JSP has evolved into its own, rather complex, programming language

What Is a JavaBean?

- JavaBeans is a *software component* model for Java
  - Not to be confused with Enterprise Java Beans (EJBs)!
- Software components:
  - Units of software which can be stored, transmitted, deployed, configured, executed without knowing the internal implementation
  - Main usage: Tools for composing components
- Driver for JavaBeans technology: User Interfaces
  - AWT and Swing components are JavaBeans
  - GUI editing tools instantiate and configure JavaBeans
- Main properties of a JavaBean:
  - Has a simple constructor without parameters
  - Provides public getter and setter methods for its properties:
    `getProp, setProp`   (no setter = read-only)
  - Is serializable
  - Supports listener mechanism for property changes
    - » *Bound* properties: provide listener for changes
    - » *Constrained* properties: allow listeners to *veto* on changes

JavaBeans in JSP: Action useBean

- Syntax of useBean Aktion:

  `<jsp:useBean id=`*`localName`* `class=`*`className`*
  `                    scope=`*`scopeDefn`* `/>`

  scope: "page" (current page), "request" (current request);
             "session" (current session), "application" (full application)

- Reading properties:

  `<jsp:getProperty`   **`name=`*`localName`***
  `                   property=`*`propertyName`*`/>`

- Writing properties:

  `<jsp:setProperty`   **`name=`*`localName`***
  `                   property=`*`propertyName`*`/>`
  `                   value=`*`valueAsString`*

`<jsp:getProperty`   **`name="counter" property="current"/>`**
       is equivalent to:
       `<%=counter.getCurrent();%>`

Counter as JavaBean (1)

Counter Demo

Current counter value = 11

Count   Reset

```java
package counter;

public class CounterBean implements java.io.Serializable {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 12L;

    private int count;
    private int startValue;
    private int incrValue;
    private boolean enabled;

    /** Creates new CounterBean */
    public CounterBean() {
        startValue = 0;
        incrValue = 1;
        reset();
        enabled = true;
    } ...
```

Counter as JavaBean (2)

```java
public void count () {
    if (enabled) {
        count += incrValue;
    }
}


public void reset () {
    count = startValue;
}


public int getCount() {
    return count;
}


public void setCount(int count) {
    this.count = count;
}
… (getters/setters for all local properties) …
}
```

Counter JSP with JavaBeans: HTML Source

```jsp
<%@ page contentType="text/html" session="true"%>
<html>
<head><title>Counter Demo Page</title></head>
<body>
    <jsp:useBean id="counter" scope="session" class="counter.CounterBean"/>
    <%  if (request.getParameter("CountButton")!=null) {
            counter.count();
        };
        if (request.getParameter("ResetButton")!=null) {
            counter.reset();
        }
    %>
    <h2>Counter Demo</h2>
    <p>
        Current counter value =
        <jsp:getProperty name="counter"  property="count" /></p>
        <form method="POST" action="CounterJSP.jsp">
            <input name="CountButton" type="submit" value="Count" />
            <input name="ResetButton" type="submit" value="Reset" />
        </form>
</body>
</html>
```

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3.1   Client-Side Java: Applets

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3.3   Java-Based Markup: Java Server Pages (JSP)

3.4   Dynamic Web Applications with Java Server Faces (JSF)

Literature:
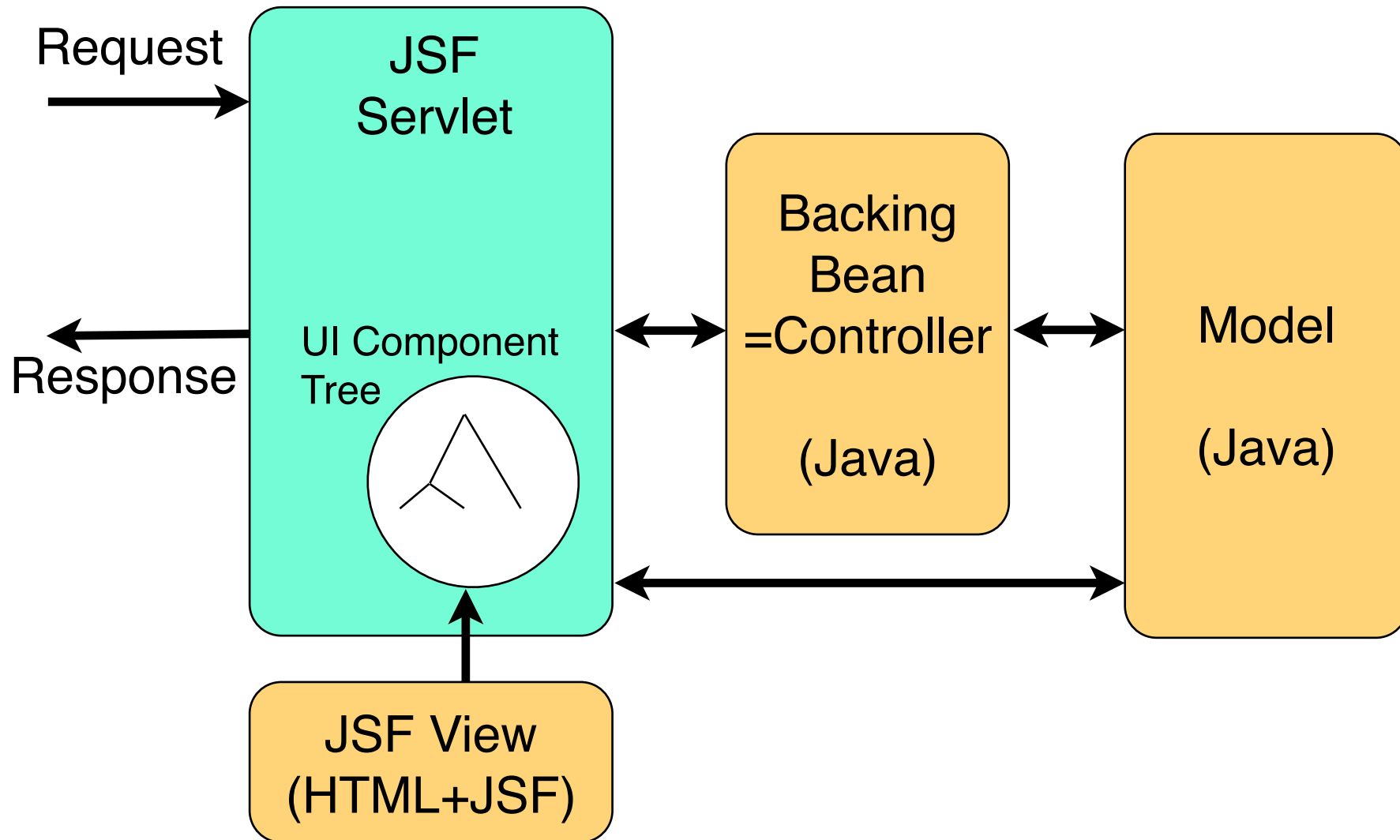 B. Müller: Java Server Faces 2.0, 2. Auflage, Hanser 2010
  http://www.javaserverfaces.org/
  http://balusc.blogspot.com/2011/01/
        jsf-20-tutorial-with-eclipse-and.html

Java Server Faces (JSF)

- Java framework for building Web applications
  - Using a Model-View-Controller architecture
  - Latest version 2.1 (2010)
    - » 2.0 was a heavy update to previous version
- JSF can be used together with JSP (and other technologies), but also as a separate tool for creating dynamic Web applications
  - JSF is likely to replace JSP in the future
- One single servlet: FacesServlet
  - loads view template
  - builds component tree mirroring UI components
  - processes events
  - renders response to client (mostly HTML)
- JSF follows a strict Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture

Counter with JSF's MVC Architecture

Request → JSF Servlet

Response ←

UI Component Tree

JSF View (HTML+JSF)

Backing Bean =Controller (Java)

Model (Java)

Example: Model for Counter

- Counter as Java Bean
  - We can use *exactly* the same code as in the JSP example
- Serializable
- All properties exposed as getters and setters

counter
  CounterBean.java
    CounterBean
      serialVersionUID
      count
      enabled
      incrValue
      startValue
      CounterBean()
      count() : void
      getCount() : int
      getIncrValue() : int
      getStartValue() : int
      isEnabled() : boolean
      reset() : void
      setCount(int) : void
      setEnabled(boolean) : void
      setIncrValue(int) : void
      setStartValue(int) : void

Example: View for Counter

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en"
    xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
    xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
    xmlns:ui="http://java.sun.com/jsf/facelets">
  <h:head>
    <title>Counter with Java Server Faces</title>
  </h:head>
  <h:body>
    <h2>Counter with JSF</h2>
    <h:form>
      <h:panelGrid columns="2">
        <h:outputLabel for="ctrvalue">Counter value = </h:outputLabel>
        <h:outputText id="ctrvalue" value="#{counterController.counterBean.count}"/>
        <h:commandButton value="Count" action="#{counterController.submitCount}" />
        <h:commandButton value="Reset" action="#{counterController.submitReset}" />
      </h:panelGrid>
    </h:form>
  </h:body>
</html>
```

counter.jsf (or .xhtml)

Example: Controller for Counter (1)

```java
package counter;

import javax.faces.bean.ManagedBean;
import javax.faces.bean.ViewScoped;

@ManagedBean
@ViewScoped
public class CounterController implements java.io.Serializable {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 11L;

    private CounterBean counter;

    public CounterController() {
        counter = new CounterBean();
    }

    ...
```

> Bean instance name is automatically created fro class name (by making lowercase the first letter)

Example: Controller for Counter (2)

```
...
    public void submitCount() {
        counter.count();
    }

    public void submitReset() {
        counter.reset();
    }

    public CounterBean getCounterBean() {
        return counter;
    }

}
```

http://localhost:8080/jsf-counter/counter.jsf

Counter with JSF

Counter value = 23

[Count]   [Reset]

Advantages of JSF

- Clean separation of concerns
    - View (JSF/HTML) just specifies appearance
        - » View contains markup only (+references to beans)
    - Model is clearly separated
        - » Usually, access to persistence layers, databases etc.
    - Usage of controller is enforced
        - » Controller is simple Java Bean
- JSF is fully integrated into Java EE architecture
    - Supports load sharing, transactions etc.

JSF Tag Libraries

- HTML Library (`xmlns:h`="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html")
  - Forms, input and output
  - Grouping, tables
  - Commands (buttons, links)
  - messages
- Core Library (`xmlns:f`="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core")
  - Views, subviews
  - Listeners
  - Data converters
  - Validators
  - Internationalization
- Facelets Library (`xmlns:ui`="http://java.sun.com/jsf/facelets")
  - Templates for pages
  - Debugging
- + Composite Components Library + JSTL Library

AJAX Support in JSF

- Special tag in JSF Core Library:

  `<f:ajax>`

- Ajax tag modifies reaction of components in which it is embedded
  - XMLHttpRequest instead of browser-global request updating the view

- Example:

```
<h:inputText ...>
    <f:ajax listener="#{handler.ajaxListener}"
            render= … />
</h:inputText>
```

- On value change event (input into text field), specified handler is called
  - on the server, of course (= asynchronous handling of input

- The *render* attribute can be used to specify the components to be updated after event processing
  - For instance by specifying document parts using "id"s

AJAX + JSF Example

- JSF form with text field and asynchronous reaction to text input:

```
<h:form>
 <h:panelGrid>
    <h:inputText value="#{bean.text}" >
       <f:ajax event="keyup" render="output"/>
    </h:inputText>
    <h:outputText id="output" value="#{bean.info}" />
 </h:panelGrid>
</h:form>
```

- Java Bean accepting text and computing info to be displayed:

```
@ManagedBean(name = "bean")
public class Bean {
    private String text;
    private Info info;
    public void setText (String text) {…}
    public Info getInfo() {
      compute info from text
    }                      }
```