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JBoss Initiates Effort to Standardize Web Beans

Borland, Google, Oracle and Sun Microsystems Add Support to Effort to Standardize a Unified Component Model Across EJB 3.0 and JSF

JAVAONE (BOOTH 768), SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 16, 2006—JBoss[®], Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced plans to submit to the Java Community ProcessSM (JCPSM) Program a proposal to standardize Web Beans. The Web Beans standard initiative will aim to bridge the artificial gap between Enterprise JavaBeans[™] (EJB[™]) 3.0 and JavaServer[™] Faces in the Java[™] Platform, Enterprise Edition 5 (Java EE 5) architecture. The result would be a simpler, more elegant, unified programming model for web development.

Borland, Google, Oracle and Sun Microsystems will bring their support and expertise with web frameworks to the standardization effort. The proposed standard will draw upon principles found today in JBoss Seam, Oracle[®] Application Development Framework (ADF) and Apache StrutsShale. JBoss Seam introduced a uniform component model for building web applications through declarative, contextual, application state management. Oracle ADF promotes the use of a metadata-driven architecture that enables developers to cleanly separate business service implementation details from the user interface. Apache StrutsShale offers a set of fine-grained services that can be combined as needed, rather than a monolithic request processor.

Gavin King, architect at JBoss, plans to lead the standardization effort. King, who founded the popular Hibernate[®] project and is currently leading the development of JBoss Seam, commented: “The overwhelmingly positive response to Seam from the developer community convinced us that this is an idea whose time has come and one that should be brought back into the standards process for the benefit of the entire Java community. JBoss’ end goal is the same as these companies supporting this initiative: To create a highly productive, accelerated development environment and enable richer web applications.”

Linda DeMichiel, EJB 3.0 spec lead, Sun Microsystems, added: “Sun is pleased to see JBoss leading this effort to make the Java EE platform easier to use. This kind of innovation and multi-vendor initiative is critical to moving Java forward and maintaining its position as an enterprise standard. We look forward to working with Gavin and his peers from Borland, Google and Oracle to make this happen.”

“This Web Beans specification effort has the potential to both shorten and simplify the development cycle for web applications,” said Ted Farrell, chief architect and vice president, tools and middleware, Oracle. “Oracle is committed to driving standards and we’re pleased to contribute our application development and Java technical expertise to the Web Beans initiative.”

About the Java Community Process

Since its launch in 1998 as the open, inclusive process to develop and revise Java technology specifications, reference implementations, and technology compatibility kits, the Java Community Process program has fostered the evolution of the Java platform in cooperation with the international Java developer community. The JCP has over 1000 company and individual participants; more than 290 Java technology specifications are in development in the JCP program out of which 45% are in final stages. For more information, on the JCP program, please visit <http://jcp.org>.

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