## 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

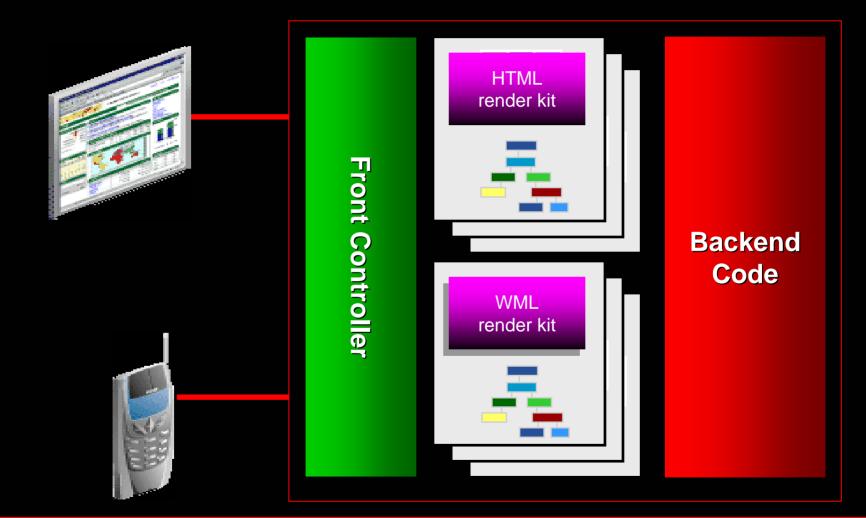


## **JSF** Architecture

- 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

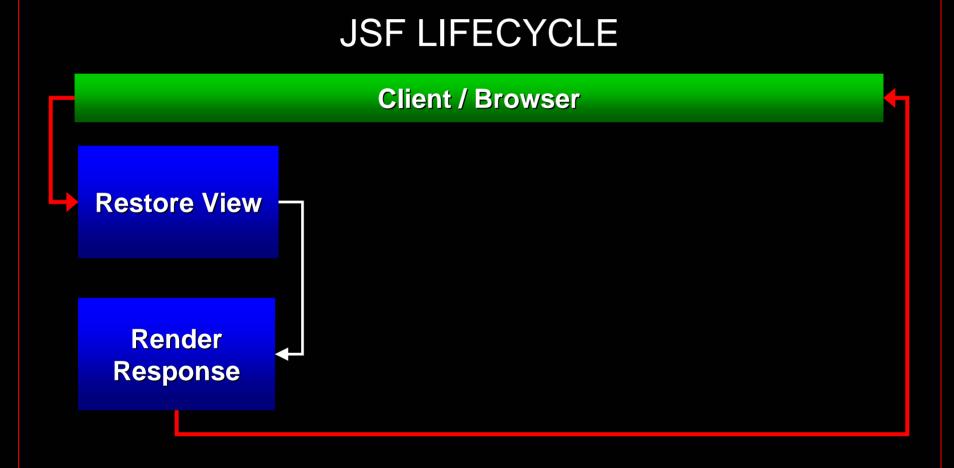


## **JSF** Architecture



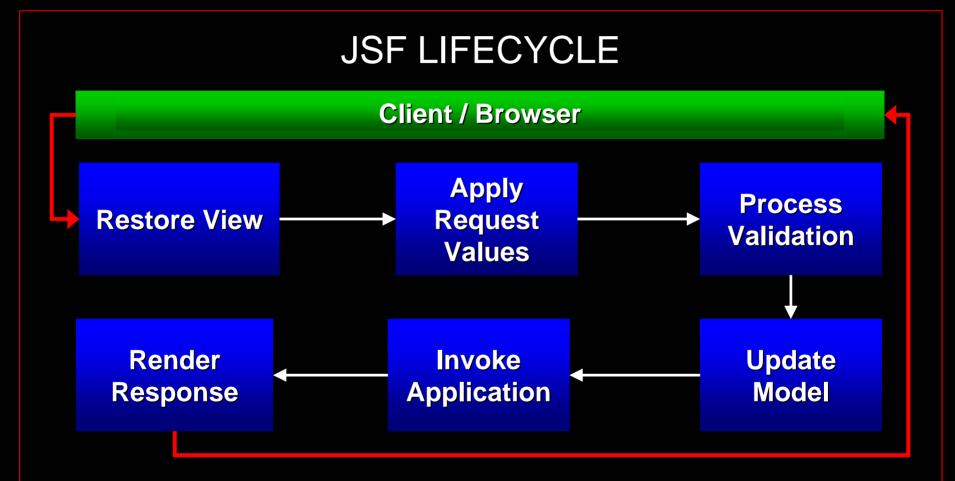


### **Formal Phases – Initial Request**



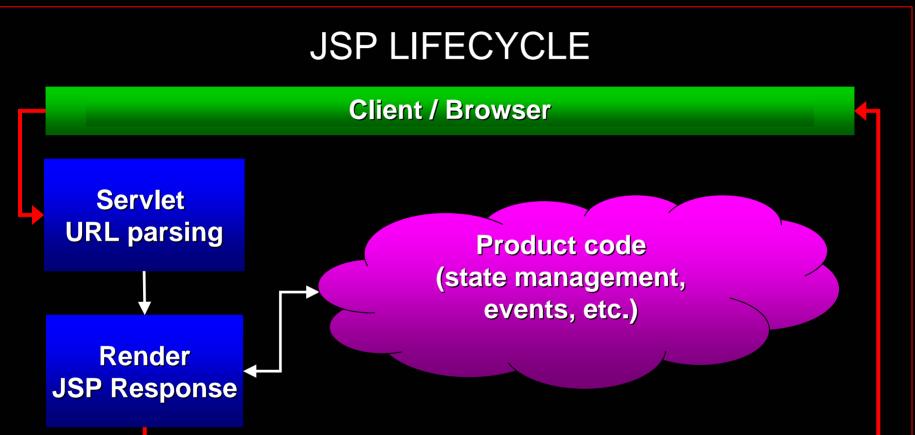


### **Formal Phases - Postback**





## 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	<b>UI Components</b>
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)

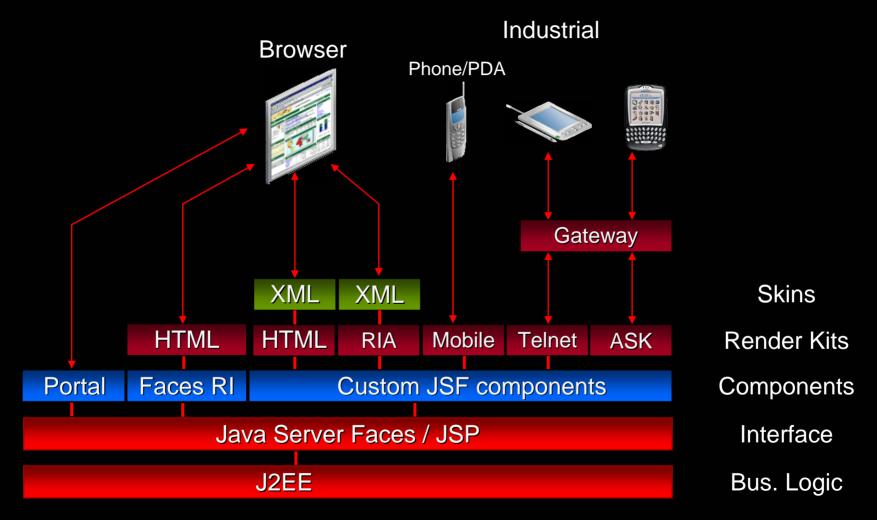


## The Top Three

- 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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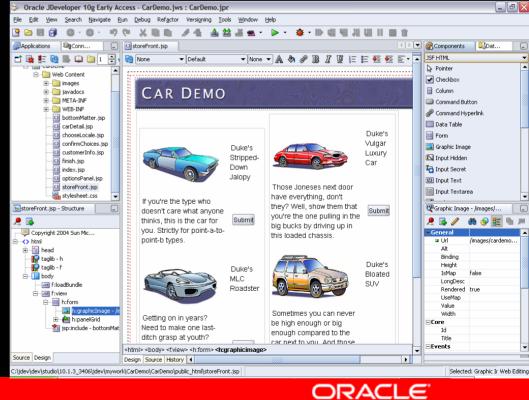


## **Oracle and JSF**

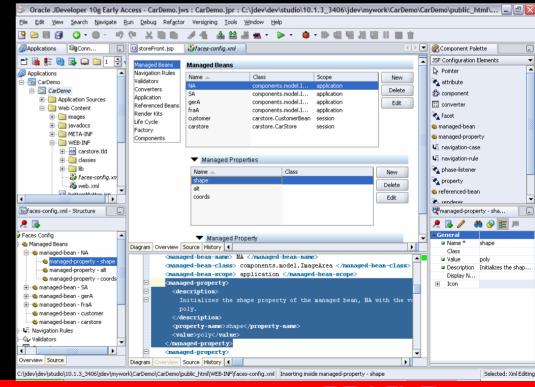
- JSF Development in JDeveloper 10.1.3
  - Complete visual development environment for JSF
- Oracle ADF Faces
  - Oracle's complementary library of JSF Components



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



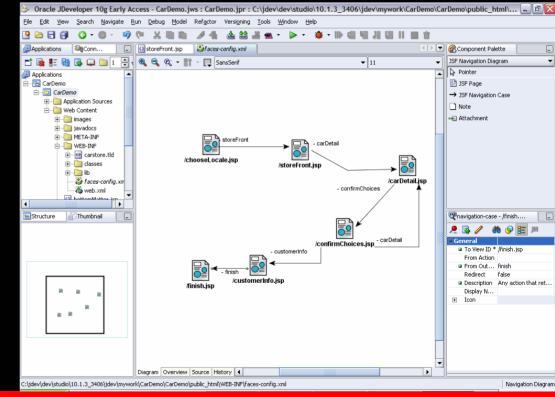
- Faces Config Editing Console
  - Console for productive editing of faces-config.xml





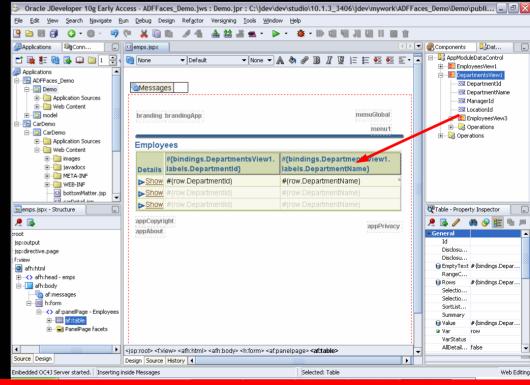
#### • JSF Page Flow

- Visually design Faces navigation model



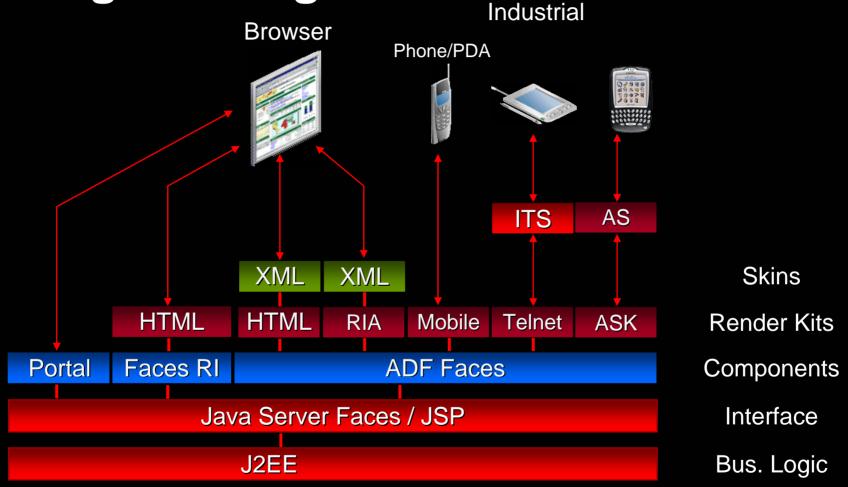


- Declarative data binding JSR 227
  - Drag and drop data binding support





## 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

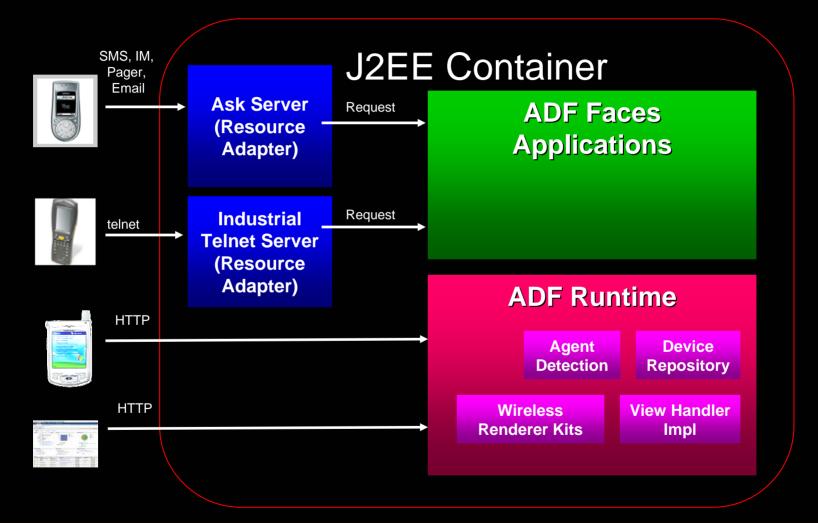


## **PDA Support- Future Direction**

- 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**





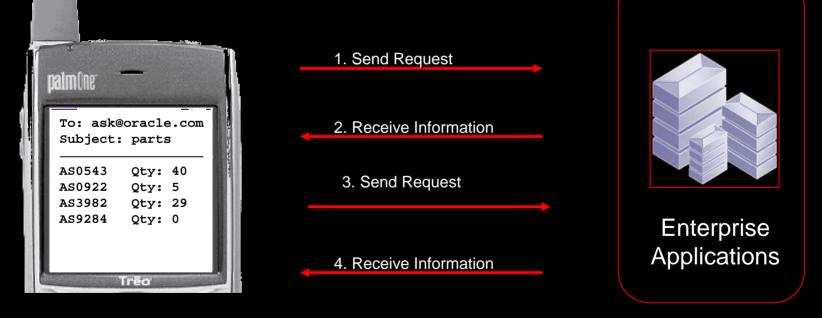
## ADF Faces Mobile - Telnet Support

- 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.



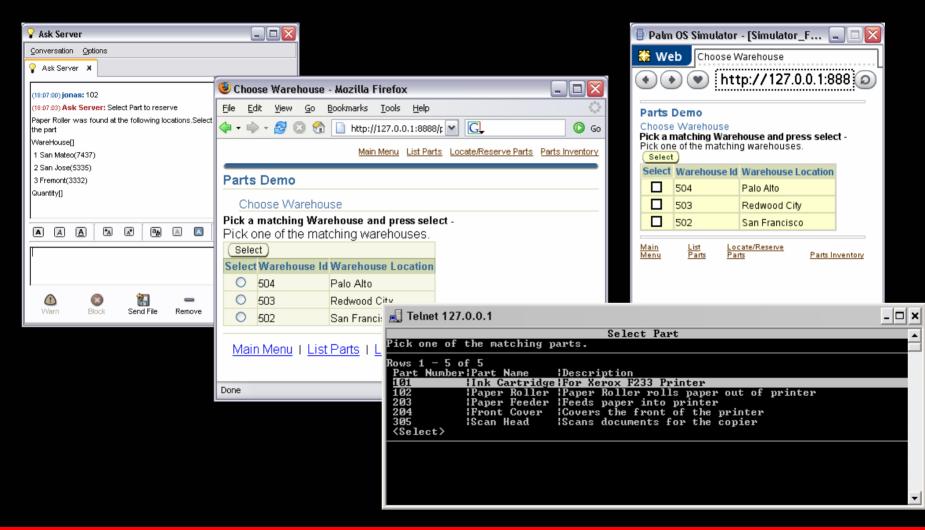
## What is Ask – Ask information

- 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.

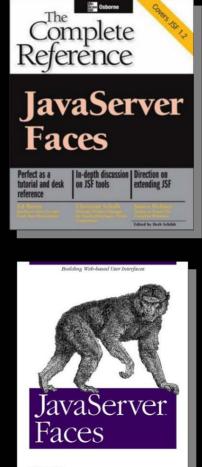


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## **JSF Web Resources**

- 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
  - http://jsfcentral.com



## Summary

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



## QUESTIONS ANSWERS

