Multi-Client Development with JSF and ADF Faces

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Agenda

- JSF Introduction
 - Why JSF
 - Architecture
 - JSF Technology
- JSF and Oracle
 - JDeveloper
 - ADF Faces
 - Future



What is JavaServer Faces?

- Standard J2EE Web UI framework
- Developed through Java Community Process (JCP) as JSR-127, JSR-252
- Nickname: Faces
- Started: May 2001
- First release: March 2004
- Oracle is a primary contributor



Role of Faces

- Focus on components, not markup
- Automatic event and state handling
- Designed to be leveraged by tools

Goal is to simplify J2EE web application development



Evolution of J2EE web tier



- Each is built on the previous layer
- Progressive levels of abstraction
- Higher level programming

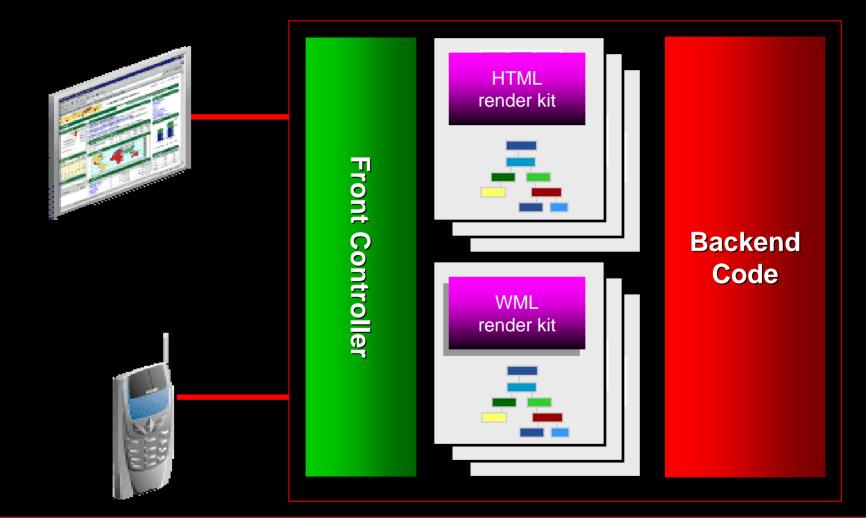


JSF Architecture

- Abstracts away from HTTP
 - Developers don't need to understand requestresponse cycle
- Abstracts away from HTML
 - Developers work with components, not markup
 - Developers don't need to decode requests

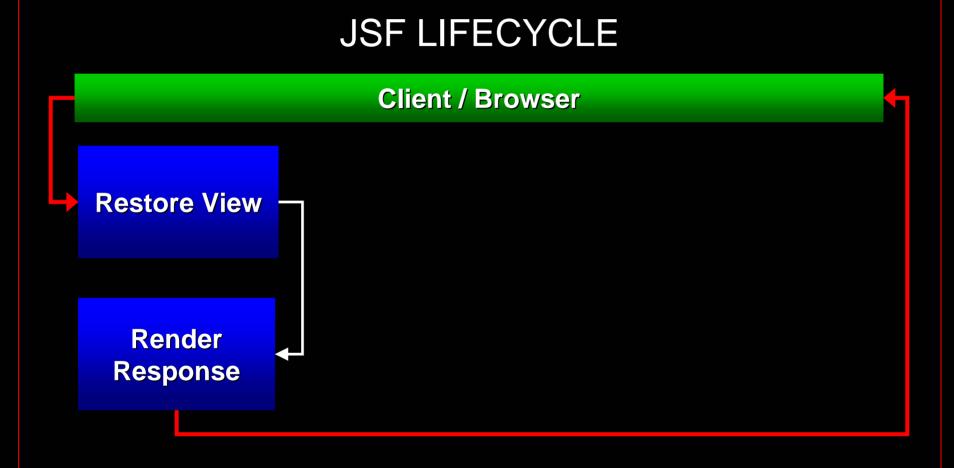


JSF Architecture



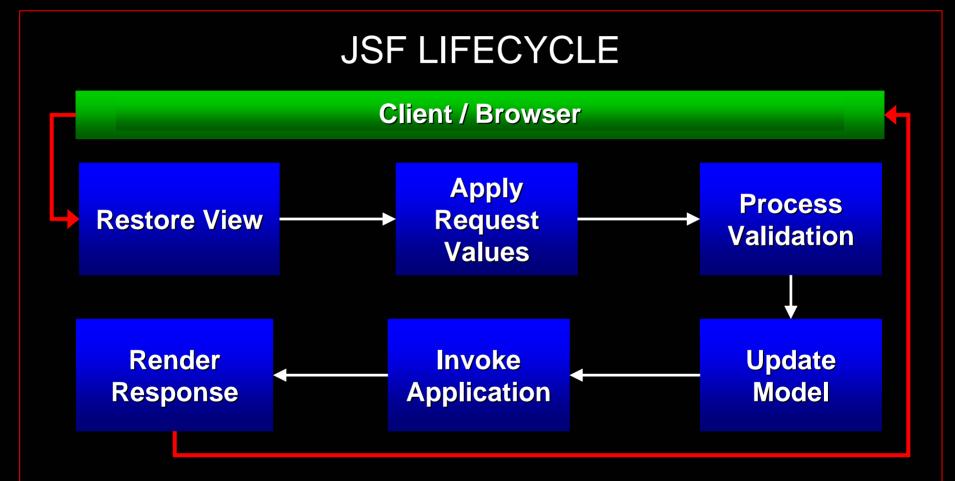


Formal Phases – Initial Request



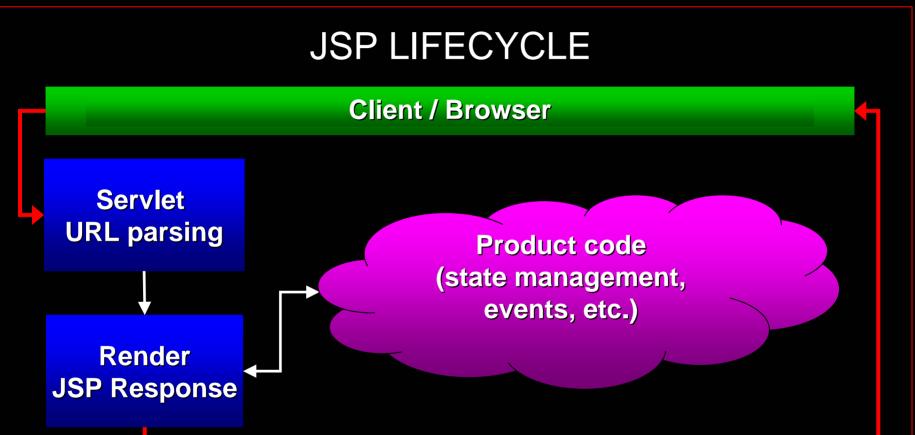


Formal Phases - Postback





Formal Phases (cont.) - JSP





JavaServer Faces and JSP

- JSF is specified to support JSP
 - But need not always utilize it
 - Can build your own ViewHandler
- JSF JSP support comes with a set of Base UI Component libraries
 - Core For application tasks
 - Validation, Datatype conversion
 - HTML For rendering basic HTML
 - Input fields, menus, tables button



JSF vs. Traditional JSP

	JSP	JSF
Developer	Lower Level	Ease of Development
Events	Http Requests	Java
UI	Markup	UI Components
Product	Pages	Applications



JSF Components

- Basic building blocks of a JSF application
- Simple to complex UI components from a button to a complete page
- Uses Value Binding to associate Model objects
- Fully Extendable
- Components include "Helper objects"
 - Validators, Converters, PhaseListeners...



JSF Components

The term "JSF Component" generally consists of:

- UIComponent
 - Functionality, definition, or behavior
- Renderer
 - Handle client side markup
 - Bundled in RenderKit
- UI Component Tag Handler (for JSP)
 - Allows usage of JSF component in JSP
 - Associates Renderer with UI Component



JSF Application

A typical JSF application consists of:

- JSP pages
 - With JSF components wrapped as JSP tags
- Navigation Model
 - Defined in the Faces configuration file
- Managed Beans
 - Application logic
- Faces configuration faces-config.xml



JavaServer Faces - Key Points

- Framework for both Corporate Developers and Component Developers
 - Simple yet fully extendable
- Fundamental unit is the Component
- Built in event and state management
- Component sets can be provided by any vendor
- Closer to Swing or ASP.Net development
- Choice of UI technology
 - Scale up (rich clients)
 - Scale down (mobile devices)

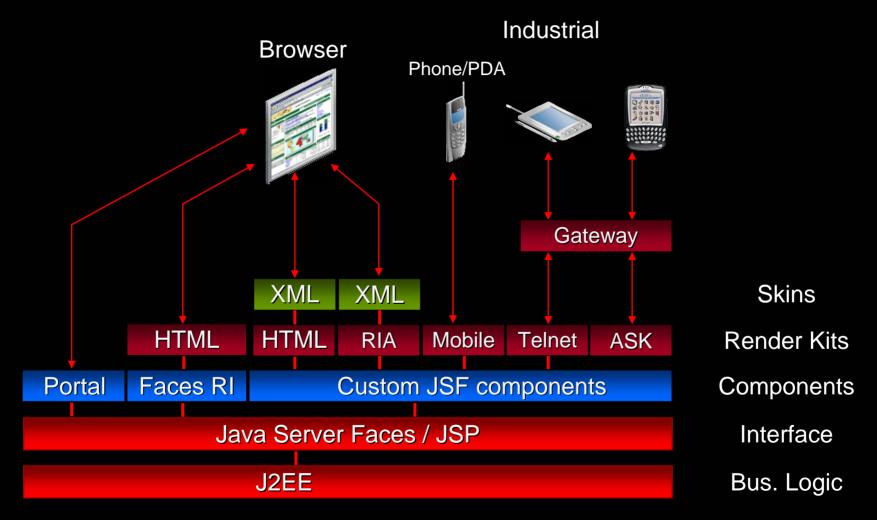


The Top Three

- Component Based model
 - Markup vs. Components
- Consistent Programming Model
 - JSP & Java
- Clear separation of Presentation and Behavior on components



Consistent Programming Model





Demo: JSF potential



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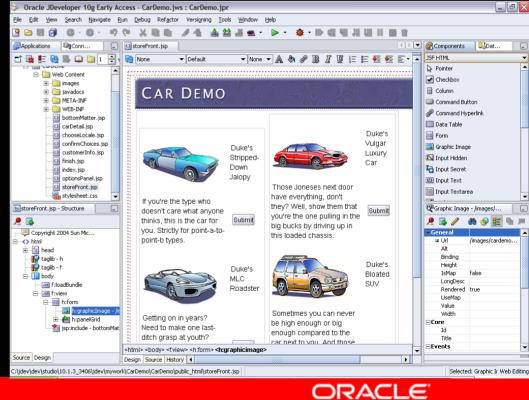


Oracle and JSF

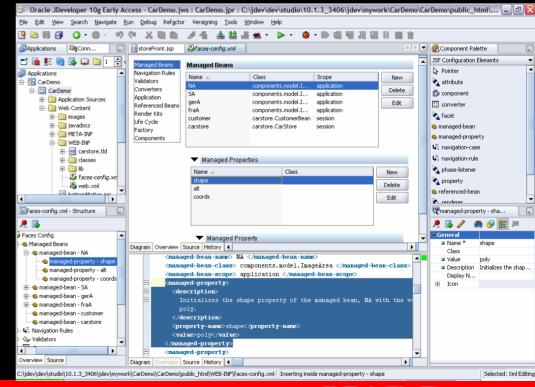
- JSF Development in JDeveloper 10.1.3
 - Complete visual development environment for JSF
- Oracle ADF Faces
 - Oracle's complementary library of JSF Components



- JSF Visual Editing
 - JSF UI Component visual editing
 - Provides backend code generation
 - (double-click)
 - Mobile WYSIWYG



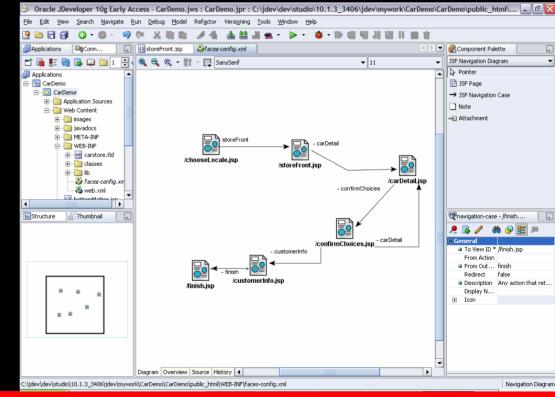
- Faces Config Editing Console
 - Console for productive editing of faces-config.xml





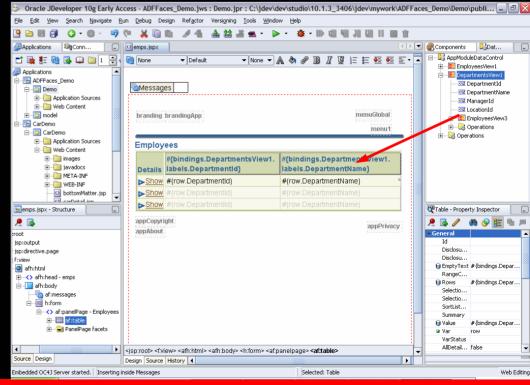
• JSF Page Flow

- Visually design Faces navigation model



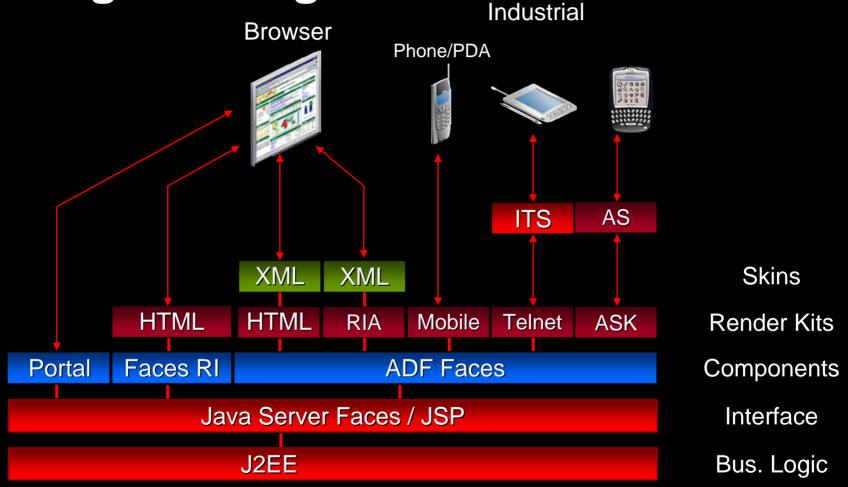


- Declarative data binding JSR 227
 - Drag and drop data binding support





ADF Faces - Consistent Programming Model





Oracle ADF Faces

- A set of standard JSF 1.1 components
- Runs on any compliant implementation of JSF
- Over 100 types of components
- PPR, scrollable and sortable table etc...
- Rich feature set for customizing applications
- ADF model support out-of-the-box
- Look and Feel Customization



ADF Faces Components

- Accessibility and internationalization support across the board
- Framework features e.g. Dialog framework and support for processes



Client-side validation

- A major missing feature of JSF
- ADF Faces supports
 - Server- and client-side validation/conversion from the same code
 - Use standard JSF converters and validators
 - (But you have to use our input components)



ADF Faces RIA

- RIA Rich Internet Application
- A Rich Client combining:
 - Deployment benefits of a Thin Client application
 - Rich interaction of a desktop application



ADF Faces RIA

- Rich Internet JSF components
- Leveraging "Ajax" technologies
- JSF components with live updates in the Browser
- Popup menus, Trees,
 Splitters etc...

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ADF Faces Mobile: Supported Devices

- Currently certified platforms
 - Windows Mobile 2003 (Pocket PC)
 - Palm Web Browser 3.0
 - Access NetFront 3.0/3.1
- Minimum browser requirements for other platforms
 - HTML 4.0
 - JavaScript 1.1
 - CSS Level 2

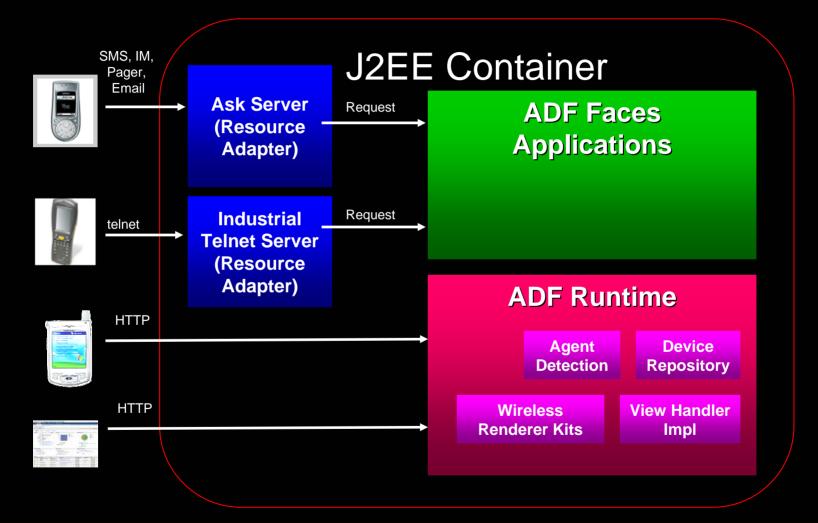


PDA Support- Future Direction

- Certification of more device platforms
 - Opera browser
 - Blazer
 - Blackberry
 - iMode
- Mobile Rich Client renderers
- Device Peripheral Integration Framework
 - Magnetic Swipe Cards
 - Barcode readers
 - RFID readers/writers



ADF Faces Mobile Architecture





ADF Faces Mobile - Telnet Support

- ADF Telnet Render Kit provides:
 - ~ 35 core ADF Faces components
- Configuration
 - ITS configured with an "entry point" URI of the first page of the JSF application.



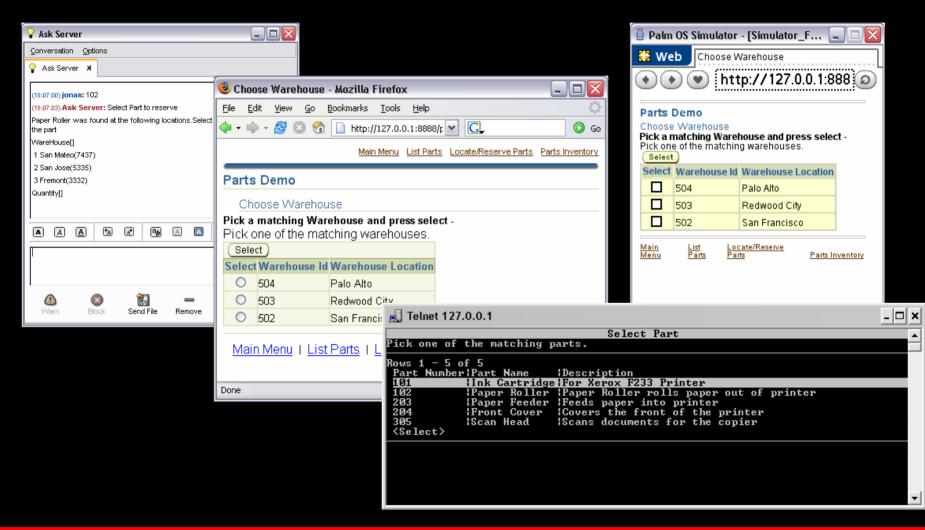
What is Ask – Ask information

- Interact with your application through e-mail interface, pager, SMS or Instant Messaging
- Asynchronous access not dependent on persistent wireless connectivity





Multi-client development





Mobile development in JDeveloper

- WYSIWYG editing for PDA and telnet applications
- Component filtering based on device classes
- Device-specific view port
- Capability-based content filtering wizard
- Mobile simulator registration and integration
- Deployment packaging wizard
- ASK design-time support in future release



JDeveloper Differentiators

• We are the only J2EE tools vendor with JSF Wireless design time support.

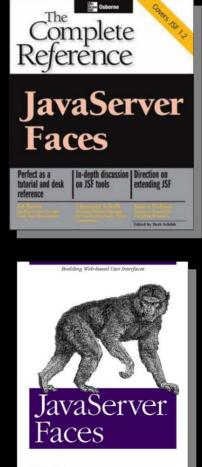


JDeveloper Mobile: Telnet Design-Time Support

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- Oracle Technology Network JSF Resources
 - http://otn.oracle.com/jsf
- JSF Reference Implementation
 - http://java.sun.com/j2ee/javaserverfaces/
- JSF Central Most Popular Online JSF Community
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Summary

- Think components, not markup
- Not just for HTML
- Plenty of opportunities for all skill levels



QUESTIONS ANSWERS

