



Java EE Architecture with the Spring Framework

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Overview

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- Architecture
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Spring – History

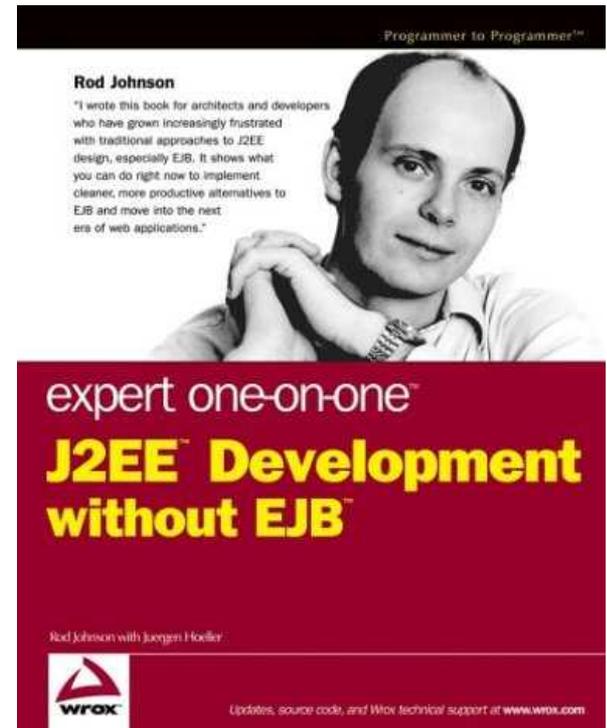


Nov 2002

Feb 2003: SourceForge Project founded

Aug 2003: 1.0 M1

Mar 2004: 1.0



Jul 2004

JTrac – http://jtrac.info

- JTrac: highly customizable issue tracking

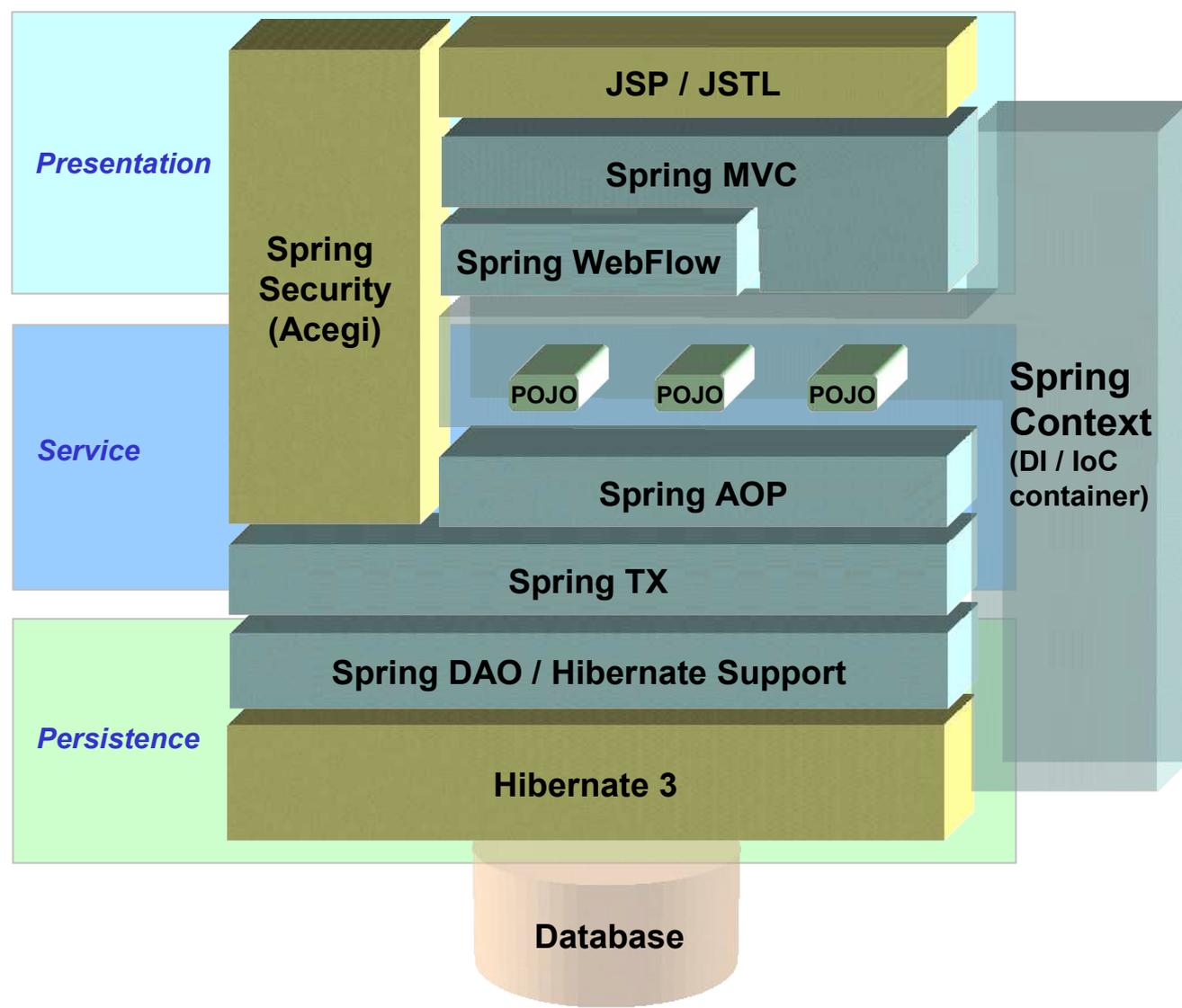
The screenshot displays the JTrac web application interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'MY TRACKERS', 'DEMO ISSUES', 'NEW', and 'QUERY'. Below this, there are filters for 'View Item by Id' and 'Results / page' (set to 25). A 'Logged By' dropdown menu is visible, listing users like Ashutosh Chetnagar, Guest User, Jupiter Admin, Madhusudan Rao, Peter Thomas, and Tanuj Mathur.

The main content area shows a table of trackers with columns for Tracker, Role, Action, Logged By Me, Assigned To Me, Assigned, Fixed, Verified, Closed, Rejected, Rej-Closed, and Total. The table lists several trackers including DEMO-ISSUES, DEMO, ADMS-TASKS, and DEMO DEFECTS.

Below the tracker table, there is a section for 'All Trackers' with a table of issues. The table has columns for Title, Status, Logged By, Assigned To, Severity, Priority, and Date Logged. The issues listed include 'to create separate...', 'my screens to be improved', 'Layout of screens to be improved', and 'Default Controller Test to be improved'.

On the right side, there is a detailed view of a specific issue, showing a table with columns for Assigned, Fixed, Verified, Closed, Rejected, On Hold, and Rej-Closed. Below this, there is a 'Notify By Email' section with a list of users to be notified.

JTrac Architecture



Dependency Injection

```
<bean id="jtrac" class="info.jtrac.JtracImpl">  
  <property name="dao" ref="dao"/>  
</bean>
```

JtracImpl.java

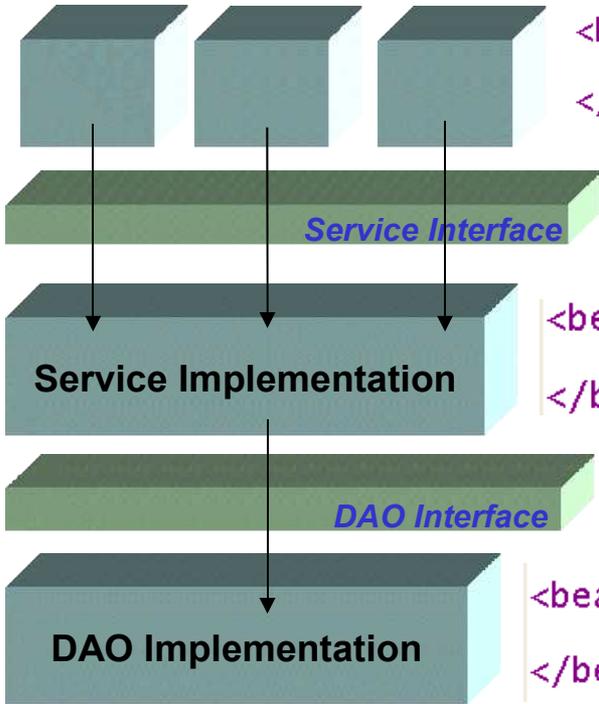
```
private JtracDao dao;  
  
public void setDao(JtracDao dao) {  
    this.dao = dao;  
}  
  
public void storeUser(User user) {  
    dao.storeUser(user);  
}
```

```
<bean id="dao" class="info.jtrac.hibernate.HibernateJtracDao">  
  <property name="sessionFactory" ref="sessionFactory"/>  
</bean>
```



Dependency Injection (2)

Controllers



```
<bean id="userFormAction" class="info.itrac.webflow.UserFormAction"
  <property name="jtrac" ref="jtrac" />
</bean>
```

```
<bean id="jtrac" class="info.itrac.JtracImpl">
  <property name="dao" ref="dao" />
</bean>
```

```
<bean id="dao" class="info.jtrac.hibernate.HibernateJtracDao">
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</bean>
```



Hibernate with Spring

- One liners
- Template pattern
- No need to deal with TX, Session etc.

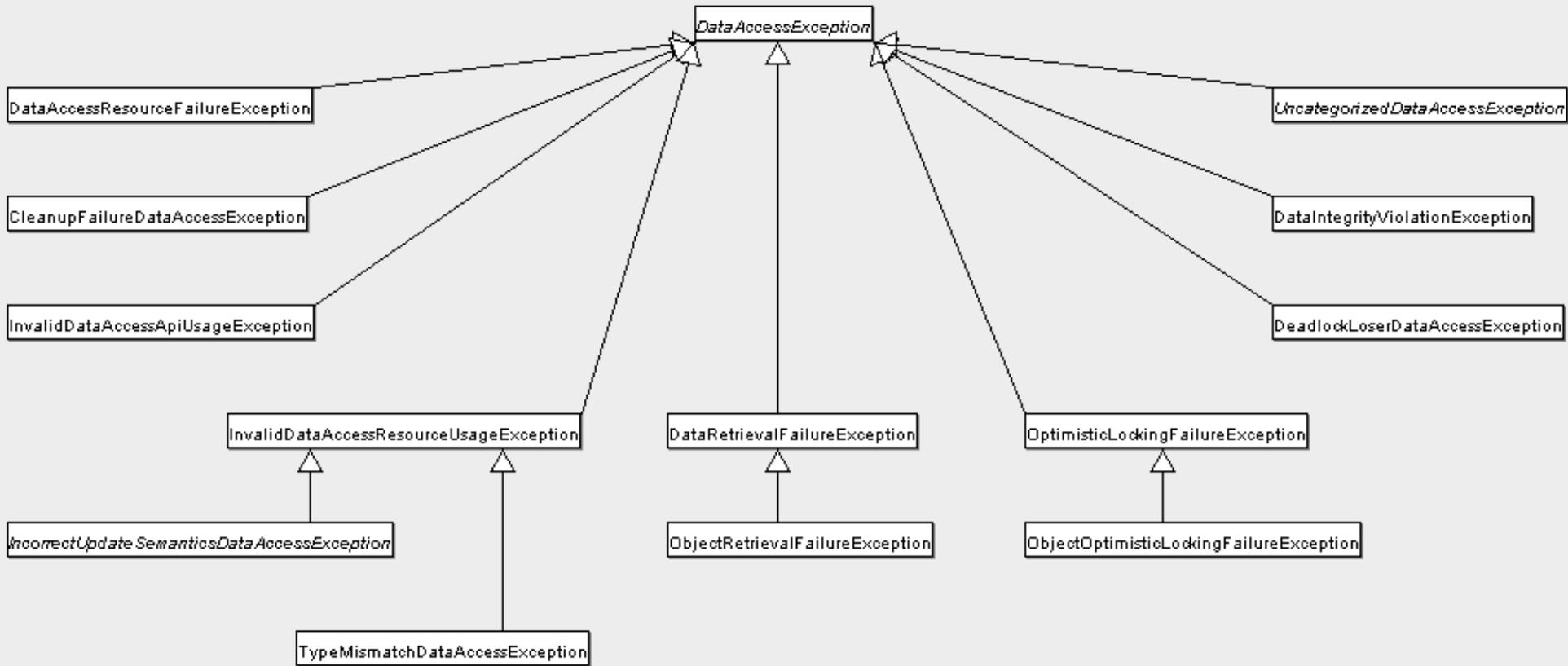
```
public void storeUser(User user) {
    getHibernateTemplate().merge(user);
}

public User loadUser(long id) {
    return (User) getHibernateTemplate().get(User.class, id);
}

public List<User> findAllUsers() {
    return getHibernateTemplate().find("from User user order by user.name");
}
```



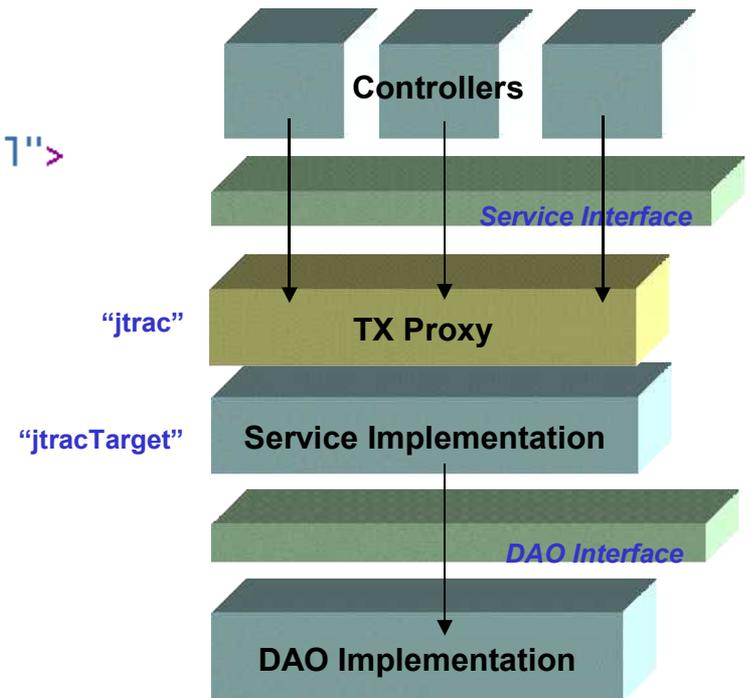
Spring DAO – Exception Hierarchy



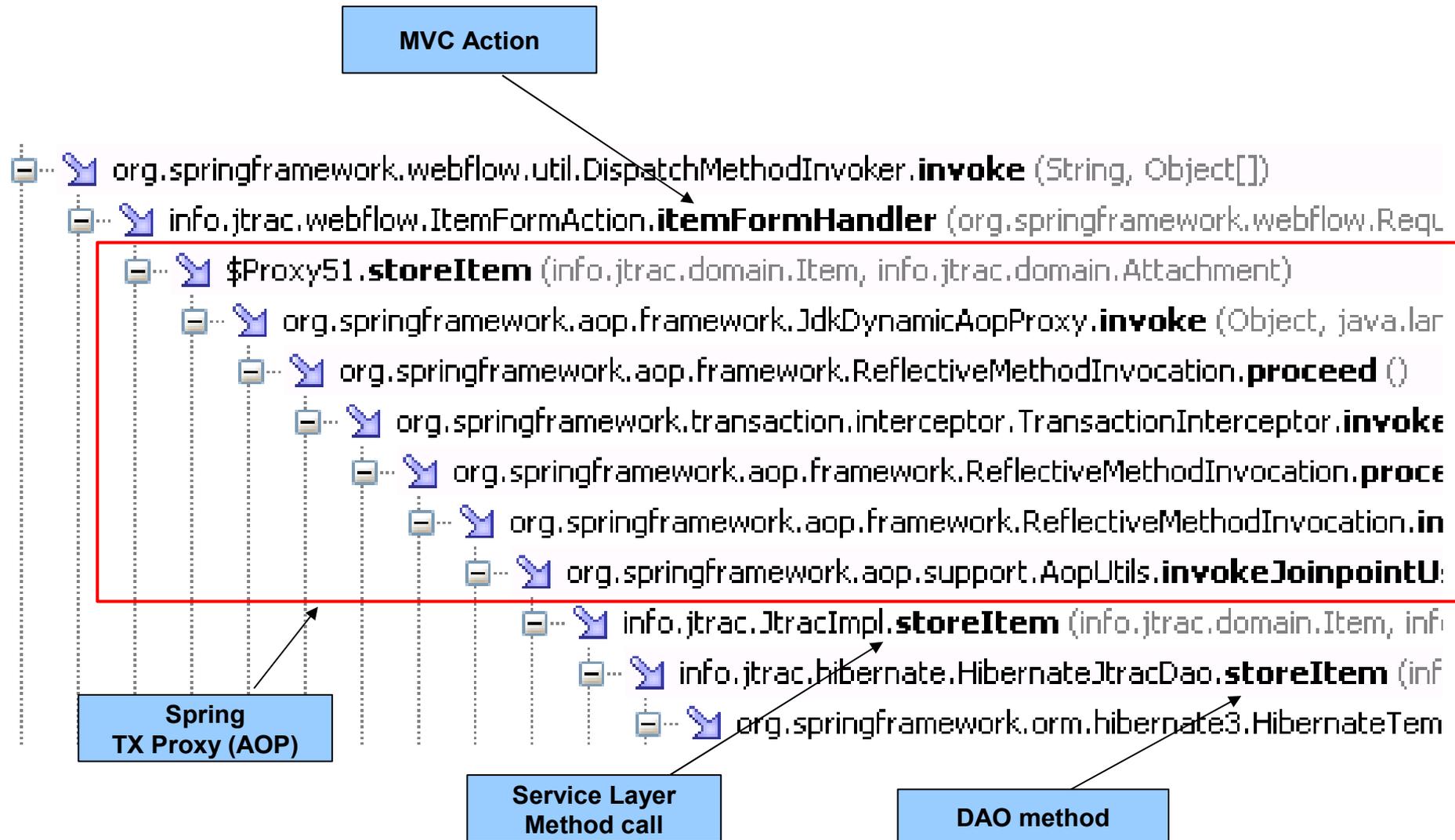
Spring AOP / Declarative TX Mgmt.

```
<bean id="jtrac" class="org.[sf].transaction.interceptor.TransactionProxyFactoryBean">
  <property name="transactionManager" ref="transactionManager"/>
  <property name="target" ref="jtracTarget"/>
  <property name="transactionAttributes">
    <props>
      <prop key="store*">PROPAGATION_REQUIRED</prop>
      <prop key="remove*">PROPAGATION_REQUIRED</prop>
      <prop key="*">PROPAGATION_SUPPORTS,readOnly</prop>
    </props>
  </property>
</bean>

<bean id="jtracTarget" class="info.jtrac.JtracImpl">
  <property name="dao" ref="dao"/>
</bean>
```



Spring AOP (contd...)



Spring Web Flow

```
<flow start-state="userForm">
```

```
<input-mapper>  
  <mapping source="space" target="flowScope.space"/>  
</input-mapper>
```

```
<view-state id="userForm" view="user_form">  
  <entry-actions>  
    <action bean="userFormAction" method="setupForm"/>  
  </entry-actions>
```

```
<transition on="cancel" to="userListView"/>  
<transition on="submit" to="checkIfSpaceFlow">  
  <action bean="userFormAction" method="bindAndValidate"/>  
  <action bean="userFormAction" method="userFormHandler"/>  
</transition>
```

```
</view-state>
```

```
<decision-state id="checkIfSpaceFlow">  
  <if test="${flowScope.space == null}" then="userAllocateFlow" else="userListView"/>  
</decision-state>
```

```
<subflow-state id="userAllocateFlow" flow="userAllocate">  
  <attribute-mapper>  
    <input-mapper>  
      <mapping source="requestScope.userForm.user" target="user"/>  
    </input-mapper>  
  </attribute-mapper>  
  <transition on="userListView" to="userListView"/>  
</subflow-state>
```

```
<end-state id="userListView" view="userListView">  
  <output-mapper>  
    <mapping source="flowScope.space" target="requestScope.space"/>  
  </output-mapper>  
</end-state>
```

```
</flow>
```

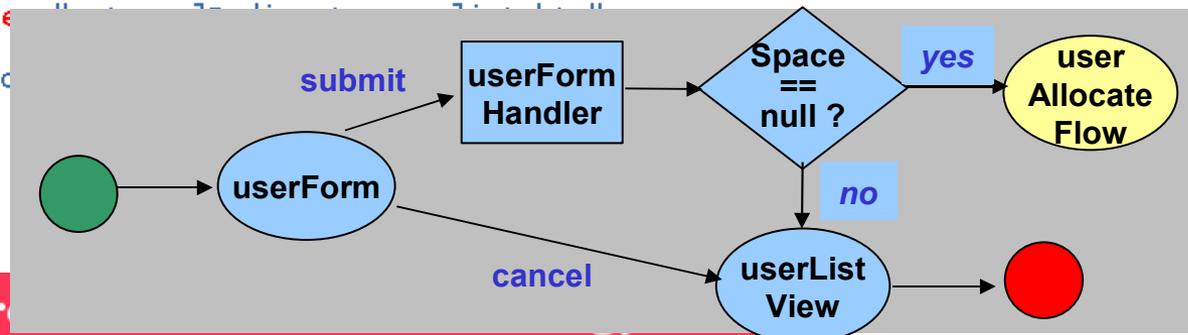
Logical View Name

State Transitions

backend logic call (normal Java method)

Flow Decision

Re-usable Flow invocation





Security with Acegi

```
<bean name="authorizationFilter" class="org.acegisecurity.intercept.web.Fi
  <property name="authenticationManager" ref="authenticationManager"/>
  <property name="accessDecisionManager">
    <bean class="org.acegisecurity.vote.AffirmativeBased">
      <property name="allowIfAllAbstainDecisions" value="false"/>
      <property name="decisionVoters">
        <list>
          <bean class="org.acegisecurity.vote.RoleVoter"/>
        </list>
      </property>
    </bean>
  </property>
  <property name="objectDefinitionSource">
    <value>
      PATTERN_TYPE_APACHE_ANT
      /login.htm*=ROLE_ANONYMOUS,ROLE_USER
      /logout.htm=ROLE_ANONYMOUS,ROLE_USER
      /admin/**=ROLE_ADMIN
      /**=ROLE_USER
    </value>
  </property>
</bean>
```

any URL request within the "/admin/" directory or path can only be allowed for "ROLE_ADMIN"

Any other request has to be allowed only for authenticated users



Spring Modules example: Lucene

```
<bean id="indexDirectory" class="org.[sm].lucene.index.support.FSDirectoryFactoryBean">
  <property name="location" value="file:///${jtrac.home}/indexes"/>
</bean>

<bean id="indexFactory" class="org.[sm].lucene.index.support.SimpleIndexFactoryBean">
  <property name="directory" ref="indexDirectory"/>
  <property name="analyzer" ref="analyzer"/>
</bean>

<bean id="analyzer" class="org.apache.lucene.analysis.SimpleAnalyzer"/>

<bean id="indexer" class="info.jtrac.lucene.Indexer">
  <property name="indexFactory" ref="indexFactory"/>
</bean>
```

```
import org.springmodules.lucene.index.support.LuceneIndexSupport;

public class Indexer extends LuceneIndexSupport {

    public void index(AbstractItem item) {
        getTemplate().addDocument(item);
    }
}
```



JTrac: Spring implications

- Application deployed as a WAR file
- Portable: Tomcat, Jetty, JBoss or any Java EE app server
- Easily unit-testable
- Faster build-deploy-test cycles
- Clean OO design, designed to interfaces
- No EJBs
- No Singletons
- No Service Locator / JNDI lookup
- No custom “Factory Pattern” implementation
- No DTOs / VOs
- No Annotations (optional)
- JSTL / JSP



Why not RoR :)

- Spring
 - Lazy Loading
- Hibernate
 - Embedded database
- HSQLDB
 - Small footprint
 - Embedded app-server + web server !
- Jetty
 - JavaSVN, JFreeChart, Lucene, Apache POI
- Libraries
 - i18n



Notable in Spring 2.0

- Async task execution
- Portlet MVC
- Use Groovy, JRuby etc. for config
- MVC: Custom taglib for form controls (like Struts)
- Message driven POJOs
- JPA support
- Simplified XML config option
- AspectJ integration



Agile Development with Spring + Hibernate

- **Spring**
 - No need of container
 - JUnit support classes
 - POJOs inherently easy to test
- **Hibernate**
 - Completely abstracts DB
 - HSQLDB can be used for testing
 - Unit tests can assume that DB exists, no mocks reqd.

clean

Delete all previous build artifacts / database files from file system

compile

Compile all code and unit tests

db-start

Boot a fresh instance of the HSQLDB database server

db-create

Connect to the database and forward-generate the schema from the mapping files using Hibernate.

test

Run unit-tests.

db-stop

Shutdown database.

reports

Generate Reports



DEMO

- Unit + Integration Testing

- A new class of web test automation tools
 - Watir
 - Web Application Testing in Ruby
 - Selenium
 - Watij
 - Web Application Testing in Java
- Focus on using a real browser, not simulating one
- Especially important when lots of Javascript / AJAX



Watij Features

- Write tests in pure Java
- Interactively script tests using BeanShell
- Possible to drive tests using JUnit
- No setup required on the Server Under Test
- Support for nested tables, frames
- Good “popup” and multi-window support
- And also “brute-force” keystroke support...



Watij in conjunction with JUnit

JUnit Test Results

Statistics Output

All 8 tests passed.

- info.jtrac.watij.AllTest passed
 - testGetLoginPage passed (7.891 s)
 - testSuccessfulLogin passed (1.793 s)
 - testCreateNewSpaceAndAllocateAdmin passed
 - testCreateNewItem passed (2.634 s)
 - testSearchAllContainsItem passed (1.121 s)
 - testUpdateHistoryForItem passed (0.471 s)
 - testCreateNewUser passed (2.474 s)
 - testLogout passed (4.546 s)

NetBeans 5.5 Beta - jtrac

File Edit View Navigate Source Refactor Build Run Profile CVS Tools Window Help

AllTest.java x

```

1 package info.jtrac.watij;
2
3 import ...
4
5
6 public class AllTest extends WatijTestCase {
7
8     static {
9         clazz = AllTest.class;
10    }
11
12    public AllTest(String name) {
13        super(name);
14    }
15
16    public void testGetLoginPage() throws Exception {
17        ie.start("http://localhost:8080/jtrac/auth/login.htm");
18        assertTrue(ie.containsText("JTrac"));
19    }
20
21    public void testSuccessfulLogin() throws Exception {
22        ie.textField(name, "j_username").set("admin");
23        ie.textField(name, "j_password").set("admin");
24        ie.button("Submit").click();
25        assertTrue(ie.containsText("DASHBOARD"));
26    }
27
28    public void testCreateNewSpaceAndAllocateAdmin() throws Exception {
29
30        ie.link(text, "OPTIONS").click();
31        assertTrue(ie.containsText("Options Menu"));

```



DEMO

- Watij
- Driving functional tests with JUnit



Thank you

<http://jtrac.info>