Seam

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1.1. Overview

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Part I. Seam Configuration

Seam Config Introduction

Seam provides a method for configuring JSR-299 beans using alternate metadata sources, such as XML configuration. (Currently, the XML provider is the only alternative available, though others are planned). Using a "type-safe" XML syntax, it's possible to add new beans, override existing beans, and add extra configuration to existing beans.

2.1. Getting Started

No special configuration is required, all that is required is to include the JAR file and the Seam Solder JAR in your project. For Maven projects, that means adding the following dependencies to your pom.xml:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.config</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-config-xml</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.config.version}</version>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.solder</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-solder</artifactId>
  <version>${weld.extensions.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

To take advantage of Seam Config, the first thing we need is some metadata sources in the form of XML files. By default these are discovered from the classpath in the following locations:

- `/META-INF/beans.xml`
- `/META-INF/seam-beans.xml`

The `beans.xml` file is the preferred way of configuring beans via XML, however it may be possible that some JSR-299 implementations will not allow this, so `seam-beans.xml` is provided as an alternative.

Let's start with a simple example. Say we have the following class that represents a report:

```
class Report {
   String filename;
```

```
    @Inject
    Datasource datasource;

    //getters and setters
}
```

And the following support classes:

```
interface Datasource {
    public Data getData();
}

@SalesQualifier
class SalesDatasource implements Datasource {
  public Data getData()
  {
    //return sales data
  }
}

class BillingDatasource implements Datasource {
  public Data getData()
  {
    //return billing data
  }
}
```

Our `Report` bean is fairly simple. It has a filename that tells the report engine where to load the report definition from, and a datasource that provides the data used to fill the report. We are going to configure up multiple `Report` beans via xml.

Example 2.1.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xmlns:s="urn:java:ee"                                    (1)
       xmlns:r="urn:java:org.example.reports">                          (2)

  <r:Report>                                                    (3)
```

```
  <s:modifies/>                                                    (4)
  <r:filename>sales.jrxml<r:filename>                              (5)
  <r:datasource>
   <r:SalesQualifier/>                                             (6)
  </r:datasource>
  </r:Report>

 <r:Report filename="billing.jrxml">                               (7)
  <s:replaces/>                                                    (8)
  <r:datasource>
   <s:Inject/>                                                     (9)
   <s:Exact>org.example.reports.BillingDatasource</s:Exact>        (10)
  </r:datasource>
  </r:Report>
</beans>
```

1. The namespace `urn:java:ee` is Seam Config's root namespace. This is where the built-in elements and CDI annotations live.
2. There are now multiple namespaces in the `beans.xml` file. These namespaces correspond to java package names.

   The namespace `urn:java:org.example.reports` corresponds to the package `org.example.reports`, where our reporting classes live. Multiple java packages can be aggregated into a single namespace declaration by seperating the package names with colons, e.g. `urn:java:org.example.reports:org.example.model`. The namespaces are searched in the order they are specified in the xml document, so if two packages in the namespace have a class with the same name, the first one listed will be resolved. For more information see *Namespaces*.
3. The `<Report>` declaration configures an instance of our `Report` class as a bean.
4. Beans installed using `<s:modifies>` read annotations from the existing class, and merge them with the annotations defined via xml. In addition if a bean is installed with `<s:modifies>` it prevents the original class being installed as a bean. It is also possible to add new beans and replace beans altogether, for more information see *Adding, modifying and replacing beans*.
5. The `<r:filename>` element sets the initial value of the filename field. For more information on how methods and fields are resolved see *Configuring Methods*, and *Configuring Fields*.
6. The `<r:SalesQualifier>` element applies the `@SalesQualifier` to the `datasource` field. As the field already has an `@Inject` on the class definition this will cause the `SalesDatasource` bean to be injected.
7. This is the shorthand syntax for setting a field value.

8 Beans installed using `<s:replaces>` do not read annotations from the existing class. In addition if a bean is installed with `<s:replaces>` it prevents the original class being installed as a bean.

9 The `<s:Inject>` element is needed this bean was installed with `<s:replaces>`, so annotations are not read from the class definition.

10 The `<s:Exact>` annotation restricts the type of bean that is availible for injection without using qualifiers. In this case `BillingDatasource` will be injected. This is provided as part of weld-extensions.

2.2. The Princess Rescue Example

The princess rescue example is a sample web app that uses Seam Config. You can run it with the following command:

```
mvn jetty:run
```

And then navigate to `http://localhost:9090/princess-rescue`. The XML configuration for the example is in `src/main/resources/META-INF/seam-beans.xml`.

Seam Config XML provider

3.1. XML Namespaces

The main namespace is `urn:java:ee`. This namespace contains built-in tags and types from core packages. The built-in tags are:

- `Beans`
- `modifies`
- `replaces`
- `parameters`
- `value`
- `key`
- `entry`
- `e` (alias for entry)
- `v` (alias for value)
- `k` (alias for key)
- `array`
- `int`
- `short`
- `long`
- `byte`
- `char`
- `double`
- `float`
- `boolean`

as well as classes from the following packages:

- `java.lang`
- `java.util`
- `javax.annotation`

- `javax.inject`
- `javax.enterprise.inject`
- `javax.enterprise.context`
- `javax.enterprise.event`
- `javax.decorator`
- `javax.interceptor`
- `org.jboss.weld.extensions.core`
- `org.jboss.weld.extensions.unwraps`
- `org.jboss.weld.extensions.resourceLoader`

Other namespaces are specified using the following syntax:

```
xmlns:my="urn:java:com.mydomain.package1:com.mydomain.package2"
```

This maps the namespace `my` to the packages `com.mydomain.package1` and `com.mydomain.package2`. These packages are searched in order to resolve elements in this namespace.

For example, say you had a class `com.mydomain.package2.Report`. To configure a `Report` bean you would use `<my:Report>`. Methods and fields on the bean are resolved from the same namespace as the bean itself. It is possible to distinguish between overloaded methods by specifying the parameter types, for more information see *Configuring Methods*.

3.2. Adding, replacing and modifying beans

By default configuring a bean via XML creates a new bean, however there may be cases where you want to modify an existing bean rather than adding a new one. The `<s:replaces>` and `<s:modifies>` tags allow you to do this.

The `<s:replaces>` tag prevents the existing bean from being installed, and registers a new one with the given configuration. The `<s:modifies>` tag does the same, except that it merges the annotations on the bean with the annotations defined in XML. Where the same annotation is specified on both the class and in XML the annotation in XML takes precidence. This has almost the same effect as modifiying an existing bean, except it is possible to install multiple beans that modify the same class.

```
<my:Report>
   <s:modifies>
```

```
    <my:NewQualifier/>
</my:Report>

<my:ReportDatasource>
    <s:replaces>
    <my:NewQualifier/>
</my:ReportDatasource>
```

The first entry above adds a new bean with an extra qualifier, in addition to the qualifiers already present, and prevents the existing `Report` bean from being installed.

The second prevents the existing bean from being installed, and registers a new bean with a single qualifier.

3.3. Applying annotations using XML

Annotations are resolved in the same way as normal classes. Conceptually annotations are applied to the object their parent element resolves to. It is possible to set the value of annotation members using the xml attribute that corresponds to the member name. For example:

```
public @interface OtherQualifier {
   String value1();
   int value2();
   QualifierEnum value();
}
```

```
<test:QualifiedBean1>
      <test:OtherQualifier value1="AA" value2="1">A</my:OtherQualifier>
</my:QualifiedBean1>

<test:QualifiedBean2>
      <test:OtherQualifier value1="BB" value2="2" value="B" />
</my:QualifiedBean2>
```

The `value` member can be set using the inner text of the node, as seen in the first example. Type conversion is performed automatically.

Note

It is currently not possible set array annotation members.

3.4. Configuring Fields

It is possible to both apply qualifiers to and set the initial value of a field. Fields reside in the same namespace as the declaring bean, and the element name must exactly match the field name. For example if we have the following class:

```
class RobotFactory {
  Robot robot;
}
```

The following xml will add the `@Produces` annotation to the `robot` field:

```
<my:RobotFactory>
  <my:robot>
    <s:Produces/>
  </my:robot>
</my:RobotFactory/>
```

3.4.1. Initial Field Values

Inital field values can be set three different ways as shown below:

```
<r:MyBean company="Red Hat Inc" />

<r:MyBean>
  <r:company>Red Hat Inc</r:company>
</r:MyBean>

<r:MyBean>
  <r:company>
    <s:value>Red Hat Inc<s:value>
    <r:SomeQualifier/>
  </r:company>
</r:MyBean>
```

The third form is the only one that also allows you to add annotations such as qualifiers to the field.

It is possible to set `Map`,`Array` and `Collection` field values. Some examples:

```
<my:ArrayFieldValue>
```

```
    <my:intArrayField>
      <s:value>1</s:value>
      <s:value>2</s:value>
    </my:intArrayField>

    <my:classArrayField>
      <s:value>java.lang.Integer</s:value>
      <s:value>java.lang.Long</s:value>
    </my:classArrayField>

    <my:stringArrayField>
      <s:value>hello</s:value>
      <s:value>world</s:value>
    </my:stringArrayField>

</my:ArrayFieldValue>

<my:MapFieldValue>

    <my:map1>
      <s:entry><s:key>1</s:key><s:value>hello</s:value></s:entry>
      <s:entry><s:key>2</s:key><s:value>world</s:value></s:entry>
    </my:map1>

    <my:map2>
      <s:e><s:k>1</s:k><s:v>java.lang.Integer</s:v></s:e>
      <s:e><s:k>2</s:k><s:v>java.lang.Long</s:v></s:e>
    </my:map2>

</my:MapFieldValue>
```

Type conversion is done automatically for all primitives and primitive wrappers, `Date`, `Calendar`,`Enum` and `Class` fields.

The use of EL to set field values is also supported:

```
<m:Report>
  <m:name>#{reportName}</m:name>
  <m:parameters>
    <s:key>#{paramName}</s:key>
    <s:value>#{paramValue}</s:key>
  </m:parameters>
```

```
</m:Report>
```

Internally field values are set by wrapping the `InjectionTarget` for a bean. This means that the expressions are evaluated once, at bean creation time.

3.4.2. Inline Bean Declarations

Inline beans allow you to set field values to another bean that is declared inline inside the field declaration. This allows for the configuration of complex types with nestled classes. Inline beans can be declared inside both `<s:value>` and `<s:key>` elements, and may be used in both collections and simple field values. Inline beans must not have any qualifier annotations declared on the bean, instead Seam Config assigns them an artificial qualifier. Inline beans may have any scope, however the default `Dependent` scope is recommended.

```
<my:Knight>
  <my:sword>
    <value>
      <my:Sword type="sharp"/>
    </value>
  </my:sword>
  <my:horse>
    <value>
      <my:Horse>
        <my:name>
          <value>billy</value>
        </my:name>
        <my:shoe>
          <Inject/>
        </my:shoe>
      </my:Horse>
    </value>
  </my:horse>
</my:Knight>
```

3.5. Configuring methods

It is also possible to configure methods in a similar way to configuring fields:

```
class MethodBean {

  public int doStuff() {
    return 1;
```

```
  }

  public int doStuff(MethodValueBean bean) {
    return bean.value + 1;
  }

  public void doStuff(MethodValueBean[][] beans) {
    /*do stuff */
  }

}
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns:s="urn:java:ee"
      xmlns:my="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.config.xml.test.method">
   <my:MethodBean>

      <my:doStuff>
         <s:Produces/>
      </my:doStuff>

      <my:doStuff>
         <s:Produces/>
         <my:Qualifier1/>
         <s:parameters>
            <my:MethodValueBean>
               <my:Qualifier2/>
            </my:MethodValueBean>
         </s:parameters>
      </my:doStuff>

      <my:doStuff>
         <s:Produces/>
         <my:Qualifier1/>
         <s:parameters>
            <s:array dimensions="2">
               <my:Qualifier2/>
               <my:MethodValueBean/>
            </s:array>
         </s:parameters>
      </my:doStuff>
```

```
   </my:MethodBean>
</beans>
```

In this instance `MethodBean` has three methods, all of them rather imaginatively named `doStuff`.

The first `<test:doStuff>` entry in the XML file configures the method that takes no arguments. The `<s:Produces>` element makes it into a producer method.

The next entry in the file configures the method that takes a `MethodValueBean` as a parameter and the final entry configures a method that takes a two dimensional array of`MethodValueBean`'s as a parameter. For both these methods a qualifier was added to the method parameter and they were made into producer methods.

Method parameters are specified inside the `<s:parameters>` element. If these parameters have annotation children they are taken to be annotations on the parameter.

The corresponding Java declaration for the XML above would be:

```
class MethodBean {

   @Produces
   public int doStuff() {/*method body */}

   @Produces
   @Qualifier1
   public int doStuff(@Qualifier2 MethodValueBean param) {/*method body */}

   @Produces
   @Qualifier1
   public int doStuff(@Qualifier2 MethodValueBean[][] param) {/*method body */}
}
```

Array parameters can be represented using the `<s:array>` element, with a child element to represent the type of the array. E.g. `int method(MethodValueBean[] param);` could be configured via xml using the following:

```
<my:method>
   <s:array>
     <my:MethodValueBean/>
   </s:array>
</my:method>
```

Note

If a class has a field and a method of the same name then by default the field will be resolved, unless the element has a child `<parameters>` element, in which case it is resolved as a method.

3.6. Configuring the bean constructor

It is also possible to configure the bean constructor in a similar manner. This is done with a `<s:parameters>` element directly on the bean element. The constructor is resolved in the same way methods are resolved. This constructor will automatically have the `@Inject` annotation applied to it. Annotations can be applied to the constructor parameters in the same manner as method parameters.

```
<my:MyBean>
  <s:parameters>
      <s:Integer>
        <my:MyQualifier/>
      </s:Integer>
  </s:parameters>
</my:MyBean>
```

The example above is equivalent to the following java:

```
class MyBean {
  @Inject
  MyBean(@MyQualifier Integer count)
  {
    ...
  }
}
```

3.7. Overriding the type of an injection point

It is possible to limit which bean types are availible to inject into a given injection point:

```
class SomeBean
{
   public Object someField;
```

```
}
```

```
<my:SomeBean>
      <my:someField>
         <s:Inject/>
         <s:Exact>com.mydomain.InjectedBean</s:Exact>
      </my:someField>
</my:SomeBean>
```

In the example above only beans that are assignable to InjectedBean will be eligable for injection into the field. This also works for parameter injection points. This functionallity is part of Seam Solder, and the `@Exact` annotation can be used directly in java.

3.8. Configuring Meta Annotations

It is possible to make existing annotations into qualifiers, stereotypes or interceptor bindings.

This configures a stereotype annotation `SomeStereotype` that has a single interceptor binding and is named:

```
<my:SomeStereotype>
  <s:Stereotype/>
  <my:InterceptorBinding/>
  <s:Named/>
</my:SomeStereotype>
```

This configures a qualifier annotation:

```
<my:SomeQualifier>
  <s:Qualifier/>
</my:SomeQualifier>
```

This configures an interceptor binding:

```
<my:SomeInterceptorBinding>
  <s:InterceptorBinding/>
</my:SomeInterceptorBinding>
```

3.9. Virtual Producer Fields

Seam XML supports configuration of virtual producer fields. These allow for configuration of resource producer fields, Weld Extensions generic bean and constant values directly via XML. First an example:

```
<s:EntityManager>
  <s:Produces/>
  <sPersistenceContext unitName="customerPu" />
</s:EntityManager>

<s:String>
  <s:Produces/>
  <my:VersionQualifier />
  <value>Version 1.23</value>
</s:String>
```

The first example configures a resource producer field. The second configures a bean of type String, with the qualifier `@VersionQualifier` and the value `'Version 1.23'`. The corresponding java for the above XML is:

```
class SomeClass
{

  @Produces
  @PersistenceContext(unitName="customerPu")
  EntityManager field1;

  @Produces
  @VersionQualifier
  String field2 = "Version 1.23";

}
```

Although these look superficially like normal bean declarations, the `<Produces>` declaration means it is treated as a producer field instead of a normal bean.

3.10. More Information

For further information look at the units tests in the Seam Config distribution, also the JSR-299 Public Review Draft section on XML Configuration was the base for this extension, so it may also be worthwhile reading.

Part II. Seam Persistence

Seam Persistence Reference

Seam provides extensive support for the two most popular persistence architectures for Java: Hibernate3, and the Java Persistence API introduced with EJB 3.0. Seam's unique state-management architecture allows the most sophisticated ORM integration of any web application framework.

4.1. Introduction

Seam grew out of the frustration of the Hibernate team with the statelessness typical of the previous generation of Java application architectures. The state management architecture of Seam was originally designed to solve problems relating to persistence — in particular problems associated with *optimistic transaction processing*. Scalable online applications always use optimistic transactions. An atomic (database/JTA) level transaction should not span a user interaction unless the application is designed to support only a very small number of concurrent clients. But almost all interesting work involves first displaying data to a user, and then, slightly later, updating the same data. So Hibernate was designed to support the idea of a persistence context which spanned an optimistic transaction.

Unfortunately, the so-called "stateless" architectures that preceded Seam and EJB 3.0 had no construct for representing an optimistic transaction. So, instead, these architectures provided persistence contexts scoped to the atomic transaction. Of course, this resulted in many problems for users, and is the cause of the number one user complaint about Hibernate: the dreaded `LazyInitializationException`. What we need is a construct for representing an optimistic transaction in the application tier.

EJB 3.0 recognizes this problem, and introduces the idea of a stateful component (a stateful session bean) with an *extended persistence context* scoped to the lifetime of the component. This is a partial solution to the problem (and is a useful construct in and of itself) however there are two problems:

- The lifecycle of the stateful session bean must be managed manually via code in the web tier (it turns out that this is a subtle problem and much more difficult in practice than it sounds).
- Propagation of the persistence context between stateful components in the same optimistic transaction is possible, but tricky.

Seam solves the first problem by providing conversations, and stateful session bean components scoped to the conversation. (Most conversations actually represent optimistic transactions in the data layer.) This is sufficient for many simple applications (such as the Seam booking demo) where persistence context propagation is not needed. For more complex applications, with many loosly-interacting components in each conversation, propagation of the persistence context across components becomes an important issue. So Seam extends the persistence context management model of EJB 3.0, to provide conversation-scoped extended persistence contexts.

4.2. Getting Started

To get started with Seam persistence you need to add the `seam-persistence.jar` and the `seam-solder.jar` to you deployment. If you are in a Java SE environment you will probably also require `seam-config.jar` as well for configuration purposes. The relevant Maven configuration is as follows:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.persistence</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-persistence-api</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.persistence.version}</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.persistence</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-persistence-impl</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.persistence.version}</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.solder</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-solder</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.solder.version}</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.config</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-config-xml</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.config.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

You will also need to have a JPA provider on the classpath. If you are using java EE this is taken care of for you. If not, we recommend hibernate.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.hibernate</groupId>
  <artifactId>hibernate-core</artifactId>
  <version>3.5.1-Final</version>
</dependency>
```

4.3. Transaction Management

Unlike EJB session beans CDI beans are not transactional by default. Seam brings declarative transaction management to CDI beans by enabling them to use `@TransactionAttribute`. Seam also provides the `@Transactional` annotation, for environments where java EE APIs are not present.

4.3.1. Configuration

In order to enable declarative transaction management for managed beans you need to list the transaction interceptor in `beans.xml`:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://docs.jboss.org/cdi/beans_1_0.xsd">
  <interceptors>
    <class>org.jboss.seam.persistence.transaction.TransactionInterceptor</class>
  </interceptors>
</beans>
```

If you are in a Java EE 6 environment then you are good to go, no additional configuration is required.

If you are not in a Java EE environment you may need to configure some things with seam-xml. You may need the following entries in your beans.xml file:

```
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:s="urn:java:ee"
  xmlns:t="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.persistence.transaction"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://docs.jboss.org/cdi/beans_1_0.xsd">

    <t:SeSynchronizations>
      <s:modifies/>
    </t:SeSynchronizations>

    <t:EntityTransaction>
      <s:modifies />
```

```
    </t:EntityTransaction>

</beans>
```

Lets look at these individually.

```
<t:SeSynchronizations>
  <s:modifies/>
</t:SeSynchronizations>
```

Seam will attempt to use JTA synchronizations if possible. If not then you need to install the `SeSynchronzations` bean to allow seam to handle synchronizations manually. Synchronizations allow seam to respond to transaction events such as `beforeCompletion()` and `afterCompletion()`, and are needed for the proper operation of the *Seam Managed Persistence Context*.

```
<t:EntityTransaction>
  <s:modifies />
</t:EntityTransaction>
```

By default seam will attempt to look up `java:comp/UserTransaction` from JNDI (or alternatively retrieve it from the `EJBContext` if a container managed transaction is active). Installing `EntityTransaction` tells seam to use the JPA `EntityTransaction` instead. To use this you must have a *Seam Managed Persistence Context* installed with qualifier `@Default`.

TODO: document how to use different qualifiers.

Note

You should avoid `EntityTransaction` if you have more than one persistence unit in your application. Seam does not support installing multiple `EntityTransaction` beans, and the `EntityTransaction` interface does not support two phase commit, so unless you are careful you may have data consistency issues. If you need multiple persistence units in your application then we highly recommend using a Java EE 6 compatible server, such as Jboss 6.

4.3.2. Declarative Transaction Management

Seam adds declarative transaction support to managed beans. Seam re-uses the EJB `@TransactionAttribute` for this purpose, however it also provides an alternative `@Transactional` annotation for environments where the EJB APIs are not available. An

alternative to `@ApplicationException`, `@SeamApplicationException` is also provided. Unlike EJBs, managed beans are not transactional by default, you can change this by adding the `@TransactionAttribute` to the bean class.

TODO: Add section on exceptions and transaction rollback

If you are using seam managed transactions as part of the seam-faces module you do not need to worry about declarative transaction management. Seam will automatically start a transaction for you at the start of the faces request, and commit it before the render response phase.

Warning

`@SeamApplicationException` will not control transaction rollback when using EJB container managed transactions. If you are in an EE environment then you should always use the EJB APIs, namely `@TransactionAttribute` and `@ApplicationException`.

Note

`TransactionAttributeType.REQUIRES_NEW` and `TransactionAttributeType.NOT_SUPPORTED` are not yet supported on managed beans. This will be added before seam-persistence goes final.

Let's have a look at some code. Annotations applied at a method level override annotations applied at the class level.

```
@TransactionAttribute /*Defaults to TransactionAttributeType.REQUIRED */
class TransactionaBean
{

  /* This is a transactional method, when this method is called a transaction
   * will be started if one does not already exist.
   * This behavior is inherited from the @TransactionAttribute annotation on
   * the class.
   */
   void doWork()
   {
     ...
   }

   /* A transaction will not be started for this method, however it      */
   /* will not complain if there is an existing transaction active.      */
   @TransactionAttributeType(TransactionAttributeType.SUPPORTED)
```

```
   void doMoreWork()
   {
     ...
   }

   /* This method will throw an exception if there is no transaction active when */
   /* it is invoked.                                                              */

   @TransactionAttributeType(TransactionAttributeType.MANDATORY)
   void doEvenMoreWork()
   {
     ...
   }

   /* This method will throw an exception if there is a transaction active when */
   /* it is invoked.                                                             */
   @TransactionAttributeType(TransactionAttributeType.NOT_SUPPORTED)
   void doOtherWork()
   {
     ...
   }
}
```

4.4. Seam-managed persistence contexts

If you're using Seam outside of a Java EE environment, you can't rely upon the container to manage the persistence context lifecycle for you. Even if you are in an EE environment, you might have a complex application with many loosely coupled components that collaborate together in the scope of a single conversation, and in this case you might find that propagation of the persistence context between component is tricky and error-prone.

In either case, you'll need to use a *managed persistence context* (for JPA) or a *managed session* (for Hibernate) in your components. A Seam-managed persistence context is just a built-in Seam component that manages an instance of `EntityManager` or `Session` in the conversation (or any other) context. You can inject it with `@Inject`.

4.4.1. Using a Seam-managed persistence context with JPA

```
@SeamManaged
@Produces
@PersistenceUnit
@ConversationScoped
EntityManagerFactory producerField;
```

This is just an ordinary resource producer field as defined by the CDI specification, however the presence of the `@SeamManaged` annotation tells seam to create a seam managed persistence context from this `EntityManagerFactory`. This managed persistence context can be injected normally, and has the same scope and qualifiers that are specified on the resource producer field.

This will work even in a SE environment where `@PersistenceUnit` injection is not normally supported. This is because the seam persistence extensions will bootstrap the `EntityManagerFactory` for you.

Now we can have our `EntityManager` injected using:

```
@Inject EntityManager entityManager;
```

Note

The more eagle eyed among you may have noticed that the resource producer field appears to be conversation scoped, which the CDI specification does not require containers to support. This is actually not the case, as the @ConversationScoped annotation is removed by the seam persistence portable extension. It only specifies the scope of the created SMPC, not the EntityManagerFactory.

Warning

If you are using EJB3 and mark your class or method `@TransactionAttribute(REQUIRES_NEW)` then the transaction and persistence context shouldn't be propagated to method calls on this object. However as the Seam-managed persistence context is propagated to any component within the conversation, it will be propagated to methods marked `REQUIRES_NEW`. Therefore, if you mark a method `REQUIRES_NEW` then you should access the entity manager using @PersistenceContext.

4.4.2. Seam-managed persistence contexts and atomic conversations

Persistence contexts scoped to the conversation allows you to program optimistic transactions that span multiple requests to the server without the need to use the `merge()` operation , without the need to re-load data at the beginning of each request, and without the need to wrestle with the `LazyInitializationException` or `NonUniqueObjectException`.

As with any optimistic transaction management, transaction isolation and consistency can be achieved via use of optimistic locking. Fortunately, both Hibernate and EJB 3.1 make it very easy to use optimistic locking, by providing the `@Version` annotation.

By default, the persistence context is flushed (synchronized with the database) at the end of each transaction. This is sometimes the desired behavior. But very often, we would prefer that all changes are held in memory and only written to the database when the conversation ends successfully. This allows for truly atomic conversations. Unfortunately there is currently no simple, usable and portable way to implement atomic conversations using EJB 3.1 persistence. However, Hibernate provides this feature as a vendor extension to the `FlushModeTypes` defined by the specification, and it is our expectation that other vendors will soon provide a similar extension.

Seam lets you specify `FlushModeType.MANUAL` when beginning a conversation. Currently, this works only when Hibernate is the underlying persistence provider, but we plan to support other equivalent vendor extensions.

TODO: The next section needs to be updated to seam 3.

```
@Inject EntityManager em; //a Seam-managed persistence context

  @Begin(flushMode=MANUAL)
  public void beginClaimWizard() {
     claim = em.find(Claim.class, claimId);
  }
```

Now, the `claim` object remains managed by the persistence context for the rest of the conversation. We can make changes to the claim:

```
public void addPartyToClaim() {
      Party party = ....;
      claim.addParty(party);
  }
```

But these changes will not be flushed to the database until we explicitly force the flush to occur:

```
@End
  public void commitClaim() {
     em.flush();
  }
```

Of course, you could set the `flushMode` to `MANUAL` from pages.xml, for example in a navigation rule:

```
<begin-conversation flush-mode="MANUAL" />
```

You can set any Seam Managed Persistence Context to use manual flush mode:

```
<components xmlns="http://jboss.com/products/seam/components"
            xmlns:core="http://jboss.com/products/seam/core">
            <core:manager conversation-timeout="120000" default-flush-mode="manual" />
        </components>
```

4.4.3. Using EL in EJB-QL/HQL

Seam proxies the `EntityManager` or `Session` object whenever you use a Seam-managed persistence context or inject a container managed persistence context using `@PersistenceContext`. This lets you use EL expressions in your query strings, safely and efficiently. For example, this:

TODO: We don't proxy the container managed PC yet.

```
User user = em.createQuery("from User where username=#{user.username}")
   .getSingleResult();
```

is equivalent to:

```
User user = em.createQuery("from User where username=:username")
   .setParameter("username", user.getUsername())
   .getSingleResult();
```

Of course, you should never, ever write it like this:

```
User user = em.createQuery("from User where username=" + user.getUsername()) //BAD!
   .getSingleResult();
```

(It is inefficient and vulnerable to SQL injection attacks.)

4.4.4. Setting up the EntityManager

Sometimes you may want to perform some additional setup on the `EntityManager` after it has been created. For example, if you are using Hibernate you may want to set a filter. Seam persistence fires a `SeamManagedPersistenceContextCreated` event when a Seam managed

persistence context is created. You can observe this event and perform any setup you require in an observer method. For example:

```
public void setupEntityManager(@Observes SeamManagedPersistenceContextCreated event) {
   Session session = (Session)event.getEntityManager().getDelegate();
   session.enableFilter("myfilter");
}
```

Part III. Seam Servlet

Introduction

The goal of the Seam Servlet module is to provide portable enhancements to the Servlet API. Features include producers for implicit Servlet objects and HTTP request state, propagating Servlet events to the CDI event bus, forwarding uncaught exceptions to the Seam Catch handler chain and binding the BeanManager to a Servlet context attribute for convenient access.

Installation

To use the Seam Servlet module, you need to put the API and implementation JARs on the classpath of your web application. Most of the features of Seam Servlet are enabled automatically when it's added to the classpath. Some extra configuration, covered below, is required if you are not using a Servlet 3-compliant container.

5.1. Maven dependency configuration

If you are using *Maven* [http://maven.apache.org/] as your build tool, you can add the following single dependency to your pom.xml file to include Seam Servlet:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.servlet</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-servlet</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.servlet.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

Tip

Substitute the expression ${seam.servlet.version} with the most recent or appropriate version of Seam Servlet. Alternatively, you can create a *Maven user-defined property* to satisfy this substitution so you can centrally manage the version.

Alternatively, you can use the API at compile time and only include the implementation at runtime. This protects you from inadvertantly depending on an implementation class.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.servlet</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-servlet-api</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.servlet.version}</version>
  <scope>compile</scope>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.servlet</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-servlet-impl</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.servlet.version}</version>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
```

```
</dependency>
```

If you are deploying to a platform other than JBoss AS, you also need to add the JBoss Logging implementation (a portable logging abstraction).

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.logging</groupId>
  <artifactId>jboss-logging</artifactId>
  <version>3.0.0.Beta4</version>
  <scope>compile</scope>
</dependency>
```

In a Servlet 3.0 or Java EE 6 environment, *your configuration is now complete!*

5.2. Pre-Servlet 3.0 configuration

If you are using Java EE 5 or some other Servlet 2.5 container, then you need to manually register several Servlet components in your application's web.xml to activate the features provided by this module:

```
<listener>
  <listener-class>org.jboss.seam.servlet.event.ServletEventBridgeListener</listener-class>
</listener>

<servlet>
  <servlet-name>Servlet Event Bridge Servlet</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>org.jboss.seam.servlet.event.ServletEventBridgeServlet</servlet-class>
</servlet>

<filter>
  <filter-name>Servlet Event Bridge Filter</filter-name>
  <filter-class>org.jboss.seam.servlet.event.ServletEventBridgeFilter</filter-class>
</filter>

<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>Servlet Event Bridge Filter</filter-name>
  <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>

<filter>
  <filter-name>Catch Exception Filter</filter-name>
  <filter-class>org.jboss.seam.servlet.CatchExceptionFilter</filter-class>
```

```
</filter>

<filter-mapping>
   <filter-name>Catch Exception Filter</filter-name>
   <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```

You're now ready to dive into the Servlet enhancements provided for you by the Seam Servlet module!

Servlet event propagation

By including the Seam Servlet module in your web application (and performing the necessary *listener configuration* for pre-Servlet 3.0 environments), the servlet lifecycle events will be propagated to the CDI event bus so you can observe them using observer methods on CDI beans. Seam Servlet also fires additional lifecycle events not offered by the Servlet API, such as when the response is initialized and destroyed.

6.1. Servlet context lifecycle events

This category of events corresponds to the event receivers on the `javax.servlet.ServletContextListener` interface. The event propagated is a `javax.servlet.ServletContext` (not a `javax.servlet.ServletContextEvent`, since the `ServletContext` is the only relevant information this event provides).

There are two qualifiers provided in the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.event` package (`@Initialized` and `@Destroyed`) that can be used to observe a specific lifecycle phase of the servlet context.

The servlet context lifecycle events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.ServletContext	The servlet context is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	javax.servlet.ServletContext	The servlet context is initialized
@Destroyed	javax.servlet.ServletContext	The servlet context is destroyed

If you want to listen to both lifecycle events, leave out the qualifiers on the observer method:

```
public void observeServletContext(@Observes ServletContext ctx) {
  System.out.println(ctx.getServletContextName() + " initialized or destroyed");
}
```

If you are interested in only a particular lifecycle phase, use one of the provided qualifers:

```
public void observeServletContextInitialized(@Observes @Initialized ServletContext ctx) {
  System.out.println(ctx.getServletContextName() + " initialized");
}
```

As with all CDI observers, the name of the method is insignificant.

These events are fired using a built-in servlet context listener. The CDI environment will be active when these events are fired (including when Weld is used in a Servlet container). The listener is

configured to come before listeners in other extensions, so the initialized event is fired before other servlet context listeners are notified and the destroyed event is fired after other servlet context listeners are notified. However, this order cannot be not guaranteed if another extension library is also configured to be ordered before others.

6.2. Application initialization

The servlet context initialized event described in the previous section provides an ideal opportunity to perform startup logic *as an alterative to using an EJB 3.1 startup singleton*. Even better, you can configure the bean to be destroyed immediately following the initialization routine by leaving it as dependent scoped (dependent-scoped observers only live for the duration of the observe method invocation).

Here's an example of entering seed data into the database in a development environment (as indicated by a stereotype annotation named `@Development`).

```
@Stateless
@Development
public class SeedDataImporter {
  @PersistenceContext
  private EntityManager em;

  public void loadData(@Observes @Initialized ServletContext ctx) {
    em.persist(new Product(1, "Black Hole", 100.0));
  }
}
```

If you'd rather not tie yourself to the Servlet API, you can observe the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.WebApplication` rather than the `ServletContext`. `WebApplication` is a informational object provided by Seam Servlet that holds select information about the `ServletContext` such as the application name, context path, server info and start time.

The web application lifecycle events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	WebApplication	The web application is initialized, started or destroyed
@Initialized	WebApplication	The web application is initialized
@Started	WebApplication	The web application is started (ready)
@Destroyed	WebApplication	The web application is destroyed

Here's the equivalent of receiving the servlet context initialized event without coupling to the Servlet API:

```
public void loadData(@Observes @Initialized WebApplication webapp) {
  System.out.println(webapp.getName() + " initialized at " + new Date(webapp.getStartTime()));
}
```

If you want to perform initialization as late as possible, after all other initialization of the application is complete, you can observe the `WebApplication` event qualified with `@Started`.

```
public void onStartup(@Observes @Started WebApplication webapp) {
  System.out.println("Application at " + webapp.getContextPath() + " ready to handle requests");
}
```

The `@Started` event is fired in the init method of a built-in Servlet with a load-on-startup value of 1000.

You can also use `WebApplication` with the `@Destroyed` qualifier to be notified when the web application is stopped. This event is fired by the aforementioned built-in Servlet during it's destroy method, so likely it should fire when the application is first released.

```
public void onShutdown(@Observes @Destroyed WebApplication webapp) {
  System.out.println("Application at " + webapp.getContextPath() + " no longer handling requests");
}
```

6.3. Servlet request lifecycle events

This category of events corresponds to the event receivers on the `javax.servlet.ServletRequestListener` interface. The event propagated is a `javax.servlet.ServletRequest` (not a `javax.servlet.ServletRequestEvent`, since the `ServletRequest` is the only relevant information this event provides).

There are two qualifiers provided in the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.event` package (`@Initialized` and `@Destroyed`) that can be used to observe a specific lifecycle phase of the servlet request and a secondary qualifier to filter events by servlet path (`@Path`).

The servlet request lifecycle events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.ServletRequest	A servlet request is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	javax.servlet.ServletRequest	A servlet request is initialized
@Destroyed	javax.servlet.ServletRequest	A servlet request is destroyed

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest	Any HTTP servlet request is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest	Any HTTP servlet request is initialized
@Destroyed	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest	Any HTTP servlet request is destroyed
@Path(PATH)	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest	Selects HTTP request with servlet path matching PATH (drop leading slash)

If you want to listen to both lifecycle events, leave out the qualifiers on the observer:

```
public void observeRequest(@Observes ServletRequest request) {
  // Do something with the servlet "request" object
}
```

If you are interested in only a particular lifecycle phase, use a qualifer:

```
public void observeRequestInitialized(@Observes @Initialized ServletRequest request) {
  // Do something with the servlet "request" object upon initialization
}
```

You can also listen specifically for a `javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest` simply by changing the expected event type.

```
public void observeRequestInitialized(@Observes @Initialized HttpServletRequest request) {
  // Do something with the HTTP servlet "request" object upon initialization
}
```

You can associate an observer with a particular servlet request path (exact match, no leading slash).

```
public void observeRequestInitialized(@Observes @Initialized @Path("offer") HttpServletRequest request) {
  // Do something with the HTTP servlet "request" object upon initialization
  // only when servlet path /offer is requested
}
```

As with all CDI observers, the name of the method is insignificant.

These events are fired using a built-in servlet request listener. The listener is configured to come before listeners in other extensions, so the initialized event is fired before other servlet request listeners are notified and the destroyed event is fired after other servlet request listeners are notified. However, this order cannot be not guaranteed if another extension library is also configured to be ordered before others.

6.4. Servlet response lifecycle events

The Servlet API does not provide a listener for accessing the lifecycle of a response. Therefore, Seam Servlet simulates a response lifecycle listener using CDI events. The event object fired is a `javax.servlet.ServletResponse`.

There are two qualifiers provided in the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.event` package (`@Initialized` and `@Destroyed`) that can be used to observe a specific lifecycle phase of the servlet response and a secondary qualifier to filter events by servlet path (`@Path`).

The servlet response lifecycle events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.ServletResponse	A servlet response is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	javax.servlet.ServletResponse	A servlet response is initialized
@Destroyed	javax.servlet.ServletResponse	A servlet response is destroyed
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse	A servlet response is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse	A servlet response is initialized
@Destroyed	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse	A servlet response is destroyed
@Path(PATH)	javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse	Selects HTTP response with servlet path matching PATH (drop leading slash)

If you want to listen to both lifecycle events, leave out the qualifiers.

```
public void observeResponse(@Observes ServletResponse response) {
  // Do something with the servlet "response" object
}
```

If you are interested in only a particular one, use a qualifer

```
public void observeResponseInitialized(@Observes @Initialized ServletResponse response) {
  // Do something with the servlet "response" object upon initialization
}
```

You can also listen specifically for a `javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse` simply by changing the expected event type.

```
public void observeResponseInitialized(@Observes @Initialized HttpServletResponse response) {
  // Do something with the HTTP servlet "response" object upon initialization
}
```

If you need access to the `ServletRequest` and/or the `ServletContext` objects at the same time, you can simply add them as parameters to the observer methods. For instance, let's assume you want to manually set the character encoding of the request and response.

```
public void setupEncoding(@Observes @Initialized ServletResponse res, ServletRequest req) throws Exception {
  if (this.override || req.getCharacterEncoding() == null) {
    req.setCharacterEncoding(encoding);
    if (override) {
      res.setCharacterEncoding(encoding);
    }
  }
}
```

As with all CDI observers, the name of the method is insignificant.

Tip

If the response is committed by one of the observers, the request will not be sent to the target Servlet and the filter chain is skipped.

6.5. Servlet request context lifecycle events

Rather than having to observe the request and response as separate events, or include the request object as an parameter on a response observer, it would be convenient to be able to observe them as a pair. That's why Seam Servlet fires an synthetic lifecycle event for the wrapper type `ServletRequestContext`. The `ServletRequestContext` holds the `ServletRequest` and the `ServletResponse` objects, and also provides access to the `ServletContext`.

There are two qualifiers provided in the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.event` package (`@Initialized` and `@Destroyed`) that can be used to observe a specific lifecycle phase of the servlet request context and a secondary qualifier to filter events by servlet path (`@Path`).

The servlet request context lifecycle events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	ServletRequestContext	A request is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	ServletRequestContext	A request is initialized
@Destroyed	ServletRequestContext	A request is destroyed
@Default (optional)	HttpServletRequestContext	An HTTP request is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	HttpServletRequestContext	An HTTP request is initialized
@Destroyed	HttpServletRequestContext	An HTTP request is destroyed
@Path(PATH)	HttpServletRequestContext	Selects HTTP request with servlet path matching PATH (drop leading slash)

Let's revisit the character encoding observer and examine how it can be simplified by this event:

```
public void setupEncoding(@Observes @Initialized ServletRequestContext ctx) throws Exception {
  if (this.override || ctx.getRequest().getCharacterEncoding() == null) {
    ctx.getRequest().setCharacterEncoding(encoding);
    if (override) {
      ctx.getResponse().setCharacterEncoding(encoding);
    }
  }
}
```

You can also observe the `HttpServletRequestContext` to be notified only on HTTP requests.

Tip

If the response is committed by one of the observers, the request will not be sent to the target Servlet and the filter chain is skipped.

Since observers that have access to the response can commit it, an `HttpServletRequestContext` observer that receives the initialized event can effectively work as a filter or even a Servlet. Let's consider a primitive welcome page filter that redirects visitors to the start page:

```
public void redirectToStartPage(@Observes @Path("") @Initialized HttpServletRequestContext ctx)
    throws Exception {
  String startPage = ctx.getResponse().encodeRedirectURL(ctx.getContextPath() + "/start.jsf");
  ctx.getResponse().sendRedirect(startPage);
}
```

Now you never have to write a Servlet listener, Servlet or Filter again!

6.6. Session lifecycle events

This category of events corresponds to the event receivers on the `javax.servlet.http.HttpSessionListener` interface. The event propagated is a `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession` (not a `javax.servlet.http.HttpSessionEvent`, since the `HttpSession` is the only relevant information this event provides).

There are two qualifiers provided in the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.event` package (`@Initialized` and `@Destroyed`) that can be used to observe a specific lifecycle phase of the session.

The session lifecycle events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.http.HttpSession	The session is initialized or destroyed
@Initialized	javax.servlet.http.HttpSession	The session is initialized
@Destroyed	javax.servlet.http.HttpSession	The session is destroyed

If you want to listen to both lifecycle events, leave out the qualifiers. Note that omitting all qualifiers will observe all events with a `HttpSession` as event object.

```
public void observeSession(@Observes HttpSession session) {
  // Do something with the "session" object
}
```

If you are interested in only a particular one, use a qualifer

```
public void observeSessionInitialized(@Observes @Initialized HttpSession session) {
  // Do something with the "session" object upon being initialized
}
```

As with all CDI observers, the name of the method is insignificant.

6.7. Session activation events

This category of events corresponds to the event receivers on the `javax.servlet.http.HttpSessionActivationListener` interface. The event propagated is a `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession` (not a `javax.servlet.http.HttpSessionEvent`, since the `HttpSession` is the only relevant information this event provides).

There are two qualifiers provided in the `org.jboss.seam.servlet.event` package (`@DidActivate` and `@WillPassivate`) that can be used to observe a specific lifecycle phase of the session.

The session activation events are documented in the table below.

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Default (optional)	javax.servlet.http.HttpSession	The session is initialized or destroyed
@DidActivate	javax.servlet.http.HttpSession	The session is activated
@WillPassivate	javax.servlet.http.HttpSession	The session will passivate

If you want to listen to both lifecycle events, leave out the qualifiers. Note that omitting all qualifiers will observe all events with a `HttpSession` as event object.

```
public void observeSession(@Observes HttpSession session) {
  // Do something with the "session" object
}
```

If you are interested in only a particular one, use a qualifer

```
public void observeSessionCreated(@Observes @WillPassivate HttpSession session) {
  // Do something with the "session" object when it's being passivated
}
```

As with all CDI observers, the name of the method is insignificant.

Injectable Servlet objects and request state

Seam Servlet provides producers that expose a wide-range of information available in a Servlet environment (e.g., implicit objects such as ServletContext and HttpSession and state such as HTTP request parameters) as beans. You access this information by injecting the beans produced. This chapter documents the Servlet objects and request state that Seam Servlet exposes and how to inject them.

7.1. @Inject @RequestParam

The `@RequestParam` qualifier allows you to inject an HTTP request parameter (i.e., URI query string or URL form encoded parameter).

Assume a request URL of /book.jsp?id=1.

```
@Inject @RequestParam("id")
private String bookId;
```

The value of the specified request parameter is retrieved using the method `ServletRequest.getParameter(String)`. It is then produced as a dependent-scoped bean of type String qualified `@RequestParam`.

The name of the request parameter to lookup is either the value of the `@RequestParam` annotation or, if the annotation value is empty, the name of the injection point (e.g., the field name).

Here's the example from above modified so that the request parameter name is implied from the field name:

```
@Inject @RequestParam
private String id;
```

If the request parameter is not present, and the injection point is annotated with `@DefaultValue`, the value of the `@DefaultValue` annotation is returned instead.

Here's an example that provides a fall-back value:

```
@Inject @RequestParam @DefaultValue("25")
private String pageSize;
```

If the request parameter is not present, and the `@DefaultValue` annotation is not present, a null value is injected.

Warning

Since the bean produced is dependent-scoped, use of the `@RequestParam` annotation on class fields and bean properties is only safe for request-scoped beans. Beans with wider scopes should wrap this bean in an `Instance` bean and retrieve the value within context of the thread in which it's needed.

```
@Inject @RequestParam("id")
private Instance<String> bookIdResolver;
...
String bookId = bookIdResolver.get();
```

7.2. @Inject @HeaderParam

Similar to the `@RequestParam`, you can use the `@HeaderParam` qualifier to inject an HTTP header parameter. Here's an example of how you inject the user agent string of the client that issued the request:

```
@Inject @HeaderParam("User-Agent")
private String userAgent;
```

The `@HeaderParam` also supports a default value using the `@DefaultValue` annotation.

Warning

Since the bean produced is dependent-scoped, use of the `@HeaderParam` annotation on class fields and bean properties is only safe for request-scoped beans. Beans with wider scopes should wrap this bean in an `Instance` bean and retrieve the value within context of the thread in which it's needed.

```
@Inject @HeaderParam("User-Agent")
private Instance<String> userAgentResolver;
...
String userAgent = userAgentResolver.get();
```

7.3. @Inject ServletContext

The `ServletContext` is made available as an application-scoped bean. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private ServletContext context;
```

The producer obtains a reference to the `ServletContext` by observing the `@Initialized ServletContext` event raised by this module's Servlet-to-CDI event bridge.

7.4. @Inject ServletRequest / HttpServletRequest

The `ServletRequest` is made available as a request-scoped bean. If the current request is an HTTP request, the produced bean is an `HttpServletRequest`. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private ServletRequest request;
```

or, for HTTP requests

```
@Inject
private HttpServletRequest httpRequest;
```

The producer obtains a reference to the `ServletRequest` by observing the `@Initialized ServletRequest` event raised by this module's Servlet-to-CDI event bridge.

7.5. @Inject ServletResponse / HttpServletResponse

The `ServletResponse` is made available as a request-scoped bean. If the current request is an HTTP request, the produced bean is an `HttpServletResponse`. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private ServletResponse reponse;
```

or, for HTTP requests

```
@Inject
private HttpServletResponse httpResponse;
```

The producer obtains a reference to the `ServletResponse` by observing the `@Initialized ServletResponse` event raised by this module's Servlet-to-CDI event bridge.

7.6. @Inject HttpSession

The `HttpSession` is made available as a request-scoped bean. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private HttpSession session;
```

Injecting the `HttpSession` will force the session to be created. The producer obtains a reference to the `HttpSession` by calling the `getSession()` on the `HttpServletRequest`. The reference to the `HttpServletRequest` is obtained by observing the `@Initialized HttpServletRequest` event raised by this module's Servlet-to-CDI event bridge.

If you merely want to know whether the `HttpSession` exists, you can instead inject the `HttpSessionStatus` bean that Seam Servlet provides.

7.7. @Inject HttpSessionStatus

The `HttpSessionStatus` is a request-scoped bean that provides access to the status of the `HttpSession`. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private HttpSessionStatus sessionStatus;
```

You can invoke the `isActive()` method to check if the session has been created, and the `getSession()` method to retrieve the `HttpSession`, which will be created if necessary.

```
if (!sessionStatus.isActive()) {
   System.out.println("Session does not exist. Creating it now.");
   HttpSession session = sessionStatus.get();
   assert session.isNew();
}
```

7.8. @Inject @ContextPath

The context path is made available as a dependent-scoped bean. It can be injected safetly into any request-scoped CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject @ContextPath
private String contextPath;
```

You can safetly inject the context path into a bean with a wider scope using an instance provider:

```
@Inject @ContextPath
private Instance<String> contextPathProvider;
...
String contextPath = contextPathProvider.get();
```

The context path is retrieved from the `HttpServletRequest`.

7.9. @Inject List<Cookie>

The list of `Cookie` objects is made available as a request-scoped bean. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private List<Cookie> cookies;
```

The producer uses a reference to the request-scoped `HttpServletRequest` bean to retrieve the `Cookie` intances by calling `getCookie()`.

7.10. @Inject @CookieParam

Similar to the `@RequestParam`, you can use the `@CookieParam` qualifier to inject an HTTP header parameter. Here's an example of how you inject the username of the last logged in user (assuming you have previously stored it in a cookie):

```
@Inject @CookieParam
private String username;
```

If the type at the injection point is `Cookie`, the `Cookie` object will be injected instead of the value.

```
@Inject @CookieParam
private Cookie username;
```

The `@CookieParam` also support a default value using the `@DefaultValue` annotation.

Warning

Since the bean produced is dependent-scoped, use of the `@CookieParam` annotation on class fields and bean properties is only safe for request-scoped beans. Beans with wider scopes should wrap this bean in an `Instance` bean and retrieve the value within context of the thread in which it's needed.

```
@Inject @CookieParam("username")
private Instance<String> usernameResolver;
...
String username = usernameResolver.get();
```

7.11. @Inject @ServerInfo

The server info string is made available as a dependent-scoped bean. It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject @ServerInfo
private String serverInfo;
```

The context path is retrieved from the `ServletContext`.

7.12. @Inject @Principal

The security `Principal` for the current user is made available by CDI as an injectable resource (not provided by Seam Servlet). It can be injected safetly into any CDI bean as follows:

```
@Inject
private Principal principal;
```

Exception handling: Seam Catch integration

Seam Catch provides a simple, yet robust foundation for modules and/or applications to establish a customized exception handling process. Seam Servlet ties into the exception handling model by forwarding all unhandled Servlet exceptions to Catch so that they can be handled in a centralized, extensible and uniform manner.

8.1. Background

The Servlet API is extremely weak when it comes to handling exceptions. You are limited to handling exceptions using the built-in, declarative controls provided in web.xml. Those controls give you two options:

- send an HTTP status code
- forward to an error page (servlet path)

To make matters more painful, you are required to configure these exception mappings in web.xml. It's really a dinosaur left over from the past. In general, the Servlet specification seems to be pretty non-chalant about exceptions, telling you to "handle them appropriately." But how?

That's where the Catch integration in Seam Servlet comes in. The Catch integration traps all unhandled exceptions (those that bubble outside of the Servlet and any filters) and forwards them on to Catch. Exception handlers are free to handle the exception anyway they like, either programmatically or via a declarative mechanism.

If a exception handler registered with Catch handles the exception, then the integration closes the response without raising any additional exceptions. If the exception is still unhandled after Catch finishes processing it, then the integration allows it to pass through to the normal Servlet exception handler.

8.2. Defining a exception handler for a web request

You can define an exception handler for a web request using the normal syntax of a Catch exception handler. Let's catch any exception that bubbles to the top and respond with a 500 error.

```
@HandlesExceptions
public class ExceptionHandlers {
  void handleAll(@Handles CaughtException<Throwable> caught, HttpServletResponse response) {
    response.sendError(500, "You've been caught by Catch!");
  }
```

```
}
```

That's all there is to it! If you only want this handler to be used for exceptions raised by a web request (excluding web service requests like JAX-RS), then you can add the `@WebRequest` qualifier to the handler:

```
@HandlesExceptions
public class ExceptionHandlers {
  void handleAll(@Handles @WebRequest
      CaughtException<Throwable> caught, HttpServletResponse response) {
    response.sendError(500, "You've been caught by Catch!");
  }
}
```

Note

Currently, `@WebRequest` is required to catch exceptions initiated by the Servlet integration because of a bug in Catch.

Let's consider another example. When the custom `AccountNotFound` exception is thrown, we'll send a 404 response using this handler.

```
void handleAccountNotFound(@Handles @WebRequest
    CaughtException<AccountNotFound> caught, HttpServletResponse response) {
  response.sendError(404, "Account not found: " + caught.getException().getAccountId());
}
```

In a future release, Seam Servlet will include annotations that can be used to configure these responses declaratively.

Retrieving the BeanManager from the servlet context

Typically, the `BeanManager` is obtained using some form of injection. However, there are scenarios where the code being executed is outside of a managed bean environment and you need a way in. In these cases, it's necessary to lookup the `BeanManager` from a well-known location.

Warning

In general, you should isolate external `BeanManager` lookups to integration code.

The standard mechanism for locating the `BeanManager` from outside a managed bean environment, as defined by the JSR-299 specification, is to look it up in JNDI. However, JNDI isn't the most convenient technology to depend on when you consider all popular deployment environments (think Tomcat and Jetty).

As a simpler alternative, Seam Servlet binds the `BeanManager` to the following servlet context attribute (whose name is equivalent to the fully-qualified class name of the `BeanManager` interface:

```
javax.enterprise.inject.spi.BeanManager
```

Seam Servlet also includes a provider that retrieves the `BeanManager` from this location. Anytime the Seam Servlet module needs a reference to the `BeanManager`, it uses this lookup mechanism to ensure that the module works consistently across deployment environments, especially in Servlet containers.

You can retrieve the `BeanManager` in the same way. If you want to hide the lookup, you can extend the `BeanManagerAware` class and retrieve the `BeanManager` from the the method `getBeanManager()`, as shown here:

```
public class NonManagedClass extends BeanManagerAware {
  public void fireEvent() {
    getBeanManager().fireEvent("Send me to a managed bean");
  }
}
```

Alternatively, you can retrieve the `BeanManager` from the method `getBeanManager()` on the `BeanManagerLocator` class, as shown here:

```
public class NonManagedClass {
  public void fireEvent() {
    new BeanManagerLocator().getBeanManager().fireEvent("Send me to a managed bean");
  }
}
```

Tip

The best way to transfer execution of the current context to the managed bean environment is to send an event to an observer bean, as this example above suggests.

Under the covers, these classes look for the `BeanManager` in the servlet context attribute covered in this section, amongst other available strategies. Refer to the *BeanManager provider* chapter of the Seam Solder reference guide for information on how to leverage the servlet context attribute provider to access the `BeanManager` from outside the CDI environment.

Part IV. Seam Faces

Introduction

The goal of Seam Faces is to provide a fully integrated CDI programming model to the JavaServer Faces (JSF) 2.0 web-framework. With features such as observing Events, providing injection support for life-cycle artifacts (FacesContext, NavigationHandler,) and more.

Installation

To use the Seam Faces module, you need to put the API and implementation JARs on the classpath of your web application. Most of the features of Seam Faces are enabled automatically when it's added to the classpath. Some extra configuration, covered below, is required if you are not using a Servlet 3-compliant container.

10.1. Maven dependency configuration

If you are using *Maven* [http://maven.apache.org/] as your build tool, you can add the following single dependency to your pom.xml file to include Seam Faces:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.faces</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-faces</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.faces.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

Tip

Substitute the expression ${seam.faces.version} with the most recent or appropriate version of Seam Faces. Alternatively, you can create a *Maven user-defined property* to satisfy this substitution so you can centrally manage the version.

Alternatively, you can use the API at compile time and only include the implementation at runtime. This protects you from inadvertantly depending on an implementation class.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.faces</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-faces-api</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.faces.version}</version>
  <scope>compile</scope>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.faces</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-faces-impl</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.faces.version}</version>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
```

```
</dependency>
```

In a Servlet 3.0 or Java EE 6 environment, *your configuration is now complete!*

10.2. Pre-Servlet 3.0 configuration

If you are using Java EE 5 or some other Servlet 2.5 container, then you need to manually register several Servlet components in your application's web.xml to activate the features provided by this module:

```
<listener>
    <listener-class>org.jboss.seam.faces.beanManager.BeanManagerServletContextListener</
listener-class>
</listener>
```

You're now ready to dive into the JSF enhancements provided for you by the Seam Faces module!

Faces Events Propagation

When the seam-faces module is installed in a web application, JSF events will automatically be propagated via the CDI event-bridge, enabling managed beans to easily observe all Faces events.

There are two categories of events: JSF phase events, and JSF system events. Phase events are triggered as JSF processes each lifecycle phase, while system events are raised at more specific, fine-grained events during request processing.

11.1. JSF Phase events

A JSF phase listener is a class that implements `javax.faces.event.PhaseListener` and is registered in the web application's `faces-config.xml` file. By implementing the methods of the interfaces, the user can observe events fired before or after any of the six lifecycle phases of a JSF request: `restore view`, `apply request values`, `process validations`, `update model values`, `invoke application` or `render view`.

11.1.1. Seam Faces Phase events

What Seam provides is propagation of these Phase events to the CDI event bus; therefore, you can observe events using normal CDI `@Observes` methods. Bringing the events to CDI beans removes the need to register phase listener classes via XML, and gives the added benefit of injection, alternatives, interceptors and access to all other features of CDI.

Creating an observer method in CDI is simple; just provide a method in a managed bean that is annotated with `@Observes`. Each observer method must accept at least one method parameter: the event object; the type of this object determines the type of event being observed. Additional parameters may also be specified, and their values will be automatically injected by the container as per the CDI specification.

In this case, the event object passed along from the phase listener is a `javax.faces.event.PhaseEvent`. The following example observes all Phase events.

```
public void observeAll(@Observes PhaseEvent e)
{
   // Do something with the event object
}
```

Events can be further filtered by adding Qualifiers. The name of the method itself is not significant. (See the CDI Reference Guide for more information on events and observing.)

Since the example above simply processes all events, however, it might be appropriate to filter out some events that we aren't interested in. As stated earlier, there are six phases in the JSF

lifecycle, and an event is fired before and after each, for a total of 12 events. The `@Before` and `@After` "temporal" qualifiers can be used to observe events occurring only before or only after a Phase event. For example:

```
public void observeBefore(@Observes @Before PhaseEvent e)
{
   // Do something with the "before" event object
}

public void observeAfter(@Observes @After PhaseEvent e)
{
   // Do something with the "after" event object
}
```

If we are interested in both the "before" and "after" event of a particular phase, we can limit them by adding a "lifecycle" qualifier that corresponds to the phase:

```
public void observeRenderResponse(@Observes @RenderResponse PhaseEvent e)
{
   // Do something with the "render response" event object
}
```

By combining a temporal and lifecycle qualifier, we can achieve the most specific qualification:

```
public void observeBeforeRenderResponse(@Observes @Before @RenderResponse PhaseEvent e)
{
   // Do something with the "before render response" event object
}
```

11.1.2. Phase events listing

This is the full list of temporal and lifecycle qualifiers

Qualifier	Type	Description
@Before	temporal	Qualifies events before lifecycle phases
@After	temporal	Qualifies events after lifecycle phases
@RestoreView	lifecycle	Qualifies events from the "restore view" phase

Qualifier	Type	Description
@ApplyRequestValues	Lifecycle	Qualifies events from the "apply request values" phase
@ProcessValidations	Lifecycle	Qualifies events from the "process validations" phase
@UpdateModelValues	Lifecycle	Qualifies events from the "update model values" phase
@InvokeApplication	Lifecycle	Qualifies events from the "invoke application" phase
@RenderResponse	Lifecycle	Qualifies events from the "render response" phase

The event object is always a `javax.faces.event.PhaseEvent` and according to the general CDI principle, filtering is tightened by adding qualifiers and loosened by omitting them.

11.2. JSF system events

Similar to JSF Phase Events, System Events take place when specific events occur within the JSF life-cycle. Seam Faces provides a bridge for all JSF System Events, and propagates these events to CDI.

11.2.1. Seam Faces System events

This is an example of observing a Faces system event:

```
public void observesThisEvent(@Observes ExceptionQueuedEvent e)
{
   // Do something with the event object
}
```

11.2.2. System events listing

Since all JSF system event objects are distinct, no qualifiers are needed to observe them. The following events may be observed:

Event object	Context	Description
SystemEvent	all	All events
ComponentSystemEvent	component	All component events
PostAddToViewEvent	component	After a component was added to the view
PostConstructViewMapEvent	component	After a view map was created
PostRestoreStateEvent	component	After a component has its state restored
PostValidateEvent	component	After a component has been validated
PreDestroyViewMapEvent	component	Before a view map has been restored

Event object	Context	Description
PreRemoveFromViewEvent	component	Before a component has been removed from the view
PreRenderComponentEvent	component	After a component has been rendered
PreRenderViewEvent	component	Before a view has been rendered
PreValidateEvent	component	Before a component has been validated
ExceptionQueuedEvent	system	When an exception has been queued
PostConstructApplicationEvent	system	After the application has been constructed
PostConstructCustomScopeEvent	system	After a custom scope has been constructed
PreDestroyApplicationEvent	system	Before the application is destroyed
PreDestroyCustomScopeEvent	system	Before a custom scope is destroyed

11.2.3. Component system events

There is one qualifier, `@Component` that can be used with component events by specifying the component ID. Note that view-centric component events `PreRenderViewEvent`, `PostConstructViewMapEvent` and `PreDestroyViewMapEvent` do not fire with the `@Component` qualifier.

```
public void observePrePasswordValidation(@Observes @Component("form:password") PreValidateEvent e)
{
// Do something with the "before password is validated" event object
}
```

Global system events are observer without the component qualifier

```
public void observeApplicationConstructed(@Observes PostConstructApplicationEvent e)
{
// Do something with the "after application is constructed" event object
}
```

The name of the observing method is not relevant; observers are defined solely via annotations.

Faces Scoping Support

JSF 2.0 introduced the concept of the Flash object and the @ViewScope; however, JSF 2.0 did not provide annotations accessing the Flash, and CDI does not support the non-standard ViewScope by default. The Seam Faces module does both, in addition to adding a new @RenderScoped context. Beans stored in the Render Scope will survive until the next page is rendered. For the most part, beans stored in the ViewScope will survive as long as a user remains on the same page, and data in the JSF 2 Flash will survive as long as the flash survives).

12.1. @RenderScoped

Beans placed in the @RenderScoped context are effectively scoped to, and live through but not after, "the next Render Response phase".

You should think about using the Render scope if you want to store information that will be relevant to the user even after an action sends them to another view. For instance, when a user submits a form, you may want to invoke JSF navigation and redirect the user to another page in the site; if you needed to store a message to be displayed when the next page is rendered -but no longer- you would store that message in the RenderContext. Fortunately, Seam provides RenderScoped messages by default, via the *Seam Messages API*.

To place a bean in the Render scope, use the `@javax.faces.bean.RenderScoped` annotation. This means that your bean will be stored in the `org.jboss.seam.context.RenderContext` object until the next page is rendered, at which point the RenderScope will be cleared.

```
@RenderScoped
public class Bean {
   // ...
}
```

@RenderScoped beans are destroyed when the next JSF RENDER_RESPONSE phase ends, however, if a user has multiple browser windows open for the same user-session, multiple RenderContexts will be created, one for each incoming request. Seam Faces keeps track of which RenderContext belongs to each request, and will restore/destroy them appropriately. If there is more than one active RenderContext at the time when you issue a redirect, you will see a URL parameter "?fid=..." appended to the end of the outbound URL, this is to ensure the correct context is restored when the request is received by the server, and will not be present if only one context is active.

Caution

If you want to use the Render Scope with custom navigation in your application, be sure to call `ExternalContext.encodeRedirectURL(String url, Map<String,`

`List<String>> queryParams)` on any URL before using it to issue a redirect. This will ensure that the RenderContext ID is properly appended to the URL, enabling the RenderContext to be restored on the subsequent request. This is only necessary if issuing a Servlet Redirect; for the cases where Faces non-redirecting navigation is used, no URL parameter is necessary, and the context will be destroyed at the end of the current request.

12.2. @Inject javax.faces.contet.Flash flash

JSF 2 does not provide proper system events to create a functional `@FlashScoped` context annotation integrated with CDI, so until a workaround can be found, or JSF 2 is enhanced, you can access the Flash via the @Inject annotation. For more information on the *JSF Flash* [https://javaserverfaces.dev.java.net/nonav/docs/2.0/javadocs/javax/faces/context/Flash.html], read *this API doc* [https://javaserverfaces.dev.java.net/nonav/docs/2.0/javadocs/javax/faces/context/Flash.html].

```
public class Bean {
  @Inject private Flash flash;
  // ...
}
```

12.3. @ViewScoped

To scope a bean to the View, use the `@javax.faces.bean.ViewScoped` annotation. This means that your bean will be stored in the `javax.faces.component.UIViewRoot` object associated with the view in which it was accessed. Each JSF view (faces-page) will store its own instance of the bean, just like each HttpServletRequest has its own instance of a @RequestScoped bean.

```
@ViewScoped
public class Bean {
  // ...
}
```

Caution

@ViewScoped beans are destroyed when the JSF UIViewRoot object is destroyed. This means that the life-span of @ViewScoped beans is dependent on the `javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD` employed by the application itself, but in

general one can assume that the bean will live as long as the user remains on the same page.

Messages API

While JSF already has the concept of adding `FacesMessage` objects to the FacesContext in order for those messages to be displayed to the user when the view is rendered, Seam Faces takes this concept one step farther with the Messages API provided by the Seam International module. Messages are template-based, and can be added directly via the code, or templates can be loaded from resource bundles using a `BundleKey`.

13.1. Adding Messages

Consistent with the CDI programming model, the Messages API is provided via bean injection. To add a new message to be displayed to the user, inject `org.jboss.seam.international.status.Messages` and call one of the Message factory methods. As mentioned earlier, factory methods accept either a plain-text template, or a `BundleKey`, specifying the name of the resource bundle to use, and the name of the key to use as a message template.

```
@Named
public class Example
{
  @Inject
  Messages messages;

  public String action()
  {
    messages.info("This is an {0} message, and will be displayed to {1}.", "INFO", "the user");
    return null;
  }
}
```

Adds the message: "This is an INFO message, and will be displayed to the user."

Notice how {0}, {1} ... {N} are replaced with the given parameters, and may be used more than once in a given template. In the case where a `BundleKey` is used to look up a message template, default text may be provided in case the resource cannot be loaded; default text uses the same parameters supplied for the bundle template. If no default text is supplied, a String representation of the `BundleKey` and its parameters will be displayed instead.

```
public String action()
{
  messages.warn(new BundleKey("org.jboss.seam.faces.exampleBundle", "messageKey"), "unique");
  return null;
```

```
}
```

`classpath:/org/jboss/seam/faces/exampleBundle.properties`

```
messageKey=This {0} parameter is not so {0}, see?
```

Adds the message: "This unique parameter is not so unique, see?"

13.2. Displaying pending messages

It's great when messages are added to the internal buffer, but it doesn't do much good unless the user actually sees them. In order to display messages, simply use the `<h:messages />` tag from JSF. Any pending messages will be displayed on the page just like normal `FacesMessages`.

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
  xmlns:s="http://jboss.org/seam/faces"
  xmlns:ui="http://java.sun.com/jsf/facelets">

  <h1>Welcome to Seam Faces!</h1>
  <p>All Messages and FacesMessages will be displayed below:</p>

  <h:messages />

</html>
```

Messages added to the internal buffer via the Messages API are stored in a central location during each request, and may be displayed by any view-technology that supports the Messages API. Seam Faces provides an integration that makes all of this automatic for you as a developer, and in addition, messages will automatically survive JSF navigation and redirects, as long as the redirect URL was encoded using `ExternalContext.encodeRedirectURL(...)`. If you are using JSF-compliant navigation, all of this is handled for you.

Faces Artifact Injection

One of the goals of the Seam Faces Module is to make support for CDI a more ubiquitous experience, by allowing injection of JSF Lifecycle Artifacts into managed beans, and also by providing support for @Inject where it would not normally be available. This section describes the additional CDI integration for faces artifact injection

14.1. @*Scoped and @Inject in Validators and Converters

Frequently when performing complex validation, it is necessary to access data stored in a database or in other contextual objects within the application itself. JSF does not, by default, provide support for `@Inject` in Converters and Validators, but Seam Faces makes this available. In addition to injection, it is sometimes convenient to be able to scope a validator just as we would scope a managed bean; this feature is also added by Seam Faces.

Notice how the Validator below is actually `@RequestScoped`, in addition to using injection to obtain an instance of the `UserService` with which to perform an email database lookup.

```
@RequestScoped
@FacesValidator("emailAvailabilityValidator")
public class EmailAvailabilityValidator implements Validator
{
   @Inject
   UserService us;

   @Override
   public void validate(final FacesContext context, final UIComponent component, final Object value)
         throws ValidatorException
   {
      String field = value.toString();
      try
      {
         us.getUserByEmail(field);
         FacesMessage msg = new FacesMessage("That email address is unavailable");
         throw new ValidatorException(msg);
      }
      catch (NoSuchObjectException e)
      {
      }
   }
}
```

Warning

We recommend to always use `@RequestScoped` converters/validators unless a longer scope is required, in which case you should use the appropriate scope annotation, but it should not be omitted.

Because of the way JSF persists Validators between requests, particularly when using `@Inject` inside a validator or converter, forgetting to use a `@*Scoped` annotation could in fact cause `@Inject`'ed objects to become null.

An example Converter using @Inject

```
@SessionScoped
@FacesConverter("authorConverter")
public class UserConverter implements Converter
{
  @Inject
  private UserService service;

  @PostConstruct
  public void setup()
  {
    System.out.println("UserConverter started up");
  }

  @PreDestroy
  public void shutdown()
  {
    System.out.println("UserConverter shutting down");
  }

  @Override
  public Object getAsObject(final FacesContext arg0, final UIComponent arg1, final String userName)
  {
    // ...
    return service.getUserByName(userName);
  }

  @Override
  public String getAsString(final FacesContext context, final UIComponent comp, final Object user)
  {
    // ...
    return ((User)user).getUsername();
```

```
  }
}
```

14.2. @Inject'able Faces Artifacts

This is the list of inject-able artifacts provided through Seam Faces. These objects would normally require static method-calls in order to obtain handles, but Seam Faces attempts to break that coupling by providing @Inject'able artifacts. This means it will be possible to more easily provide mocked objects during unit and integration testing, and also simplify bean code in the application itself.

Artifact Class	Example

javax.faces.context.FacesContext	`public class Bean {`
	`  @Inject FacesContext context;`
	`}`

javax.faces.context.ExternalContext	`public class Bean {`
	`  @Inject ExternalContext context;`
	`}`

javax.faces.application.NavigationH	`public class Bean {`
	`  @Inject NavigationHandler handler;`
	`}`

javax.faces.context.Flash	`public class Bean {`
	`  @Inject Flash flash;`
	`}`

Seam Faces Components

While Seam Faces does not provide layout components or other UI-design related features, it does provide functional components designed to make developing JSF applications easier, more functional, more scalable, and more practical.

For layout and design components, take a look at *RichFaces* [http://jboss.org/richfaces], a UI component library specifically tailored for easy, rich web-interfaces.

15.1. Introduction

In order to use the Seam Faces components, you must first add the namespace to your view file, just like the standard JSF component libraries.

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
  xmlns:s="http://jboss.org/seam/faces"
  xmlns:ui="http://java.sun.com/jsf/facelets">

  <h1>Welcome to Seam Faces!</h1>
  <p>
    This view imports the Seam Faces component library.
    Read on to discover what components it provides.
   </p>

</html>
```

Tip

All Seam Faces components use the following namespace: `http://jboss.org/seam/faces`

15.2. <s:validateForm>

On many occasions you might find yourself needing to compare the values of multiple input fields on a given page submit: confirming a password; re-enter password; address lookups; and so on. Performing cross-field form validation is simple - just place the <s:validateForm> component in the form you wish to validate, then attach your custom Validator.

```
<h:form id="locationForm">
```

```
   <h:inputText id="city" value="#{bean.city}" />
   <h:inputText id="state" value="#{bean.state}" />
   <h:inputText id="zip" value="#{bean.zip}" />
   <h:commandButton id="submit" value="Submit" action="#{bean.submitPost}" />

   <s:validateForm validatorId="locationValidator" />
</h:form>
```

The corresponding Validator for the example above would look something like this:

```
@FacesValidator("locationValidator")
public class LocationValidator implements Validator
{
   @Inject
   Directory directory;

   @Inject
   @InputField
   private Object city;

   @Inject
   @InputField
   private Object state;

   @Inject
   @InputField
   private ZipCode zip;

   @Override
  public void validate(final FacesContext context, final UIComponent comp, final Object values)
        throws ValidatorException
   {
     if(!directory.exists(city, state, zip))
     {
       throw new ValidatorException(
         new FacesMessage("Sorry, that location is not in our database. Please try again."));
     }
   }
}
```

Tip

You may inject the correct type directly.

```
@Inject
@InputField
private ZipCode zip;
```

Notice that the IDs of the inputText components match the IDs of your Validator @InputFields; each @Inject @InputField member will be injected with the value of the form input field who's ID matches the name of the variable.

In other words - the name of the @InputField annotated member variable will automatically be matched to the ID of the input component, unless overridden by using a field ID alias (see below.)

```
<h:form id="locationForm">
  <h:inputText id="cityId" value="#{bean.city}" />
  <h:inputText id="stateId" value="#{bean.state}" />
  <h:inputText id="zip" value="#{bean.zip}" />
  <h:commandButton id="submit" value="Submit" action="#{bean.submitPost}" />

  <s:validateForm fields="city=cityId state=stateId" validatorId="locationValidator" />
</h:form>
```

Notice that "zip" will still be referenced normally; you need only specify aliases for fields that differ in name from the Validator @InputFields.

Tip

`Using @InputField("customID")` with an ID override can also be used to specify a custom ID, instead of using the default: the name of the field. This gives you the ability to change the name of the private field, without worrying about changing the name of input fields in the View itself.

```
@Inject
@InputField("state")
private String sectorTwo;
```

15.3. <s:viewAction>

The view action component (`UIViewAction`) is an `ActionSource2` `UIComponent` that specifies an application-specific command (or action), using using an EL method expression, to be invoked during one of the JSF lifecycle phases proceeding Render Response (i.e., view rendering).

View actions provide a lightweight front-controller for JSF, allowing the application to accommodate scenarios such as registration confirmation links, security and sanity checking a request (e.g., ensuring the resource can be loaded). They also allow JSF to work alongside action-oriented frameworks, and existing applications that use them.

15.3.1. Motivation

JSF employs an event-oriented architecture. Listeners are invoked in response to user-interface events, such as the user clicking on a button or changing the value of a form input. Unfortunately, the most important event on the web, a URL request (initiated by the user clicking on a link, entering a URL into the browser's location bar or selecting a bookmark), has long been overlooked in JSF. Historically, listeners have exclusively been activated on postback, which has led to the common complaint that in JSF, "everything is a POST."

We want to change that perception.

Processing a URL request event is commonly referred to as bookmarkable or GET support. Some GET support was added to JSF 2.0 with the introduction of view parameters and the pre-render view event. View parameters are used to bind query string parameters to model properties. The pre-render view event gives the developer a window to invoke a listener immediately prior to the view being rendered.

That's a start.

Seam brings the GET support full circle by introducing the view action component. A view action is the compliment of a `UICommand` for an initial (non-faces) request. Like its cohort, it gets executed by default during the Invoke Application phase (now used on both faces and non-faces requests). A view action can optionally be invoked on postback as well.

View actions (`UIViewAction`) are closely tied to view parameters (`UIViewParameter`). Most of the time, the view parameter is used to populate the model with data that is consumed by the method being invoked by a `UIViewAction` component, much like form inputs populate the model with data to support the method being invoked by a `UICommand` component.

15.3.2. Usage

Let's consider a typical scenario in web applications. You want to display the contents of a blog entry that matches the identifier specified in the URL. We'll assume the URL is:

```
http://localhost:8080/blog/entry.jsf?id=10
```

We'll use a view parameter to capture the identifier of the entry from the query string and a view action to fetch the entry from the database.

```
<f:metadata>
  <f:viewParam name="id" value="#{blogManager.entryId}"/>
  <s:viewAction action="#{blogManager.loadEntry}"/>
</f:metadata>
```

Tip

The view action component must be declared as a child of the view metadata facet (i.e., `<f:metadata>`) so that it gets incorporated into the JSF lifecycle on both non-faces (initial) requests and faces (postback) requests. If you put it anywhere else in the page, the behavior is undefined.

Warning

In JSF 2.0, there must be at least one view parameter for the view metadata facet to be processed. This requirement was introduced into the JSF specification accidentally, but it's not so unfortunate since view parameters are typically needed to capture input needed by the view action.

What do we do if the entry can't be found? View actions support declarative navigation just like `UICommand` components. So you can write a navigation rule that will be consulted before the page is rendered. If the rule matches, navigation occurs just as though this were a postback.

```
<navigation-rule>
    <from-view-id>/entry.xhtml</from-view-id>
    <navigation-case>
      <from-action>#{blogManager.loadEntry}</from-action>
      <if>#{empty entry}</if>
      <to-view-id>/home.xhtml</to-view-id>
      <redirect/>
    </navigation-case>
  </navigation-rule>
```

After each view action is invoked, the navigation handler looks for a navigation case that matches the action's EL method signature and outcome. If a navigation case is matched, or the response

is marked complete by the action, subsequent view actions are short-circuited. The lifecycle then advances appropriately.

By default, a view action is not executed on postback, since the primary intention of a view action is to support a non-faces request. If your application (or use case) is decidedly stateless, you may need the view action to execute on any type of request. You can enable the view action on postback using the `onPostback` attribute:

```
<s:viewAction action="#{blogManager.loadEntry}" onPostback="true"/>
```

You may only want the view action to be invoked under certain conditions. For instance, you may only need it to be invoked if the conversation is transient. For that, you can use the `if` attribute, which accepts an EL value expression:

```
<s:viewAction action="#{blogEditor.loadEntry}" if="#{conversation.transient}"/>
```

There are two ways to control the phase in which the view action is invoked. You can set the `immediate` attribute to true, which moves the invocation to the Apply Request Values phase instead of the default, the Invoke Application phase.

```
<s:viewAction action="#{sessionManager.validateSession}" immediate="true"/>
```

You can also just specify the phase directly, using the name of the phase constant in the `PhaseId` class (the case does not matter).

```
<s:viewAction action="#{sessionManager.validateSession}" phase="APPLY_REQUEST_VALUES"/>
```

Tip

The valid phases for a view action are:

- `APPLY_REQUEST_VALUES` (default if `immediate="true"`)
- `UPDATE_MODEL_VALUES`
- `PROCESS_VALIDATIONS`
- `INVOKE_APPLICATION` (default)

If the phase is set, it takes precedence over the immediate flag.

15.3.3. View actions vs the PreRenderViewEvent

The purpose of the view action is similar to use of the PreRenderViewEvent. In fact, the code to load a blog entry before the page is rendered could be written as:

```
<f:metadata>
  <f:viewParam name="id" value="#{blogManager.entryId}"/>
  <f:event type="preRenderView" listener="#{blogManager.loadEntry}"/>
</f:metadata>
```

However, the view action has several important advantages:

- It's lightweight
- It's timing can be controlled
- It's contextual
- It can trigger navigation

View actions are lightweight because they get processed on a non-faces (initial) request *before* the full component tree is built. When the view actions are invoked, the component tree only contains view metadata.

As demonstrated above, you can specify a prerequisite condition for invoking the view action, control whether it's invoked on postback, specify the phase in which it's invoked and tie the invocation into the declarative navigation system. The PreRenderViewEvent is quite basic in comparison.

15.4. UI Input Container

UIInputContainer is a supplemental component for a JSF 2.0 composite component encapsulating one or more input components (EditableValueHolder), their corresponding message components (UIMessage) and a label (HtmlOutputLabel).

This component takes care of wiring the label to the first input and the messages to each input in sequence. It also assigns two implicit attribute values, "required" and "invalid" to indicate that a required input field is present and whether there are any validation errors, respectively. To determine if a input field is required, both the required attribute is consulted and whether the property has Bean Validation constraints.

Finally, if the "label" attribute is not provided on the composite component, the label value will be derived from the id of the composite component, for convenience.

Composite component definition example (minus layout):

```
<cc:interface componentType="org.jboss.seam.faces.InputContainer"/>
 <cc:implementation>
   <h:outputLabel id="label" value="#{cc.attrs.label}:" styleClass="#{cc.attrs.invalid ? 'invalid' :
 ''}">
    <h:outputText styleClass="required" rendered="#{cc.attrs.required}" value="*"/>
  </h:outputLabel>
  <cc:insertChildren/>
  <h:message id="message" errorClass="invalid message" rendered="#{cc.attrs.invalid}"/>
 </cc:implementation>
```

Composite component usage example:

```
<example:inputContainer id="name">
  <h:inputText id="input" value="#{person.name}"/>
 </example:inputContainer>
```

Tip

NOTE: Firefox does not properly associate a label with the target input if the input id contains a colon (:), the default separator character in JSF. JSF 2 allows developers to set the value via an initialization parameter (context-param in web.xml) keyed to `javax.faces.SEPARATOR_CHAR`. We recommend that you override this setting to make the separator an underscore (_).

Part V. Seam International

Introduction

The goal of Seam International is to provide a unified approach to configuring locale, timezone and language. With features such as Status messages propogation to UI, multiple property storage implementations and more.

Installation

Most features of Seam International are installed automatically by including `seam-international.jar` in the web application library folder. If you are using *Maven* [http://maven.apache.org/] as your build tool, you can add the following dependency to your `pom.xml` file:

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.jboss.seam</groupId>
   <artifactId>seam-international</artifactId>
   <version>${seam-international-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

Tip

Replace ${seam-international-version} with the most recent or appropriate version of Seam International.

Locales

17.1. Default Locale

In a similar fashion to TimeZones we have an application `Locale` retrieved by

```
@Inject
java.util.Locale lc;
```

accessible via EL with "defaultLocale".

By default the `Locale` will be set to the JVM default, unless you override the `DefaultLocaleProducer` Bean via the Seam Config module. Here are a few examples of XML that can be used to define the various types of `Locale`s that are available.

This will set the default language to be French.

```
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:s="urn:java:seam:core"
  xmlns:lc="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.international.locale"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://docs.jboss.org/cdi/beans_1_0.xsd">

   <lc:DefaultLocaleProducer>
      <s:replaces/>
      <lc:defaultLocaleKey>fr</lc:defaultLocaleKey>
   </lc:DefaultLocaleProducer>
</beans>
```

This will set the default language to be English with the country of US.

```
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:s="urn:java:seam:core"
  xmlns:lc="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.international.locale"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://docs.jboss.org/cdi/beans_1_0.xsd">
```

```
    <lc:DefaultLocaleProducer>
        <s:replaces/>
        <lc:defaultLocaleKey>en_US</lc:defaultLocaleKey>
    </lc:DefaultLocaleProducer>
</beans>
```

As you can see from the previous examples, you can define the `Locale` with `lang_country_variant`. It's important to note that the first two parts of the locale definition are not expected to be greater than 2 characters otherwise an error will be produced and it will default to the JVM `Locale`.

17.2. User Locale

The Locale associated with the User Session can be retrieved by

```
@Inject
@UserLocale
java.util.Locale locale;
```

which is EL accessible via `userLocale`.

By default the `Locale` will be the same as that of the application when the User Session is initially created. However, changing the User's `Locale` is a simple matter of firing an event to update it. An example would be

```
@Inject
@Changed
Event<java.util.Locale> localeEvent;

public void setUserLocale()
{
    Locale canada = Locale.CANADA;
    localeEvent.fire(canada);
}
```

17.3. Available Locales

We've also provided a list of available Locales that can be accessed via

```
@Inject
```

```
List<java.util.Locale> locales;
```

The locales that will be returned with this can be defined with XML configuration of the `AvailableLocales` Bean such as

```
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:s="urn:java:seam:core"
  xmlns:lc="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.international.locale"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://docs.jboss.org/cdi/beans_1_0.xsd">

   <lc:AvailableLocales>
      <s:modifies/>
      <lc:supportedLocaleKeys>
         <s:value>en</s:value>
         <s:value>fr</s:value>
      </lc:supportedLocaleKeys>
   </lc:AvailableLocales>
</beans>
```

Timezones

To support a more developer friendly way of handling TimeZones we have incorporated the use of Joda-Time through their `DateTimeZone` class. Don't worry, it provides convenience methods to convert to JDK `TimeZone` if required.

18.1. Default TimeZone

Starting at the application level the module provides a `DateTimeZone` that can be retrieved with

```
@Inject
DateTimeZone applicationTimeZone;
```

It can also be accessed through EL by the name "defaultTimeZone"!

By default the `TimeZone` will be set to the JVM default, unless you override the `DefaultTimeZoneProducer` Bean using the Seam Config module. For instance, adding this XML into `seam-beans.xml` or `beans.xml` will change the default `TimeZone` of the application to be Tijuana!

```
<beans xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:s="urn:java:seam:core"
  xmlns:tz="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.international.timezone"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://docs.jboss.org/cdi/beans_1_0.xsd">

   <tz:DefaultTimeZoneProducer>
      <s:specializes/>
      <tz:defaultTimeZoneId>America/Tijuana</tz:defaultTimeZoneId>
   </tz:DefaultTimeZoneProducer>
</beans>
```

18.2. User TimeZone

We also have a `DateTimeZone` that is scoped to the User Session which can be retrieved with

```
@Inject
@UserTimeZone
```

```
DateTimeZone userTimeZone;
```

It can also be accessed through EL using "userTimeZone".

By default the `TimeZone` will be the same as the application when the User Session is initialised. However, changing the User's `TimeZone` is a simple matter of firing an event to update it. An example would be

```
@Inject
@Changed
Event<DateTimeZone> tzEvent;

public void setUserTimeZone()
{
    DateTimeZone tijuana = DateTimeZone.forID("America/Tijuana");
    tzEvent.fire(tijuana);
}
```

18.3. Available TimeZones

We've also provided a list of available TimeZones that can be accessed via

```
@Inject
List<DateTimeZone> timeZones;
```

Messages

There are currently two ways to create a message within the module.

The first would mostly be used when you don't want to add the generated message directly to the UI, but want to log it out, or store it somewhere else

```
@Inject
MessageFactory factory;

public String getMessage()
{
    MessageBuilder builder = factory.info("There are {0} cars, and they are all {1}; {1} is the best color.", 5, "green");#
    return builder.build().getText();
}
```

The second is to add the message to a list that will be returned to the UI for display.

```
@Inject
Messages messages;

public void setMessage()
{
    messages.info("There are {0} cars, and they are all {1}; {1} is the best color.", 5, "green");
}
```

Either of these methods supports the four message levels which are info, warning, error and fatal.

Both the MessageFactory and Messages classes support four ways in which to create a Message:

- Directly adding the message
- Directly adding the message and replacing parameters
- Retrieving the message from a bundle
- Retrieving the message from a bundle and replacing parameters

Examples for each of these are:

```
messages.info("Simple Text");
```

```
messages.info("Simple Text with {0} parameter", 1);
```

```
messages.info(new BundleKey("org.jboss.international.seam.test.TestBundle", "key1"));
```

```
messages.info(new BundleKey("org.jboss.international.seam.test.TestBundle", "key2"), 1);
```

The above examples assume that there is a properties file existing at `org.jboss.international.seam.test.TestBundle.properties` with `key1` being a simple text string and `key2` including a single parameter.

Part VI. Seam Catch

Seam Catch - Introduction

Exceptions are a fact of life. As developers, we need to be prepared to deal with them in the most graceful manner possible. Seam Catch provides a simple, yet robust foundation for modules and/or applications to establish a customized exception handling process. By employing a delegation model, Catch allows exceptions to be addressed in a centralized, extensible and uniform manner.

Catch is first notified of an exception to be handled via a CDI event. This event is fired either by the application or a Catch integration. Catch then hands the exception off to a chain of registered handlers, which deal with the exception appropriately. The use of CDI events to connect exceptions to handlers makes this strategy of exception handling non-invasive and minimally coupled to Catch's infrastructure.

The exception handling process remains mostly transparent to the developer. In some cases, you register an exception handler simply by annotating a handler method. Alternatively, you can handle an exception programmatically, just as you would observe an event in CDI.

In this guide, we'll explore the various options you have for handling exceptions using Catch, as well as how framework authors can offer Catch integration.

Seam Catch - Installation

To use the Seam Catch module, you need to add the Seam Catch API to your project as a compile-time dependency. At runtime, you'll also need the Seam Catch implementation, which you either specify explicitly or through a transitive dependency of another module that depends on it (as part of exposing its own Catch integration).

First, check your application's library dependencies to see whether Seam Catch is already being included by another module (such as Seam Servlet). If not, you'll need to setup the dependencies as described below.

21.1. Maven dependency configuration

If you are using *Maven* [http://maven.apache.org/] as your build tool, you can add the following single dependency to your pom.xml file to include Seam Catch:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.catch</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-catch</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.catch.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

Tip

Substitute the expression ${seam.catch.version} with the most recent or appropriate version of Seam Catch. Alternatively, you can create a *Maven user-defined property* to satisfy this substitution so you can centrally manage the version.

Alternatively, you can use the API at compile time and only include the implementation at runtime. This protects you from inadvertantly depending on an implementation class.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.catch</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-catch-api</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.catch.version}</version>
  <scope>compile</scope>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.catch</groupId>
```

```
  <artifactId>seam-catch-impl</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.catch.version}</version>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
</dependency>
```

Now you're ready to start catching exceptions!

Seam Catch - Usage

22.1. Exception handlers

As an application developer (i.e., an end user of Catch), you'll be focused on writing exception handlers. An exception handler is a method on a CDI bean that is invoked to handle a specific type of exception. Within that method, you can implement any logic necessary to handle or respond to the exception.

Given that exception handler beans are CDI beans, they can make use of dependency injection, be scoped, have interceptors or decorators and any other functionality available to CDI beans.

Exception handler methods are designed to follow the syntax and semantics of CDI observers, with some special purpose exceptions explained in this guide. The advantage of this design is that exception handlers will be immediately familiar to you if you are studying or well-versed in CDI.

In this chapter, you'll learn how to define an exception handler and explore how and when it gets invoked. We'll begin by covering the two annotations that are used to declare an exception handler, `@HandlesExceptions` and`@Handles`.

22.2. Exception handler annotations

Exception handlers are contained within exception handler beans, which are CDI beans annotated with `@HandlesExceptions`. Exception handlers are methods which have a parameter which is an instance of `CaughtException<T extends Throwable>` annotated with the `@Handles` annotation.

22.2.1. @HandlesExceptions

The `@HandlesException` annotation is simply a marker annotation that instructs the Seam Catch CDI extension to scan the bean for handler methods.

Let's designate a CDI bean as an exception handler by annotating it with `@HandlesException`.

```
@HandlesExceptions
public class MyHandlers {}
```

That's all there is to it. Now we can begin defining exception handling methods on this bean.

Note

The `@HandlesExceptions` annotation may be deprecated in favor of annotation indexing done by*Seam Solder*.

22.2.2. @Handles

`@Handles` is a method parameter annotation that designates a method as an exception handler. Exception handler methods are registered on beans annotated with `@HandlesExceptions`. Catch will discover all such methods at deployment time.

Let's look at an example. The following method is invoked for every exception that Catch processes and prints the exception message to stout. (`Throwable` is the base exception type in Java and thus represents all exceptions).

```
@HandlesExceptions                                          (1)
public class MyHandlers
{
  void printExceptions(@Handles CaughtException<Throwable> evt)          (2)
  {
    System.out.println("Something bad happened: " +
        evt.getException().getMessage());                   (3)
    evt.proceed();                                          (4)
  }
}
```

1. The `@HandlesExceptions` annotation signals that this bean contains exception handler methods.
2. The `@Handles` annotation on the first parameter designates this method as an exception handler (though it is not required to be the first parameter). This parameter must be of type`CaughtException<T extends Throwable>`, otherwise it's detected as a definition error. The type parameter designates which exception the method should handle. This method is notified of all exceptions (requested by the base exception type `Throwable`).
3. The `CaughtException` instance provides access to information about the exception and can be used to control exception handling flow. In this case, it's used to read the current exception being handled in the exception stack trace, as returned by `getException()`.
4. This handler does not modify the invocation of subsequent handlers, as designated by invoking `proceed()` on `CaughtException`. As this is the default behavior, this line could be omitted.

The `@Handles` annotation must be placed on a parameter of the method, which must be of type`CaughtException<T extends Throwable>`. Handler methods are similar to CDI observers and, as such, follow the same principals and guidelines as observers (such as invocation, injection of parameters, qualifiers, etc) with the following exceptions:

- a parameter of a handler method must be a `CaughtException`

- handlers are ordered before they are invoked (invocation order of observers is non-deterministic)
- any handler can prevent subsequent handlers from being invoked

In addition to designating a method as exception handler, the `@Handles` annotation specifies two pieces of information about when the method should be invoked relative to other handler methods:

- a precedence relative to other handlers for the same exception type. Handlers with higher precendence are invoked before handlers with lower precendence that handle the same exception type. The default precendence (if not specified) is 0.
- the type of the traversal mode (i.e., phase) during which the handler is invoked. The default traversal mode (if not specified) is`TraversalMode.DEPTH_FIRST`.

Let's take a look at more sophisticated example that uses all the features of handlers to log all exceptions.

```
@HandlesExceptions                                                    (1)
public class MyHandlers
{
  void logExceptions(@Handles(during = TraversalMode.BREADTH_FIRST)   (2)
      @WebRequest CaughtException<Throwable> evt,                     (3)
      Logger log)                                                     (4)
  {
    log.warn("Something bad happened: " + evt.getException().getMessage());
  }
}
```

(1) The `@HandlesExceptions` annotation signals that this bean contains exception handler methods.

(2) This handler has a default precedence of 0 (the default value of the precedence attribute on `@Handles`). It's invoked during the breadth first traversal mode. For more information on traversal, see the section*Section 22.4.1, “Traversal of exception type hierarchy”*.

(3) This handler is qualified with`@WebRequest`. When Catch calculates the handler chain, it filters handlers based on the exception type and qualifiers. This handler will only be invoked for exceptions passed to Catch that carry the `@WebRequest` qualifier. We'll assume this qualifier distinguishes a web page request from a REST request.

(4) Any additional parameters of a handler method are treated as injection points. These parameters are injected into the handler when it is invoked by Catch. In this case, we are injecting a `Logger` bean that must be defined within the application (or by an extension).

A handler is guaranteed to only be invoked once per exception (automatically muted), unless it reenables itself by invoking the `unMute()` method on the `CaughtException` instance.

Handlers must not throw checked exceptions, and should avoid throwing unchecked exceptions. Should a handler throw an unchecked exception it will propegate up the stack and all handling done via Catch will cease. Any exception that was being handled will be lost.

22.3. Exception stack trace processing

When an exception is thrown, chances are it's nested (wrapped) inside other exceptions. (If you've ever examined a server log, you'll appreciate this fact). The collection of exceptions in its entirety is termed an exception stack trace.

The outermost exception of an exception stack trace (e.g., EJBException, ServletException, etc) is probably of little use to exception handlers. That's why Catch doesn't simply pass the exception stack trace directly to the exception handlers. Instead, it intelligently unwraps the stack trace and treats the root exception cause as the primary exception.

The first exception handlers to be invoked by Catch are those that match the type of root cause. Thus, instead of seeing a vague`EJBException`, your handlers will instead see an meaningful exception such as`ConstraintViolationException`. *This feature, alone, makes Catch a worthwhile tool.*

Catch continues to work through the exception stack trace, notifying handlers of each exception in the stack, until a handler flags the exception as handled. Once an exception is marked as handled, Catch stops processing the exception. If a handler instructed Catch to rethrow the exception (by invoking `CaughtException#rethrow()`, Catch will rethrow the exception outside the Catch infrastructure. Otherwise, it simply returns flow control to the caller.

Consider a stack trace containing the following nested causes (from outer cause to root cause):

- EJBException
- PersistenceException
- SQLGrammarException

Catch will unwrap this exception and notify handlers in the following order:

1. SQLGrammarException
2. PersistenceException
3. EJBException

If there's a handler for`PersistenceException`, it will likely prevent the handlers for `EJBException` from being invoked, which is a good thing since what useful information can really be obtained from`EJBException`?

22.4. Exception handler ordering

While processing one of the causes in the exception stack trace, Catch has a specific order it uses to invoke the handlers, operating on two axes:

- traversal of exception type hierarchy
- relative handler precedence

We'll first address the traversal of the exception type hierarchy, then cover relative handler precedence.

22.4.1. Traversal of exception type hierarchy

Catch doesn't simply invoke handlers that match the exact type of the exception. Instead, it walks up and down the type hierarchy of the exception. It first notifies least specific handler in breadth first traversal mode, then gradually works down the type hiearchy towards handlers for the actual exception type, still in breadth first traversal. Once all breadth first traversal handlers have been invoked, the process is reversed for depth first traversal, meaning the most specific handlers are notified first and Catch continues walking up the hierarchy tree.

There are two modes of this traversal:

- BREADTH_FIRST
- DEPTH_FIRST

By default, handlers are registered into the DEPTH_FIRST traversal path. That means in most cases, Catch starts with handlers of the actual exception type and works up towards the handler for the least specific type.

However, when a handler is registered to be notified during the BREADTH_FIRST traversal, as in the example above, Catch will notify that exception handler before the exception handler for the actual type is notified.

Let's consider an example. Assume that Catch is handling the`SocketException`. It will notify handlers in the following order:

1. `Throwable` (BREADTH_FIRST)
2. `Exception` (BREADTH_FIRST)
3. `IOException` (BREADTH_FIRST)
4. `SocketException` (BREADTH_FIRST)
5. `SocketException` (DEPTH_FIRST)
6. `IOException` (DEPTH_FIRST)
7. `Exception` (DEPTH_FIRST)
8. `Throwable` (DEPTH_FIRST)

The same type traversal occurs for each exception processed in the stack trace.

In order for a handler to be notified of the `IOException` before the `SocketException`, it would have to specify the BREADTH_FIRST traversal path explicitly:

```
void handleIOException(@Handles(during = TraversalMode.BREADTH_FIRST)
    CaughtException<IOException> evt)
{
  System.out.println("An I/O exception occurred, but not sure what type yet");
}
```

BREADTH_FIRST handlers are typically used for logging exceptions because they are not likely to be short-circuited (and thus always get invoked).

22.4.2. Handler precendence

When Catch finds more than one handler for the same exception type, it orders the handlers by precendence. Handlers with higher precendence are executed before handlers with a lower precedence. If Catch detects two handlers for the same type with the same precedence, it detects it as an error and throws an exception at deployment time.

Let's define two handlers with different precendence:

```
void handleIOExceptionFirst(@Handles(precendence = 100) CaughtException<IOException> evt)
{
  System.out.println("Invoked first");
}

void handleIOExceptionSecond(@Handles CaughtException<IOException> evt)
{
  System.out.println("Invoked second");
}
```

The first method is invoked first since it has a higher precendence (100) than the second method, which has the default precedence (0).

To make specifying precendence values more convenience, Catch provides several built-in constants, available on the `Precedence` class:

- BUILT_IN = -100

- FRAMEWORK = -50
- DEFAULT = 0
- LOW = 50
- HIGH = 100

To summarize, here's how Catch determines the order of handlers to invoke (until a handler marks exception as handled):

1. Unwrap exception stack
2. Begin processing root cause
3. Find handler for least specific handler marked for BREADTH_FIRST traversal
4. If multiple handlers for same type, invoke handlers with higher precendence first
5. Find handler for most specific handler marked for DEPTH_FIRST traversal
6. If multiple handlers for same type, invoke handlers with higher precendence first
7. Continue above steps for each exception in stack

22.5. APIs for exception information and flow control

There are two APIs provided by Catch that should be familiar to application developers:

- `CaughtException`
- `ExceptionStack`

22.5.1. CaughtException

In addition to providing information about the exception being handled, the `CaughtException` object contains methods to control the exception handling process, such as rethrowing the exception, aborting the handler chain or unmuting the current handler.

Five methods exist on the `CaughtException` object to give flow control to the handler

- `abort()` - terminate all handling immediately after this handler, does not mark the exception as handled, does not re-throw the exception.
- `rethrow()` - continues through all handlers, but once all handlers have been called (assuming another handler does not call abort() or handled()) the initial exception passed to Catch is rethrown. Does not mark the exception as handled.
- `handled()` - marks the exception as handled and terminates further handling.

- `proceed()` - default. Marks the exception as handled and proceeds with the rest of the handlers.
- `proceedToCause()` - marks the exception as handled, but proceeds to the next cause in the cause container, without calling other handlers for the current cause.

Once a handler is invoked it is muted, meaning it will not be run again for that exception stack trace, unless it's explicitly marked as unmuted via the `unmute()` method on `CaughtException`.

22.5.2. ExceptionStack

`ExceptionStack` contains information about the exception causes relative to the current exception cause. It is also the source of the exception types the invoked handlers are matched against. It is accessed in handlers by calling the method `getExceptionStack()` on the `CaughtException` object. Please see *API docs* for more information, all methods are fairly self-explanatory.

Tip

This object is mutable and can be modified before any handlers are invoked by an observer:

```
public void modifyStack(@Observes ExceptionStack stack) {
  ...
}
```

Modifying the ExceptionStack may be useful to remove exception types that are effectively meaningless sucsh as `EJBException`, changing the exception type to something more meaningful such as cases like `SQLException`, or wrapping exceptions as custom application exception types.

Seam Catch - Framework Integration

Integration of Seam Catch with other frameworks consists of one main step, and two other optional (but highly encouraged) steps:

- creating and firing an `ExceptionToCatch`
- adding any default handlers and qualifiers with annotation literals (optional)
- supporting ServiceHandlers for creating exception handlers

23.1. Creating and Firing an ExceptionToCatch event

An `ExceptionToCatch` is constructed by passing a `Throwable` and optionally qualifiers for handlers. Firing the event is done via CDI events (either straight from the `BeanManager` or injecting a `Event<ExceptionToCatch>` and calling fire).

To ease the burden on the application developers, the integration should tie into the exception handling mechanism of the integrating framework, if any exist. By tying into the framework's exception handling, any uncaught exceptions should be routed through the Seam Catch system and allow handlers to be invoked. This is the typical way of using the Seam Catch framework. Of course, it doesn't stop the application developer from firing their own `ExceptionToCatch` within a catch block.

23.2. Default Handlers and Qualifiers

23.2.1. Default Handlers

An integration with Catch can define it's own handlers to always be used. It's recommended that any built-in handler from an integration have a very low precedence, be a handler for as generic an exception as is suitable (i.e. Seam Persistence could have a built-in handler for PersistenceExceptions to rollback a transaction, etc), and make use of qualifiers specific for the integration. This helps limit any collisions with handlers the application developer may create.

Note

Hopefully at some point there will be a way to conditionally enable handlers so the application developer will be able to selectively enable any default handlers. Currently this does not exist, but is something that will be explored.

23.2.2. Qualifiers

Catch supports qualifiers for the`CaughtException`. To add a qualifier to be used when firing handlers they must be add to the `ExceptionToCatch` via the constructor (please see API docs

for more info). Qualifiers for integrations should be used to avoid collisions in the application error handling both when defining handlers and when firing events from the integration.

23.3. Supporting ServiceHandlers

ServiceHandlers [http://docs.jboss.org/seam/3/solder/latest/reference/en-US/html_single/#servicehandler] make for a very easy and concise way to define exception handlers take the following example comes from the jaxrs example in the distribution:

```
@HandlesExceptions
@ExceptionResponseService
public interface DeclarativeRestExceptionHandlers
{

    @SendHttpResponse(status = 403, message = "Access to resource denied (Annotation-configured response)")
  void onNoAccess(@Handles @RestRequest CaughtException<AccessControlException> e);

    @SendHttpResponse(status = 400, message = "Invalid identifier (Annotation-configured response)")
  void onInvalidIdentifier(@Handles @RestRequest CaughtException<IllegalArgumentException> e);
}
```

All the vital information that would normally be done in the handler method is actually contained in the `@SendHttpResponse` annotation. The only thing left is some boiler plate code to setup the `Response`. In a jax-rs application (or even in any web application) this approach helps developers cut down on the amount of boiler plate code they have to write in their own handlers and should be implemented in any Catch integration, however, there may be situtations where ServiceHandlers simply do not make sense.

Note

If ServiceHandlers are implemented make sure to document if any of the methods are called from `CaughtException`, specifically `abort()`, `handled()` or `rethrow()`. These methods affect invocation of other handlers (or rethrowing the exception in the case of `rethrow()`).

Seam Catch - Glossary

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Exception Stack

An exception chain is made up of many different exceptions or causes until the root exception is found at the bottom of the chain. When all of the causes are removed or looked at this forms the causing container. The container may be traversed either ascending (root cause first) or descending (outer most first).

H

Handler Bean

A CDI enabled Bean which contains handler methods. Annotated with the `@HandlesExceptions` annotation.
See Also *Handler Method*.

Handler Method

A method within a handler bean which is marked as a handler using the @Handlers on an argument, which must be an instance of CaughtException. Handler methods typically are public with a void return. Other parameters of the method will be treated as injection points and will be resolved via CDI and injected upon invocation.

Part VII. Seam Remoting

Seam Remoting - Basic Features

Seam provides a convenient method of remotely accessing CDI beans from a web page, using AJAX (Asynchronous Javascript and XML). The framework for this functionality is provided with almost no up-front development effort - your beans only require simple annotating to become accessible via AJAX. This chapter describes the steps required to build an AJAX-enabled web page, then goes on to explain the features of the Seam Remoting framework in more detail.

24.1. Configuration

To use remoting, the Seam Remoting servlet must first be configured in your `web.xml` file:

```
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>Remoting Servlet</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>org.jboss.seam.remoting.Remoting</servlet-class>
  <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>

<servlet-mapping>
  <servlet-name>Remoting Servlet</servlet-name>
  <url-pattern>/seam/resource/remoting/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
```

Note

If your application is running within a Servlet 3.0 (or greater) environment, then the servlet configuration listed above is not necessary as the Seam Remoting JAR library bundles a `web-fragment.xml` that configures the Remoting servlet automatically.

The next step is to import the necessary Javascript into your web page. There are a minimum of two scripts that must be imported. The first one contains all the client-side framework code that enables remoting functionality:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="seam/resource/remoting/resource/remote.js"></script>
```

By default, the client-side JavaScript is served in compressed form, with white space compacted and JavaScript comments removed. For a development environment, you may wish to use the uncompressed version of `remote.js` for debugging and testing purposes. To do this, simply add the `compress=false` parameter to the end of the url:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="seam/resource/remoting/resource/remote.js?compress=false"></script>
```

The second script that you need contains the stubs and type definitions for the beans you wish to call. It is generated dynamically based on the method signatures of your beans, and includes type definitions for all of the classes that can be used to call its remotable methods. The name of the script reflects the name of your bean. For example, if you have a named bean annotated with `@Named`, then your script tag should look like this (for a bean class called `CustomerAction`):

```
<script type="text/javascript"
        src="seam/resource/remoting/interface.js?customerAction"></script>
```

Otherwise, you can simply specify the fully qualified class name of the bean:

```
<script type="text/javascript"
        src="seam/resource/remoting/interface.js?com.acme.myapp.CustomerAction"></script>
```

If you wish to access more than one bean from the same page, then include them all as parameters of your script tag:

```
<script type="text/javascript"
      src="seam/resource/remoting/interface.js?customerAction&accountAction"></script>
```

24.1.1. Dynamic type loading

If you forget to import a bean or other class that is required by your bean, don't worry. Seam Remoting has a dynamic type loading feature that automatically loads any JavaScript stubs for bean types that it doesn't recognize.

24.2. The "Seam" object

Client-side interaction with your beans is all performed via the `Seam` Javascript object. This object is defined in `remote.js`, and you'll be using it to make asynchronous calls against your bean. It contains methods for creating client-side bean objects and also methods for executing remote requests. The easiest way to become familiar with this object is to start with a simple example.

24.2.1. A Hello World example

Let's step through a simple example to see how the `Seam` object works. First of all, let's create a new bean called `helloAction`:

```
@Named
public class HelloAction implements HelloLocal {
   @WebRemote public String sayHello(String name) {
      return "Hello, " + name;
   }
}
```

Take note of the `@WebRemote` annotation on the `sayHello()` method in the above listing. This annotation makes the method accessible via the Remoting API. Besides this annotation, there's nothing else required on your bean to enable it for remoting.

Note

If you are performing a persistence operation in the method marked `@WebRemote` you will also need to add a `@Transactional` annotation to the method. Otherwise, your method would execute outside of a transaction without this extra hint.That's because unlike a JSF request, Seam does not wrap the remoting request in a transaction automatically.

Now for our web page - create a new JSF page and import the `helloAction` bean:

```
<script type="text/javascript"
      src="seam/resource/remoting/interface.js?helloAction
```

To make this a fully interactive user experience, let's add a button to our page:

```
<button onclick="javascript:sayHello()">Say Hello</button>
```

We'll also need to add some more script to make our button actually do something when it's clicked:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
 //<![CDATA[

 function sayHello() {
   var name = prompt("What is your name?");
   Seam.createBean("helloAction").sayHello(name, sayHelloCallback);
 }

 function sayHelloCallback(result) {
```

```
    alert(result);
  }

  // ]]>
</script>
```

We're done! Deploy your application and open the page in a web browser. Click the button, and enter a name when prompted. A message box will display the hello message confirming that the call was successful. If you want to save some time, you'll find the full source code for this Hello World example in the `/examples/helloworld` directory.

So what does the code of our script actually do? Let's break it down into smaller pieces. To start with, you can see from the Javascript code listing that we have implemented two methods - the first method is responsible for prompting the user for their name and then making a remote request. Take a look at the following line:

```
Seam.createBean("helloAction").sayHello(name, sayHelloCallback);
```

The first section of this line, `Seam.createBean("helloAction")` returns a proxy, or "stub" for our `helloAction` bean. We can invoke the methods of our bean against this stub, which is exactly what happens with the remainder of the line: `sayHello(name, sayHelloCallback);`.

What this line of code in its completeness does, is invoke the `sayHello` method of our bean, passing in `name` as a parameter. The second parameter, `sayHelloCallback` isn't a parameter of our bean's `sayHello` method, instead it tells the Seam Remoting framework that once it receives the response to our request, it should pass it to the `sayHelloCallback` Javascript method. This callback parameter is entirely optional, so feel free to leave it out if you're calling a method with a `void` return type or if you don't care about the result.

The `sayHelloCallback` method, once receiving the response to our remote request then pops up an alert message displaying the result of our method call.

24.2.2. Seam.createBean

The `Seam.createBean` JavaScript method is used to create client-side instances of both action and "state" beans. For action beans (which are those that contain one or more methods annotated with `@WebRemote`), the stub object provides all of the remotable methods exposed by the bean. For "state" beans (i.e. beans that simply carry state, for example Entity beans) the stub object provides all the same accessible properties as its server-side equivalent. Each property also has a corresponding getter/setter method so you can work with the object in JavaScript in much the same way as you would in Java.

24.3. The Context

The Seam Remoting Context contains additional information which is sent and received as part of a remoting request/response cycle. It currently contains the conversation ID and Call ID, and may be expanded to include other properties in the future.

24.3.1. Setting and reading the Conversation ID

If you intend on using remote calls within the scope of a conversation then you need to be able to read or set the conversation ID in the Seam Remoting Context. To read the conversation ID after making a remote request call `Seam.context.getConversationId()`. To set the conversation ID before making a request, call `Seam.context.setConversationId()`.

If the conversation ID hasn't been explicitly set with `Seam.context.setConversationId()`, then it will be automatically assigned the first valid conversation ID that is returned by any remoting call. If you are working with multiple conversations within your page, then you may need to explicitly set the conversation ID before each call. If you are working with just a single conversation, then you don't need to do anything special.

24.3.2. Remote calls within the current conversation scope

In some circumstances it may be required to make a remote call within the scope of the current view's conversation. To do this, you must explicitly set the conversation ID to that of the view before making the remote call. This small snippet of JavaScript will set the conversation ID that is used for remoting calls to the current view's conversation ID:

```
Seam.context.setConversationId( #{conversation.id} );
```

24.4. Working with Data types

24.4.1. Primitives / Basic Types

This section describes the support for basic data types. On the server side these values as a rule are compatible with either their primitive type or their corresponding wrapper class.

24.4.1.1. String

Simply use Javascript String objects when setting String parameter values.

24.4.1.2. Number

There is support for all number types supported by Java. On the client side, number values are always serialized as their String representation and then on the server side they are converted to the correct destination type. Conversion into either a primitive or wrapper type is supported for `Byte`, `Double`, `Float`, `Integer`, `Long` and `Short` types.

24.4.1.3. Boolean

Booleans are represented client side by Javascript Boolean values, and server side by a Java boolean.

24.4.2. JavaBeans

In general these will be either entity beans or JavaBean classes, or some other non-bean class. Use `Seam.createBean()` to create a new instance of the object.

24.4.3. Dates and Times

Date values are serialized into a String representation that is accurate to the millisecond. On the client side, use a JavaScript `Date` object to work with date values. On the server side, use any `java.util.Date` (or descendent, such as `java.sql.Date` or `java.sql.Timestamp` class.

24.4.4. Enums

On the client side, enums are treated the same as `String`s. When setting the value for an enum parameter, simply use the `String` representation of the enum. Take the following bean as an example:

```
@Named
public class paintAction {
  public enum Color {red, green, blue, yellow, orange, purple};

  public void paint(Color color) {
    // code
  }
}
```

To call the `paint()` method with the color `red`, pass the parameter value as a `String` literal:

```
Seam.createBean("paintAction").paint("red");
```

The inverse is also true - that is, if a bean method returns an enum parameter (or contains an enum field anywhere in the returned object graph) then on the client-side it will be converted to a `String`.

24.4.5. Collections

24.4.5.1. Bags

Bags cover all collection types including arrays, collections, lists, sets, (but excluding Maps - see the next section for those), and are implemented client-side as a JavaScript array. When calling

a bean method that accepts one of these types as a parameter, your parameter should be a JavaScript array. If a bean method returns one of these types, then the return value will also be a JavaScript array. The remoting framework is clever enough on the server side to convert the bag to an appropriate type (including sophisticated support for generics) for the bean method call.

24.4.5.2. Maps

As there is no native support for Maps within JavaScript, a simple Map implementation is provided with the Seam Remoting framework. To create a Map which can be used as a parameter to a remote call, create a new `Seam.Map` object:

```
var map = new Seam.Map();
```

This JavaScript implementation provides basic methods for working with Maps: `size()`, `isEmpty()`, `keySet()`, `values()`, `get(key)`, `put(key, value)`, `remove(key)` and `contains(key)`. Each of these methods are equivalent to their Java counterpart. Where the method returns a collection, such as `keySet()` and `values()`, a JavaScript Array object will be returned that contains the key or value objects (respectively).

24.5. Debugging

To aid in tracking down bugs, it is possible to enable a debug mode which will display the contents of all the packets send back and forth between the client and server in a popup window. To enable debug mode, set the `Seam.debug` property to `true` in Javascript:

```
Seam.debug = true;
```

If you want to write your own messages to the debug log, call `Seam.log(message)`.

24.6. Handling Exceptions

When invoking a remote bean method, it is possible to specify an exception handler which will process the response in the event of an exception during bean invocation. To specify an exception handler function, include a reference to it after the callback parameter in your JavaScript:

```
var callback = function(result) { alert(result); };
var exceptionHandler = function(ex) { alert("An exception occurred: " + ex.getMessage()); };
Seam.createBean("helloAction").sayHello(name, callback, exceptionHandler);
```

If you do not have a callback handler defined, you must specify `null` in its place:

```
var exceptionHandler = function(ex) { alert("An exception occurred: " + ex.getMessage()); };
Seam.createBean("helloAction").sayHello(name, null, exceptionHandler);
```

The exception object that is passed to the exception handler exposes one method, `getMessage()` that returns the exception message which is produced by the exception thrown by the `@WebRemote` method.

24.7. The Loading Message

The default loading message that appears in the top right corner of the screen can be modified, its rendering customised or even turned off completely.

24.7.1. Changing the message

To change the message from the default "Please Wait..." to something different, set the value of `Seam.loadingMessage`:

```
Seam.loadingMessage = "Loading...";
```

24.7.2. Hiding the loading message

To completely suppress the display of the loading message, override the implementation of `displayLoadingMessage()` and `hideLoadingMessage()` with functions that instead do nothing:

```
// don't display the loading indicator
Seam.displayLoadingMessage = function() {};
Seam.hideLoadingMessage = function() {};
```

24.7.3. A Custom Loading Indicator

It is also possible to override the loading indicator to display an animated icon, or anything else that you want. To do this override the `displayLoadingMessage()` and `hideLoadingMessage()` messages with your own implementation:

```
Seam.displayLoadingMessage = function() {
  // Write code here to display the indicator
};

Seam.hideLoadingMessage = function() {
  // Write code here to hide the indicator
```

```
};
```

24.8. Controlling what data is returned

When a remote method is executed, the result is serialized into an XML response that is returned to the client. This response is then unmarshaled by the client into a JavaScript object. For complex types (i.e. Javabeans) that include references to other objects, all of these referenced objects are also serialized as part of the response. These objects may reference other objects, which may reference other objects, and so forth. If left unchecked, this object "graph" could potentially be enormous, depending on what relationships exist between your objects. And as a side issue (besides the potential verbosity of the response), you might also wish to prevent sensitive information from being exposed to the client.

Seam Remoting provides a simple means to "constrain" the object graph, by specifying the `exclude` field of the remote method's `@WebRemote` annotation. This field accepts a String array containing one or more paths specified using dot notation. When invoking a remote method, the objects in the result's object graph that match these paths are excluded from the serialized result packet.

For all our examples, we'll use the following `Widget` class:

```
public class Widget
{
  private String value;
  private String secret;
  private Widget child;
  private Map<String,Widget> widgetMap;
  private List<Widget> widgetList;

  // getters and setters for all fields
}
```

24.8.1. Constraining normal fields

If your remote method returns an instance of `Widget`, but you don't want to expose the `secret` field because it contains sensitive information, you would constrain it like this:

```
@WebRemote(exclude = {"secret"})
public Widget getWidget();
```

The value "secret" refers to the `secret` field of the returned object. Now, suppose that we don't care about exposing this particular field to the client. Instead, notice that the `Widget` value that

is returned has a field `child` that is also a `Widget`. What if we want to hide the `child`'s `secret` value instead? We can do this by using dot notation to specify this field's path within the result's object graph:

```
@WebRemote(exclude = {"child.secret"})
public Widget getWidget();
```

24.8.2. Constraining Maps and Collections

The other place that objects can exist within an object graph are within a `Map` or some kind of collection (`List`, `Set`, `Array`, etc). Collections are easy, and are treated like any other field. For example, if our `Widget` contained a list of other `Widgets` in its `widgetList` field, to constrain the `secret` field of the `Widgets` in this list the annotation would look like this:

```
@WebRemote(exclude = {"widgetList.secret"})
public Widget getWidget();
```

To constrain a `Map`'s key or value, the notation is slightly different. Appending `[key]` after the `Map`'s field name will constrain the `Map`'s key object values, while `[value]` will constrain the value object values. The following example demonstrates how the values of the `widgetMap` field have their `secret` field constrained:

```
@WebRemote(exclude = {"widgetMap[value].secret"})
public Widget getWidget();
```

24.8.3. Constraining objects of a specific type

There is one last notation that can be used to constrain the fields of a type of object no matter where in the result's object graph it appears. This notation uses either the name of the bean (if the object is a named bean) or the fully qualified class name (only if the object is not a named bean) and is expressed using square brackets:

```
@WebRemote(exclude = {"[widget].secret"})
public Widget getWidget();
```

24.8.4. Combining Constraints

Constraints can also be combined, to filter objects from multiple paths within the object graph:

```
@WebRemote(exclude = {"widgetList.secret", "widgetMap[value].secret"})
public Widget getWidget();
```

Seam Remoting - Model API

25.1. Introduction

The Model API builds on top of Seam Remoting's object serialization features to provide a *component-based* approach to working with a server-side object model, as opposed to the *RPC-based* approach provided by the standard Remoting API. This allows a client-side representation of a server-side object graph to be modified ad hoc by the client, after which the changes made to the objects in the graph can be *applied* to the corresponding server-side objects. When applying the changes the client determines exactly which objects have been modified by recursively walking the client-side object tree and generating a delta by comparing the original property values of the objects with their new property values.

This approach, when used in conjunction with the extended persistence context provided by Seam elegantly solves a number of problems faced by AJAX developers when working remotely with persistent objects. A persistent, managed object graph can be loaded at the start of a new conversation, and then across multiple requests the client can fetch the objects, make incremental changes to them and apply those changes to the same managed objects after which the transaction can be committed, thereby persisting the changes made.

One other useful feature of the Model API is its ability to *expand* a model. For example, if you are working with entities with lazy-loaded associations it is usually not a good idea to blindly fetch the associated objects (which may in turn themselves contain associations to other entities, ad nauseum), as you may inadvertently end up fetching the bulk of your database. Seam Remoting already knows how to deal with lazy-loaded associations by automatically excluding them when marshalling instances of entity beans, and assigning them a client-side value of `undefined` (which is a special JavaScript value, distinct from `null`). The Model API goes one step further by giving the client the option of manipulating the associated objects also. By providing an *expand* operation, it allows for the initialization of a previously-uninitialized object property (such as a lazy-loaded collection), by dynamically "grafting" the initialized value onto the object graph. By *expanding* the model in this way, we have at our disposal a powerful tool for building dynamic client interfaces.

25.2. Model Operations

For the methods of the Model API that accept action parameters, an instance of `Seam.Action` should be used. The constructor for `Seam.Action` takes no parameters:

```
var action = new Seam.Action();
```

The following table lists the methods used to define the action. Each of the following methods return a reference to the `Seam.Action` object, so methods can be chained.

Table 25.1. Seam.Action method reference

Method	Description
`setBeanType(beanType)`	Sets the class name of the bean to be invoked. • `beanType` - the fully qualified class name of the bean type to be invoked.
`setQualifiers(qualifiers)`	Sets the qualifiers for the bean to be invoked. • `qualifiers` - a comma-separated list of bean qualifier names. The names may either be the simple or fully qualified names of the qualifier classes.
`setMethod(method)`	Sets the name of the bean method. • `method` - the name of the bean method to invoke.
`addParam(param)`	Adds a parameter value for the action method. This method should be called once for each parameter value to be added, in the correct parameter order. • `param` - the parameter value to add.

The following table describes the methods provided by the `Seam.Model` object. To work with the Model API in JavaScript you must first create a new Model object:

```
var model = new Seam.Model();
```

Table 25.2. Seam.Model method reference

Method	Description
`addBean(alias, bean, qualifiers)`	Adds a bean value to the model. When the model is fetched, the value of the specified bean will be read and placed into the model, where it may be accessed by using the `getValue()` method with the specified alias. Can only be used before the model is fetched. • `alias` - the local alias for the bean value. • `bean` - the name of the bean, either specified by the `@Named` annotation or the fully qualified class name. • `qualifiers` (optional) - a list of bean qualifiers.

Method	Description
`addBeanProperty(alias, bean, property, qualifiers)`	Adds a bean property value to the model. When the model is fetched, the value of the specified property on the specified bean will be read and placed into the model, where it may be accessed by using the `getValue()` method with the specified alias. Can only be used before the model is fetched. Example: `addBeanProperty("account", "AccountAction", "account", "@Qualifier1", "@Qualifier2");` • `alias` - the local alias for the bean value. • `bean` - the name of the bean, either specified by the `@Named` annotation or the fully qualified class name. • `property` - the name of the bean property. • `qualifiers` (optional) - a list of bean qualifiers. This parameter (and any after it) are treated as bean qualifiers.
`fetch(action, callback)`	Fetches the model - this operation causes an asynchronous request to be sent to the server. The request contains a list of the beans and bean properties (set by calling the `addBean()` and `addBeanProperty()` methods) for which values will be returned. Once the response is received, the callback method (if specified) will be invoked, passing in a reference to the model as a parameter. A model should only be fetched once. • `action` (optional) - a `Seam.Action` instance representing the bean action to invoke before the model values are read and stored in the model. • `callback` (optional) - a reference to a JavaScript function that will be invoked after the model has been fetched. A reference to the model instance is passed to the callback method as a parameter.

Method	Description
`getValue(alias)`	This method returns the value of the object with the specified alias. • `alias` - the alias of the value to return.
`expand(value, property, callback)`	Expands the model by initializing a property value that was previously uninitialized. This operation causes an asynchronous request to be sent to the server, where the uninitialized property value (such as a lazy-loaded collection within an entity bean association) is initialized and the resulting value is returned to the client. Once the response is received, the callback method (if specified) will be invoked, passing in a reference to the model as a parameter. • `value` - a reference to the value containing the uninitialized property to fetch. This can be any value within the model, and does not need to be a "root" value (i.e. it doesn't need to be a value specified by `addBean()` or `addBeanProperty()`, it can exist anywhere within the object graph. • `property` - the name of the uninitialized property to be initialized. • `callback` (optional) - a reference to a JavaScript function that will be invoked after the model has been expanded. A reference to the model instance is passed to the callback method as a parameter.
`applyUpdates(action, callback)`	Applies the changes made to the objects contained in the model. This method causes an asynchronous request to be sent to the server containing a delta consisting of a list of the changes made to the client-side objects. • `action` (optional) - a `Seam.Action` instance representing a bean method to be invoked after the client-side model changes have been applied to their corresponding server-side objects. • `callback` (optional) - a reference to a JavaScript function that will be invoked after the updates have been applied. A reference to the model instance is passed to the callback method as a parameter.

25.3. Fetching a model

To fetch a model, one or more values must first be specified using `addBean()` or `addBeanProperty()` before invoking the `fetch()` operation. Let's work through an example - here we have an entity bean called `Customer`:

```
@Entity Customer implements Serializable {
  private Integer customerId;
  private String firstName;
  private String lastName;

  @Id @GeneratedValue public Integer getCustomerId() { return customerId; }
  public void setCustomerId(Integer customerId) { this.customerId = customerId; }

  public String getFirstName() { return firstName; }
  public void setFirstName(String firstName) { this.firstName = firstName; }

  public String getLastName() { return lastName; }
  public void setLastName(String lastName) { this.lastName = lastName; }
}
```

We also have a bean called `CustomerAction`, which is responsible for creating and editing `Customer` instances. Since we're only interested in editing a customer right now, the following code only shows the `editCustomer()` method:

```
@ConversationScoped @Named
public class CustomerAction {
  @Inject Conversation conversation;
  @PersistenceContext EntityManager entityManager;
  public Customer customer;

  public void editCustomer(Integer customerId) {
    conversation.begin();
    customer = entityManager.find(Customer.class, customerId);
  }

  public void saveCustomer() {
    entityManager.merge(customer);
    conversation.end();
  }
}
```

In the client section of this example, we wish to make changes to an existing `Customer` instance, so we need to use the `editCustomer()` method of `CustomerAction` to first load the customer entity, after which we can access it via the public `customer` field. Our model object must therefore be configured to fetch the `CustomerAction.customer` property, and to invoke the `editCustomer()` method when the model is fetched. We start by using the `addBeanProperty()` method to add a bean property to the model:

```
var model = new Seam.Model();
model.addBeanProperty("customer", "CustomerAction", "customer");
```

The first parameter of `addBeanProperty()` is the *alias* (in this case `customer`), which is used to access the value via the `getValue()` method. The `addBeanProperty()` and `addBean()` methods can be called multiple times to bind multiple values to the model. An important thing to note is that the values may come from multiple server-side beans, they aren't all required to come from the same bean.

We also specify the action that we wish to invoke (i.e. the `editCustomer()` method). In this example we know the value of the `customerId` that we wish to edit, so we can specify this value as an action method parameter:

```
var action = new Seam.Action()
  .setBeanType("CustomerAction")
  .setMethod("editCustomer")
  .addParam(123);
```

Once we've specified the bean properties we wish to fetch and the action to invoke, we can then fetch the model. We pass in a reference to the action object as the first parameter of the `fetch()` method. Also, since this is an asynchronous request we need to provide a callback method to deal with the response. The callback method is passed a reference to the model object as a parameter.

```
var callback = function(model) { alert("Fetched customer: "
model.getValue("customer").firstName +
  " " + model.getValue("customer").lastName); };
model.fetch(action, callback);
```

When the server receives a model fetch request, it first invokes the action (if one is specified) before reading the requested property values and returning them to the client.

25.3.1. Fetching a bean value

Alternatively, if you don't wish to fetch a bean *property* but rather a bean itself (such as a value created by a producer method) then the `addBean()` method is used instead. Let's say we have a producer method that returns a qualified `UserSettings` value:

```
@Produces @ConversationScoped @Settings UserSettings getUserSettings() {
  /* snip code */
}
```

We would add this value to our model with the following code:

```
model.addBean("settings", "UserSettings", "@Settings");
```

The first parameter is the local alias for the value, the second parameter is the fully qualified class of the bean, and the third (and subsequent) parameter/s are optional bean qualifiers.

25.4. Modifying model values

Once a model has been fetched its values may be read using the `getValue()` method. Continuing on with the previous example, we would retrieve the `Customer` object via it's local alias (`customer`) like this:

```
var customer = model.getValue("customer");
```

We are then free to read or modify the properties of the value (or any of the other values within its object graph).

```
alert("Customer name is: " + customer.firstName + " " + customer.lastName);
customer.setLastName("Jones"); // was Smith, but Peggy got married on the weekend
```

25.5. Expanding a model

We can use the Model API's ability to expand a model to load uninitialized branches of the objects in the model's object graph. To understand how this works exactly, let's flesh out our example a little more by adding an `Address` entity class, and creating a one-to-many relationship between `Customer` and `Address`.

```
@Entity Address implements Serializable {
  private Integer addressId;
  private Customer customer;
  private String unitNumber;
  private String streetNumber;
  private String streetName;
  private String suburb;
  private String zip;
  private String state;
  private String country;

  @Id @GeneratedValue public Integer getAddressId() {  return addressId; }
  public void setAddressId(Integer addressId) { this.addressId = addressId; }

  @ManyToOne public Customer getCustomer() { return customer; }
  public void setCustomer(Customer customer) { this.customer = customer; }

  /* Snipped other getter/setter methods */

}
```

Here's the new field and methods that we also need to add to the `Customer` class:

```
  private Collection<Address> addresses;

  @OneToMany(fetch = FetchType.LAZY, mappedBy = "customer", cascade = CascadeType.ALL)
  public Collection<Address> getAddresses() { return addresses; }
  public void setAddresses(Collection<Address> addresses) { this.addresses = addresses; }
```

As we can see, the `@OneToMany` annotation on the `getAddresses()` method specifies a `fetch` attribute of `LAZY`, meaning that by default the customer's addresses won't be loaded automatically when the customer is. When reading the *uninitialized* `addresses` property value from a newly-fetched `Customer` object in JavaScript, a value of `undefined` will be returned.

```
  getValue("customer").addresses == undefined; // returns true
```

We can *expand* the model by making a special request to initialize this uninitialized property value. The `expand()` operation takes three parameters - the value containing the property to be initialized, the name of the property and an optional callback method. The following example shows us how the customer's `addresses` property can be initialized:

```
model.expand(model.getValue("customer"), "addresses");
```

The `expand()` operation makes an asynchronous request to the server, where the property value is initialized and the value returned to the client. When the client receives the response, it reads the initialized value and appends it to the model.

```
// The addresses property now contains an array of address objects
alert(model.getValue("customer").addresses.length + " addresses loaded");
```

25.6. Applying Changes

Once you have finished making changes to the values in the model, you can apply them with the `applyUpdates()` method. This method scans all of the objects in the model, compares them with their original values and generates a delta which may contain one or more changesets to send to the server. A changeset is simply a list of property value changes for a single object.

Like the `fetch()` command you can also specify an action to invoke when applying updates, although the action is invoked *after* the model updates have been applied. In a typical situation the invoked action would do things like commit a database transaction, end the current conversation, etc.

Since the `applyUpdates()` method sends an asynchronous request like the `fetch()` and `expand()` methods, we also need to specify a callback function if we wish to do something when the operation completes.

```
var action = new Seam.Action();
  .setBeanType("CustomerAction")
  .setMethod("saveCustomer");

var callback = function() { alert("Customer saved."); };

model.applyUpdates(action, callback);
```

The `applyUpdates()` method performs a refresh of the model, retrieving the latest state of the objects contained in the model after all updates have been applied and the action method (if specified) invoked.

Seam Remoting - Bean Validation

Seam Remoting provides integrated support for JSR-303 Bean Validation, which defines a standard approach for validating Java Beans no matter where they are used; web tier or persistence tier, server or client. Bean validation for remoting delivers JSR-303's vision by making all of the validation constraints declared by the server-side beans available on the client side, and allows developers to perform client-side bean validation in an easy to use, consistent fashion.

Client-side validation by its very nature is an asynchronous operation, as it is possible that the client may encounter a custom validation constraint for which it has no knowledge of the corresponding validation logic. Under these circumstances, the client will make a request to the server for the validation to be performed server-side, after which it receives the result will forward it to the client-side callback method. All built-in validation types defined by the JSR-303 specification are executed client-side without requiring a round-trip to the server. It is also possible to provide the client-side validation API with custom JavaScript to allow client-side execution of custom validations.

26.1. Validating a single object

The `Seam.validateBean()` method may be used to validate a single object. It accepts the following parameter values:

```
Seam.validateBean(bean, callback, groups);
```

The `bean` parameter is the object to validate.

The `callback` parameter should contain a reference to the callback method to invoke once validation is complete.

The `groups` parameter is optional, however may be specified if only certain validation groups should be validated. The `groups` parameter may be a `String` or an array of `String` values for when multiple groups are to be validated.

Here's an example showing how a bean called `customer` is validated:

```
function test() {
  var customer = Seam.createBean("com.acme.model.Customer");
  customer.setFirstName("John");
  customer.setLastName("Smith");
  Seam.validateBean(customer, validationCallback);
}

function validationCallback(violations) {
```

```
  if (violations.length == 0) alert("All validations passed!");
}
```

Tip

By default, when Seam Remoting performs validation for a single bean it will traverse the entire object graph for that bean and validate each unique object that it finds. If you don't wish to validate the entire object graph, then please refer to the section on validating multiple objects later in this chapter for an alternative.

26.2. Validating a single property

Sometimes it might not be desirable to perform validation for all properties of a bean. For example, you might have a dynamic form which displays validation errors as the user tabs between fields. In this situation, you may use the `Seam.validateProperty()` method to validate a single bean property.

```
Seam.validateProperty(bean, property, callback, groups)
```

The `bean` parameter is the object containing the property that is to be validated.

The `property` parameter is the name of the property to validate.

The `callback` parameter is a reference to the callback function to invoke once the property has been validated.

The `groups` parameter is optional, however may be specified if validating the property against a certain validation group. The `groups` parameter may be a `String` or an array of `String` values for multiple groups.

Here's an example showing how to validate the `firstName` property of a bean called `customer`:

```
function test() {
  var customer = Seam.createBean("com.acme.model.Customer");
  customer.setFirstName("John");
  Seam.validateProperty(customer, "firstName", validationCallback);
}

function validationCallback(violations) {
  if (violations.length == 0) alert("All validations passed!");
}
```

26.3. Validating multiple objects and/or properties

It is also possible to perform multiple validations for beans and bean properties in one go. This might be useful for example to perform validation of forms that present data from more than one bean. The `Seam.validate()` method takes the following parameters:

```
Seam.validate(validations, callback, groups);
```

The `validations` parameter should contain a list of the validations to perform. It may either be an associative array (for a single validation), or an array of associative arrays (for multiple validations) which define the validations that should be performed. We'll look at this parameter more closely in just a moment.

The `callback` parameter should contain a reference to the callback function to invoke once validation is complete. The optional `groups` parameter should contain the group name/s for which to perform validation.

The `groups` parameter allows one or more validation groups (specified by providing a `String` or array of `String` values) to be validated. The validation groups specified here will be applied to all bean values contained in the `validations` parameter.

The simplest example, in which we wish to validate a single object would look like this:

```
Seam.validate({bean:customer}, callback);
```

In the above example, validation will be performed for the `customer` object, after which the function named `validationCallback` will be invoked.

Validate multiple beans is done by passing in an array of validations:

```
Seam.validate([{bean:customer}, {bean:order}], callback);
```

Single properties can be validated by specifying a `property` name:

```
Seam.validate({bean:customer, property: "firstName"}, callback);
```

To prevent the entire object graph from being validated, the `traverse` property may be set to `false`:

```
Seam.validate({bean:customer, traverse: false}, callback);
```

Validation groups may also be set for each individual validation, by setting the `groups` property to a `String` or array of `Strings` value:

```
Seam.validate({bean:customer, groups: "default"}, callback);
```

26.4. Validation groups

Validation group names should be the unqualified class name of the group class. For example, for the class `com.acme.InternalRegistration`, the client-side group name should be specified as `InternalRegistration`:

```
Seam.validateBean(user, callback, "InternalRegistration"
```

It is also possible to set the default validation groups against which all validations will be performed, by setting the `Seam.ValidationGroups` property:

```
Seam.ValidationGroups = ["Default", "ExternalRegistration"];
```

If no explicit group is set for the default, and no group is specified when performing validation, then the validation process will be executed against the 'Default' group.

26.5. Handling validation failures

If any validations fail during the validation process, then the callback method specified in the validation function will be invoked with an array of constraint violations. If all validations pass, this array will be empty. Each object in the array represents a single constraint violation, and contains the following property values:

`bean` - the bean object for which the validation failed.

`property` - the name of the property that failed validation

`value` - the value of the property that failed validation

`message` - a message string describing the nature of the validation failure

The callback method should contain business logic that will process the constraint violations and update the user interface accordingly to inform the user that validation has failed. The following

minimalistic example demonstrates how the validation errors can be displayed to the user as popup alerts:

```
function validationCallback(violations) {
for (var i = 0; i < violations.length; i++) {
  alert(violations[i].property + "=" + violations[i].value + " [violation] -> " + violations[i].message);
```

Part VIII. Seam Rest

Introduction

Seam REST is a lightweight module that provides additional integration of technologies within the Java EE platform as well as third party technologies.

Seam REST is independent from CDI and JAX-RS implementations and thus fully portable between Java EE 6 environments.

Installation

The Seam REST module runs only on Java EE 6 compliant servers such as *JBoss Application Server* [http://www.jboss.org/jbossas] or *GlassFish* [https://glassfish.dev.java.net/].

27.1. Basics

To use the Seam REST module, add `seam-rest` and `seam-rest-api` jars into the web application. If using Maven, add the following dependency into the web application's `pom.xml` configuration file.

Example 27.1. Dependency added to pom.xml

```
<dependency>
      <groupId>org.jboss.seam.rest</groupId>
      <artifactId>seam-rest-api</artifactId>
      <version>${seam.rest.version}</version>
   </dependency>

<dependency>
      <groupId>org.jboss.seam.rest</groupId>
      <artifactId>seam-rest-impl</artifactId>
      <version>${seam.rest.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

27.2. Transitive dependencies

Besides, Seam REST has several transitive dependencies (which are added automatically when using maven). Refer to *Table 32.1, "Transitive dependencies"* for more details.

27.3. Registering JAX-RS components explicitly

The Seam REST module registers `SeamExceptionMapper` to hook into the exception processing mechanism of JAX-RS and `TemplatingMessageBodyWriter` to provide templating support.

These components are registered by default if classpath scanning of JAX-RS resources and providers is enabled (an empty `javax.ws.rs.core.Application` subclass is provided).

```
@ApplicationPath("/api/*")
public class MyApplication extends Application {}
```

Otherwise, if the Application's `getClasses()` method is overriden to select resources and providers explicitlyy add `SeamExceptionMapper` and `TemplatingMessageBodyWriter`.

```
@ApplicationPath("/api/*")
public class MyApplication extends Application
{
   @Override
   public Set<Class<?>> getClasses()
   {
      Set<Class<?>> classes = new HashSet<Class<?>>();
      ...
      ...
      ...
      classes.add(SeamExceptionMapper.class);
      classes.add(TemplatingMessageBodyWriter.class);
      return classes;
   }
}
```

Exception Handling

The JAX-RS specification defines the mechanism for exception mapping providers as the standard mechanism for Java exception handling. The Seam REST module comes with an alternative approach, which is more consistent with the CDI programming model. It is also easier to use and still remains portable.

The Seam REST module allows you to:

- integrate with Seam Catch and thus handle exceptions that occur in different parts of an application uniformly;
- define exception handling rules declaratively with annotations or XML.

28.1. Seam Catch Integration

Seam Catch handles exceptions within the Seam REST module: as result, an exception that occurs during an invocation of a JAX-RS service is routed through the Catch exception handling mechanism similar to the CDI event bus. This allows you to implement the exception handling logic in a loosely-coupled fashion.

The following code sample demonstrates a simple exception handler that converts the `NoResultException` exception to a 404 HTTP response.

Example 28.1. Seam Catch Integration - NoResultException handler

```
@HandlesExceptions                                                    (1)
public class ExceptionHandler
{
  @Inject @RestResource
  ResponseBuilder builder                                             (2)

  public void handleException(@Handles @RestRequest CaughtException<NoResultEx(3)ception> event)
  {
    builder.status(404).entity("The requested resource does not exist.");
  }
}
```

(1) The `@HandlesExceptions` annotation marks the `ExceptionHandler` bean as capable of handling exceptions.

(2) The `ResponseBuilder` for creating the HTTP response is injected.

3 A method for handling `NoResultException` instances. Note that the `ExceptionHandler` can define multiple exception handling methods for various exception types.

Similarly to the CDI event bus, exceptions handled by a handler method can be filtered by qualifiers. The example above treats only exceptions that occur in a JAX-RS service invocation (as opposed to all exceptions of the given type that occur in the application, for example in the view layer). Thus, the `@RestRequest` qualifier is used to enable the handler only for exceptions that occur during JAX-RS service invocation.

Catch integration is optional and only enabled when Catch libraries are available on classpath. For more information on Seam Catch, refer to *Seam Catch reference documentation* [http://docs.jboss.org/seam/3/catch/latest/reference/en-US/html/] .

28.2. Declarative Exception Mapping

Exception-mapping rules are often fairly simple. Thus, instead of being implemented programatically, they can be expressed declaratively through metadata such as Java annotations or XML. The Seam REST module supports both ways of declarative configurations.

For each exception type, you can specify a status code and an error message of the HTTP response.

28.2.1. Annotation-based configuration

You can configure Seam REST exception mapping directly in your Java code with Java Annotations. An exception mapping rule is defined as a `@ExceptionMapping` annotation. Use an `@ExceptionMapping.List` annotation to define multiple exception mappings.

Example 28.2. Annotation-based exception mapping configuration

```
@ExceptionMapping.List({
@ExceptionMapping(exceptionType=NoResultException.class,status=404,message="Requested resource does not exist."),
@ExceptionMapping(exceptionType=IllegalArgumentException.class,status=400,message="Illegal argument value.")
})
@ApplicationPath("/api")
public MyApplication extends Application {
```

The `@ExceptionMapping` annotation can be applied on any Java class in the deployment. However, it is recommended to keep all exception mapping declarations in the same place, for example, in the `javax.ws.rs.core.Application` subclass.

Table 28.1. @ExceptionMapping properties

Name	Required	Default value	Description
exceptionType	true	-	Fully-qualified class name of the exception class
status	true	-	HTTP status code
message	false	-	Error message sent within the HTTP response
useExceptionMessage	false	false	Exception error message
interpolateMessageBody	false	true	Enabling/disabling the EL interpolation of the error message
useJaxb	false	true	Enabling/disabling wrapping of the error message within a JAXB object. This allows marshalling to various media formats such as application/xml, application/json, etc.

28.2.2. XML configuration

As an alternative to the annotation-based configuration, you can use the Seam Config module to configure the `SeamRestConfiguration` class in XML.

First, add the Seam Config module to the application. If you are using maven, you can do this by specifying the following dependency:

Example 28.3. Seam XML dependency added to the pom.xml file.

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.jboss.seam.config</groupId>
   <artifactId>seam-config-xml</artifactId>
   <version>${seam.config.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

For more information on the Seam Config module, refer to the *Seam Config reference documentation* [http://docs.jboss.org/seam/3/config/latest/reference/en-US/html_single/]. Once you have added the Seam XML module, specify the configuration in the `seam-beans.xml` file, located in the `WEB-INF` or `META-INF` folder of the web archive.

Example 28.4. Exception mapping configuration in seam-beans.xml

```
<rest:SeamRestConfiguration>
   <rest:mappings>
      <s:value>

 <exceptions:Mapping exceptionType="javax.persistence.NoResultException" statusCode="404">
            <exceptions:message>Requested resource does not exist.</exceptions:message>
         </exceptions:Mapping>
      </s:value>
      <s:value>

 <exceptions:Mapping exceptionType="java.lang.IllegalArgumentException" statusCode="400">
            <exceptions:message>Illegal value.</exceptions:message>
         </exceptions:Mapping>
      </s:value>
   </rest:mappings>
</rest:SeamRestConfiguration>
```

Furthermore, you can use EL expressions in message templates to provide dynamic and more descriptive error messages.

Example 28.5. Exception mapping configuration in seam-beans.xml

```
<exceptions:Mapping exceptionType="javax.persistence.NoResultException" statusCode="404">
            <exceptions:message>Requested resource (#{uriInfo.path}) does not exist.</
exceptions:message>
</exceptions:Mapping>
```

28.2.3. Declarative exception mapping processing

When an exception occurs at runtime, the `SeamExceptionMapper` first looks for a matching exception mapping rule. If it finds one, it creates an HTTP response with the specified status code and error message.

The error message is marshalled within a JAXB object and is thus available in multiple media formats. The most commonly used formats are XML and JSON. Most JAX-RS implementations

provide media providers for both of these formats. In addition, the error message is also available in plain text.

Example 28.6. Sample HTTP response

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 123

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<error>
   <message>Requested resource does not exist.</message>
</error>
```

Bean Validation Integration

Bean Validation (JSR-303) is a specification introduced as a part of Java EE 6. It aims to provide a standardized way of validating the domain model across all application layers.

The Seam REST module follows the Bean Validation specification and the incomming HTTP requests can be validated with this standardized mechanism.

29.1. Validating HTTP requests

Firstly, enable the `ValidationInterceptor` in the `beans.xml` configuration file.

```
<interceptors>
   <class>org.jboss.seam.rest.validation.ValidationInterceptor</class>
</interceptors>
```

Then, enable validation of a particular method by decorating it with the `@ValidateRequest` annotation.

```
@PUT
@ValidateRequest
public void updateTask(Task incommingTask)
{
...
}
```

Now, the HTTP request's entity body (the incomingTask parameter) will be validated prior to invoking the method.

29.1.1. Validating entity body

By default, the entity parameter (the parameter with no annotations that represent the body of the HTTP request) is validated. If the object is valid, the web service method is executed. Otherwise, a `ValidationException` exception is thrown.

The `ValidationException` exception is a simple carrier of constraint violations found by the Bean Validation provider. The exception can be handled by an `ExceptionMapper` or Seam Catch handler.

Seam REST comes with a built-in `ValidationException` handler, which is registered by default. The exception handler converts the `ValidationException` to an HTTP response with the 400 (Bad request) status code. Furthermore, it sends messages relevant to the violated constraints within the message body of the HTTP response.

Example 29.1. HTTP response

```
HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 129

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<error>
   <messages>
      <message>Name length must be between 1 and 100.</message>
   </messages>
</error>
```

29.1.2. Validating resource fields

Besides the message body, the JAX-RS specification allows various parts of the HTTP request to be injected into the JAX-RS resource or passed as method parameters. These parameters are usually HTTP form parameters, query parameters, path parameters, headers, etc.

Example 29.2. JAX-RS resource

```
public class PersonResource
{
   @QueryParam("search")
   @Size(min = 1, max = 30)
   private String query;
   @QueryParam("start")
   @DefaultValue("0")
   @Min(0)
   private int start;
   @QueryParam("limit")
   @DefaultValue("20")
   @Min(0) @Max(50)
   private int limit;
...
```

If a method of a resource is annotated with an `@ValidateRequest` annotation, the fields of a resource are validated by default.

Important

Since the JAX-RS injection occurs only at resource creation time, do not use the JAX-RS field injection for other than `@RequestScoped` resources.

29.1.3. Validating other method parameters

The JAX-RS specification allows path parameters, query parameters, matrix parameters, cookie parameters and headers to be passed as parameters of a resource method.

Example 29.3. JAX-RS method parameters

```
@GET
public List<Person>search(@QueryParam("search") String query,
   @QueryParam("start") @DefaultValue("0") int start,
   @QueryParam("limit") @DefaultValue("20") int limit)
```

Note

Currently, Seam REST validates only JavaBean parameters (as oposed to primitive types, Strings and so on). Therefore, to validate these types of parameters, either use resource field validation described in *Section 29.1.2, "Validating resource fields"* or read further and use parameter objects.

In order to prevent an oversized method signature when the number of parameters is too large, JAX-RS implementations provide implementations of the *Parameter Object pattern* [http://sourcemaking.com/refactoring/introduce-parameter-object]. These objects aggregate multiple parameters into a single object, for example *RESTEasy Form Object* [http://docs.jboss.org/resteasy/docs/2.0.0.GA/userguide/html/_Form.html] or *Apache CXF Parameter Bean* [http://cxf.apache.org/docs/jax-rs.html#JAX-RS-Parameterbeans]. These parameters can be validated by Seam REST. To trigger the validation, annotate the parameter with a `javax.validation.Valid` annotation.

Example 29.4. RESTEasy parameter object

```
public class MyForm {
   @FormParam("stuff")
   @Size(min = 1, max = 30)
   private int stuff;

   @HeaderParam("myHeader")
```

```
  private String header;

  @PathParam("foo")
  public void setFoo(String foo) {...}
}

@POST
@Path("/myservice")
@ValidateRequest
public void post(@Valid @Form MyForm form) {...}
```

29.2. Validation configuration

Table 29.1. @ValidateRequest annotation properties

@ValidateRequest attribute	Description	Default value
validateMessageBody	Enabling/disabling validation of message body parameters	true
validateResourceFields	Enabling/disabling validation of fields of a JAX-RS resource	true
groups	Validation groups to be used for validation	javax.validation.groups.Default

29.3. Using validation groups

In some cases, it is desired to have a specific group of constraints used for validation of web service parameters. These constraints are usually weaker than the default constraints of a domain model. Take partial updates as an example.

Consider the following example:

Example 29.5. Employee.java

```
public class Employee {
   @NotNull
   @Size(min = 2, max = 30)
   private String name;
   @NotNull
   @Email
   private String email;
   @NotNull
   private Department department;
```

```
    // getters and setters
}
```

The Employee resource in the example above is not allowed to have the null value specified in any of its fields. Thus, the entire representation of a resource (including the department and related object graph) must be sent to update the resource.

When using partial updates, only values of modified fields are required to be sent within the update request, while the non-null values of the received object are updated. Therefore, two groups of constraints are needed: group for partial updates (including @Size and @Email, excluding @NotNull) and the default group (@NotNull).

A validation group is a simple Java interface:

Example 29.6. PartialUpdateGroup.java

```
public interface PartialUpdateGroup {}
```

Example 29.7. Employee.java

```
@GroupSequence({ Default.class, PartialUpdateGroup.class })                    (3)
public class Employee {
    @NotNull                                                                   (1)
    @Size(min = 2, max = 30, groups = PartialUpdateGroup.class)                (2)
    private String name;
    @NotNull
    @Email(groups = PartialUpdateGroup.class)
    private String email;
    @NotNull
    private Department department;

    // getters and setters
}
```

(1) The `@NotNull` constraint belongs to the default validation group.

(2) The `@Size` constraint belongs to the partial update validation group.

(3) The `@GroupsSequence` annotation indicates that both validation groups are used by default (for example, when persisting the entity).

Finally, the `ValidationInterceptor` is configured to validate the `PartialUpdateGroup` group only.

Example 29.8. EmployeeResource.java

```
@Path("/{id}")
   @PUT
   @Consumes("application/xml")
   @ValidateRequest(groups = PartialUpdateGroup.class)                    (1)
   public void updateEmployee(Employee e, @PathParam("id") long id)
   {
      Employee employee = em.find(Employee.class, id);
      if (e.getName() != null)                                            (2)
      {
         employee.setName(e.getName());
      }
      if (e.getEmail() != null)
      {
         employee.setEmail(e.getEmail());
      }
   }
```

(1) The partial update validation group is used for web service parameter validation.

(2) Partial update — only the not-null fields of the transferred representation are used for update. The null fields are not updated.

Templating support

Seam REST allows to create HTTP responses based on the defined templates. Instead of being bound to a particlar templating engine, Seam REST comes with a support for multiple templating engines and support for others can be plugged in.

30.1. Creating JAX-RS responses using templates

REST-based web services are often expected to return multiple representations of a resource. The templating support is useful for producing media formats such as XHTML and it can be also used instead of JAXB to produce domain-specific XML representations of a resource. Besides, almost any other representation of a resource can be described in a template.

To enable templating for a particular method, decorate the method with the `@ResponseTemplate` annotation. Path to a template file to be used for rendering is required.

Example 30.1. @ResponseTemplate in action

```
@ResponseTemplate("/freemarker/task.ftl")
public Task getTask(@PathParam("taskId") long taskId) {
...
}
```

The `@ResponseTemplate` annotation offers several other options. For example, it is possible for a method to offer multiple representations of a resource, each rendered with a different template. In the example below, the `produces` member of the `@ResponseTemplate` annotation is used to distinguish between produced media types.

Example 30.2. Multiple @ResponseTemplates

```
@GET
@Produces( { "application/json", "application/categories+xml", "application/categories-short+xml" })
@ResponseTemplate.List({
    @ResponseTemplate(value = "/freemarker/categories.ftl", produces = "application/categories+xml"),
        @ResponseTemplate(value = "/freemarker/categories-short.ftl", produces = "application/categories-short+xml")
})
public List<Category> getCategories()
```

Table 30.1. @ResponseTemplate options

Name	Required	Default value	Description
value	true	-	Path to the template (for example / freemarker/ categories.ftl)
produces	false	*/*	Restriction of media type produced by the template (useful in situations when a method produces multiple media types, with different templates)
responseName	false	response	Name under which the object returned by the JAX-RS method is available in the template (for example, Hello ${response.name})

30.1.1. Accessing the model

There are several ways of accessing the domain data within a template.

Firstly, the object returned by the JAX-RS method is available under the "response" name by default. The object can be made available under a different name using the `responseName` member of the `@ResponseTemplate` annotation.

Example 30.3. hello.ftl

```
Hello ${response.name}
```

Secondly, every bean reachable via an EL expression is available within a template.

Example 30.4. Using EL names in a template

```
#foreach(${student} in ${university.students})
   <student>${student.name}</student>
#end
```

Note

Note that the syntax of the expression depends on the particular templating engine and mostly differs from the syntax of EL expressions. For example, `${university.students}` must be used instead of `#{university.students}` in a FreeMarker template.

Last but not least, the model can be populated programatically. In order to do that, inject the `TemplatingModel` bean and put the desired objects into the underlying `data` map. In the following example, the list of professors is available under the "professors" name.

Example 30.5. Defining model programatically

```
@Inject
private TemplatingModel model;

@GET
@ResponseTemplate("/freemarker/university.ftl")
public University getUniversity()
{
  // load university and professors
  University university = ...
  List<Professor> professors = ...

  model.getData().put("professors", professors);
  return university;
}
```

30.2. Built-in support for templating engines

Seam REST currently comes with built-in templating providers for FreeMarker and Apache Velocity.

30.2.1. FreeMarker

FreeMarker is one of the most popular templating engines. To enable Seam REST FreeMarker support, bundle the FreeMarker jar with the web application.

For more information on writing FreeMarker templates, refer to the *FreeMarker Manual* [http://freemarker.sourceforge.net/docs/index.html].

30.2.2. Apache Velocity

Apache Velocity is another popular Java-based templating engine. Similarly to FreeMarker support, Velocity support is enabled automatically if Velocity libraries are detected on the classpath.

For more information on writing Velocity templates, refer to the *Apache Velocity User Guide* [http://velocity.apache.org/engine/releases/velocity-1.5/user-guide.html]

30.2.3. Pluggable support for templating engines

All that needs to be done to extend the set of supported templating engines is to implement the `TemplatingProvider` interface. Refer to *Javadoc* [http://docs.jboss.org/seam/3/rest/latest/api/org/jboss/seam/rest/templating/TemplatingProvider.html] for hints.

30.2.4. Selecting prefered templating engine

In certain deployment scenarios it is not possible to control the classpath completely and multiple template engines may be available at the same time. If that happens, Seam REST fails to operate with the following message:

```
Multiple TemplatingProviders found on classpath. Select the prefered one.
```

In such case, define the prefered templating engine in the XML configuration as demonstrated below to resolve the TemplatingProvider ambiguity.

Example 30.6. Prefered provider

```
<beans xmlns:templating="urn:java:org.jboss.seam.rest.templating">

  <templating:TemplatingMessageBodyWriter preferedTemplatingProvider="org.jboss.seam.rest.templating.freem
      <s:modifies />
    </templating:TemplatingMessageBodyWriter>
</beans>
```

Table 30.2. Built-in templating providers

Name	FQCN
FreeMarker	org.jboss.seam.rest.templating.freemarker.FreeMarkerProvider
Apache Velocity	org.jboss.seam.rest.templating.velocity.VelocityProvider

RESTEasy Client Framework Integration

The RESTEasy Client Framework is a framework for writing clients for REST-based web services. It reuses JAX-RS metadata for creating HTTP requests. For more information about the framework, refer to the *project documentation* [http://docs.jboss.org/resteasy/docs/2.0.0.GA/userguide/html/RESTEasy_Client_Framework.html].

Integration with the RESTEasy Client Framework is optional in Seam REST and only available when RESTEasy is available on classpath.

31.1. Using RESTEasy Client Framework with Seam REST

Let us assume as an example that a remote server exposes a web service for providing task details to the client through the `TaskService` interface below.

Example 31.1. Sample JAX-RS annotated interface

```
@Path("/task")
@Produces("application/xml")
public interface TaskService
{
   @GET
   @Path("/{id}")
   Task getTask(@PathParam("id")long id);
}
```

To access the remote web service, Seam REST builds and injects a client object of the web service.

Example 31.2. Injecting REST Client

```
@Inject @RestClient("http://example.com")
private TaskService taskService;

...

Task task = taskService.getTask(1);
```

The Seam REST module injects a proxied `TaskService` interface and the RESTEasy Client Framework converts every method invocation on the `TaskService` to an HTTP request and sends it over the wire to `http://example.com`. The HTTP response is unmarshalled automatically and the response object is returned by the method call.

URI definition supports EL expressions.

```
@Inject @RestClient("#{example.service.uri}")
```

31.2. Manual ClientRequest API

Besides proxying JAX-RS interfaces, the RESTEasy Client Framework provides the ClientRequest API for manual building of HTTP requests. For more information on the ClientRequest API, refer to the *project documentation* [http://docs.jboss.org/resteasy/docs/2.0.0.GA/userguide/html/RESTEasy_Client_Framework.html#ClientRequest].

Example 31.3. Injecting ClientRequest

```
@Inject @RestClient("http://localhost:8080/test/ping")
private ClientRequest request;

...

request.accept(MediaType.TEXT_PLAIN_TYPE);
ClientResponse<String> response = request.get(String.class);
```

31.3. ClientExecutor Configuration

If not specified otherwise, every request is executed by the default Apache HTTP Client 4 configuration. This can be altered by providing a ClientExecutor bean.

Example 31.4. Custom Apache HTTP Client 4 configuration

```
@Produces
public ClientExecutor createExecutor()
{
   HttpParams params = new BasicHttpParams();
   ConnManagerParams.setMaxTotalConnections(params, 3);
   ConnManagerParams.setTimeout(params, 1000);

   SchemeRegistry schemeRegistry = new SchemeRegistry();
```

```
    schemeRegistry.register(new Scheme("http", PlainSocketFactory.getSocketFactory(), 80));

    ClientConnectionManager cm = new ThreadSafeClientConnManager(params, schemeRegistry);
    HttpClient httpClient = new DefaultHttpClient(cm, params);

    return new ApacheHttpClient4Executor(httpClient);
}
```

Seam REST Dependencies

32.1. Transitive Dependencies

The Seam REST module depends on the transitive dependencies at runtime listed in table *Table 32.1, "Transitive dependencies"* .

Table 32.1. Transitive dependencies

Name	Version
Seam Solder	3.0.0.Beta2

32.2. Optional dependencies

32.2.1. Seam Catch

Seam Catch can be used for handling Java exceptions. For more information on using Seam Catch with Seam REST, refer to *Section 28.1, "Seam Catch Integration"*

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.jboss.seam.catch</groupId>
   <artifactId>seam-catch-api</artifactId>
   <version>${seam.catch.version}</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.jboss.seam.catch</groupId>
   <artifactId>seam-catch-impl</artifactId>
   <version>${seam.catch.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

32.2.2. Seam Config

Seam Config can be used to configure Seam REST using XML. For more information on using Seam Config with Seam REST, refer to *Section 28.2.2, "XML configuration"*

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.jboss.seam.config</groupId>
   <artifactId>seam-config-xml</artifactId>
   <version>${seam.config.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

32.2.3. FreeMarker

FreeMarker can be used for rendering HTTP responses. For more information on using FreeMarker with Seam REST, refer to *Section 30.2.1, "FreeMarker"*

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.freemarker</groupId>
   <artifactId>freemarker</artifactId>
   <version>${freemarker.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

32.2.4. Apache Velocity

Apache Velocity can be used for rendering HTTP responses. For more information on using Velocity with Seam REST, refer to *Section 30.2.2, "Apache Velocity"*

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.apache.velocity</groupId>
   <artifactId>velocity</artifactId>
   <version>${velocity.version}</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.apache.velocity</groupId>
   <artifactId>velocity-tools</artifactId>
   <version>${velocity.tools.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

32.2.5. RESTEasy

RESTEasy Client Framework can be used for building clients of RESTful web services. For more information on using RESTEasy Client Framework, refer to *Chapter 31, RESTEasy Client Framework Integration*

```
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.jboss.resteasy</groupId>
   <artifactId>resteasy-jaxrs</artifactId>
   <version>${resteasy.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

Note

Note that RESTEasy is provided on JBoss Application Server 6 and thus you do not need to bundle it with the web application.

Part IX. Seam Wicket

Introduction

The goal of Seam for Apache Wicket is to provide a fully integrated CDI programming model to the Apache Wicket web framework. Although Apache components (pages, panels, buttons, etc.) are created by direct construction using "new", and therefore are not themselves CDI contextual instances, with seam-wicket they can receive injections of scoped contextual instances via @Inject. In addition, conversation propagation is supported to allow a conversation scope to be tied to a wicket page and propagated across pages.

Installation

The seam-wicket-api.jar should be placed in the web application library folder. If you are using *Maven* [http://maven.apache.org/] as your build tool, you can add the following dependency to your pom.xml file:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.wicket</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-wicket-api</artifactId>
  <version>${seam-wicket-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

Tip

Replace ${seam-wicket-version} with the most recent or appropriate version of Seam for Apache Wicket.

You must also bootstrap Weld according to your environment. As Wicket is normally used in a servlet (non-JavaEE) environment, this is most easily accomplished using the Weld Servlet integration, described in the *Weld Reference Guide* [http://docs.jboss.org/weld/reference/latest/en-US/html/environments.html].

You must extend org.jboss.seam.wicket.SeamApplication rather than org.apache.wicket.protocol.http.WebApplication. In addition:

- if you override newRequestCycleProcessor to return your own IRequestCycleProcessor subclass, you must instead override getWebRequestCycleProcessorClass() and return the class of your processor, and your processor must extend SeamWebRequestCycleProcessor
- if you override newRequestCycle to return your own RequestCycle subclass, you must make that subclass extend SeamRequestCycle.

If you can't extend SeamApplication, for example if you use an alternate Application superclass for which you do not control the source, you can duplicate the three steps SeamApplication takes, i.e. return a SeamWebRequestCycleProcessor NonContextual instance in newRequestCycleProcessor, return a SeamRequestCycle instance in newRequestCycle, and add a SeamComponentInstantiationListener with addComponentInstantiationListener.

Seam for Apache Wicket Features

Seam's integration with Wicket is focused on two tasks: conversation propagation through wicket page metadata and contextual injection of wicket components.

34.1. Injection

Any object that extends org.apache.wicket.Component or one of its subclasses is eligible for injection with CDI beans. This is accomplished by annotating fields of the component with the @javax.inject.Inject annotation:

```
public class MyPage extends WebPage {
    @Inject SomeDependency dependency;

    public MyPage()
    {
        depedency.doSomeWork();
    }
```

Note that since Wicket components must be serializable, any non-transient field of a wicket component must be serializable. In the case of injected dependencies, the injected object itself will be serializable if the scope of the dependency is not @Dependent, because the object injected will be a serializable proxy, as required by the CDI specification. For injections of non-serializable @Dependent objects, the field should be marked transient and the injection should be looked up again in a component-specific attach() override, using the BeanManager API.

Upon startup, Weld will examine your component classes to ensure that the injections you use are resolvable and unambiguous, as per the CDI specification. If any injections fail this check, your application will fail to bootstrap.

The scopes available are similar to those in a JSF application, as descibed in the CDI reference. The container, in an JavaEE environment, or the servlet listeners, in a servlet environment, will set up the application, session, and request scopes. The conversation scope is set up by the SeamWebRequestCycle as outlined in the next two sections.

34.2. Conversation Control

Application conversation control is accomplished as per the CDI specification. By default, like JSF/CDI, each wicket http request (whether ajax or not) has a transient conversation, which is destroyed at the end of the request. A conversation is marked long running by injecting the javax.enterprise.context.Conversation bean and calling its begin method.

```
public class MyPage extends WebPage {
```

```
@Inject Conversation conversation;

public MyPage()
{
   conversation.begin();
   //set up components here
}
```

Similarly, a conversation is ended with the Conversation bean's end() method.

34.3. Conversation Propagation

A transient conversation is created when the first wicket IRequestTarget is set during a request. If the request target is an IPageRequestTarget for a page which has previously marked a conversation as non-transient, or if the "cid" parameter is present in the request, the specified conversation will be activated. If the conversation is missing (i.e. has timed out and been destroyed), SeamRequestCycle.handleMissingConversation() will be invoked. By default this does nothing, and your conversation will be new and transient. You can however override this, for example to throw a PageExpiredException or something similar. Upon the end of a response, SeamRequestCycleProcessor will store the cid of a long running conversation, if one exists, to the current page's metadata map, if there is a current page. The key for the cid in the metadata map is the singleton SeamMetaData.CID. Finally, uppon detach(), the SeamRequestCycle will invalidate and deactive the conversation context.

Note that the above process indicates that after a conversation is marked long-running by a page, requests back to that page (whether ajax or not) will activate that conversation. It also means that new Pages set as RequestTargets, if created directly with setResponsePage(somePageInstance) or with setResponsePage(SomePage.class,pageParameters), will have the conversation propagated to them. This can be avoided by (a) ending the conversation before the call to setResponsePage, (b) using a BookmarkablePageLink rather than directly instantiating the response page, or (c) specifying an empty "cid" parameter in PageParameters when using setResponsePage. (Note that the final case also provides a mechanism for switching conversations: if a cid is specified in PageParameters, it will be used by bookmarkable pages, rather than the current conversation.)

Part X. Seam Solder

Getting Started

Getting started with Seam Solder is easy. All you need to do is put the API and implementation JARs on the classpath of your CDI application. The features provided by Seam Solder will be enabled automatically.

Some additional configuration, covered at the end of this chapter, is required if you are using a pre-Servlet 3.0 environment.

35.1. Maven dependency configuration

If you are using *Maven* [http://maven.apache.org/] as your build tool, first make sure you have configured your build to use the *JBoss Community repository* [http://community.jboss.org/wiki/MavenGettingStarted-Users], where you can find all the Seam artifacts. Then, add the following single dependency to your pom.xml file to get started using Seam Solder:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.solder</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-solder</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.solder.version}</version>
</dependency>
```

This artifact includes the combined API and implementation.

Tip

Substitute the expression ${seam.solder.version} with the most recent or appropriate version of Seam Solder. Alternatively, you can create a *Maven user-defined property* to satisfy this substitution so you can centrally manage the version.

To be more strict, you can use the API at compile time and only include the implementation at runtime. This protects you from inadvertantly depending on an implementation class.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.solder</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-solder-api</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.solder.version}</version>
  <scope>compile</scope>
</dependency>
```

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.solder</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-solder-impl</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.solder.version}</version>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
</dependency>
```

In a Servlet 3.0 or Java EE 6 environment, *your configuration is now complete!*

35.2. Transitive dependencies

Most of Seam Solder has very few dependencies, only one of which is not provided by Java EE 6:

- `javax.enterprise:cdi-api` (provided by Java EE 6)
- `javax.inject:javax:inject` (provided by Java EE 6)
- `javax.annotation:jsr250-api` (provided by Java EE 6)
- `javax.interceptor:interceptor-api` (provided by Java EE 6)
- `javax.el:el-api` (provided by Java EE 6)
- `org.jboss.logging:jboss-logging`

Tip

The POM for Seam Solder specifies the versions required. If you are using Maven 3, you can easily import the `dependencyManagement` into your POM by declaring the following in your `depdendencyManagement` section:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam.solder</groupId>
  <artifactId>seam-solder-parent</artifactId>
  <version>${seam.solder.version}</version>
  <type>pom</type>
  <scope>import</scope>
</dependency>
```

Some features of Seam Solder require additional dependencies (which are declared optional, so will not be added as transitive dependencies):

`org.javassist:javassist`
: Service Handlers, Unwrapping Producer Methods

`javax.servlet:servlet-api`
: Accessing resources from the Servlet Context

35.3. Pre-Servlet 3.0 configuration

If you are using Java EE 5 or some other Servlet 2.5 container, then you need to manually register a Servlet component in your application's web.xml to access resources from the Servlet Context.

```
<listener>
        <listener-class>org.jboss.seam.solder.resourceLoader.servlet.ResourceListener</listener-class>
</listener>
```

This registration happens automatically in a Servlet 3.0 environment through the use of a /META-INF/web-fragment.xml included in the Solder implementation.

You're all setup. It's time to dive into all the useful stuff that Seam Solder provides!

Enhancements to the CDI Programming Model

Seam Solder provides a number enhancements to the CDI programming model which are under trial and may be included in later releases of *Contexts and Dependency Injection*.

36.1. Preventing a class from being processed

36.1.1. @Veto

Annotating a class `@Veto` will cause the type to be ignored, such that any definitions on the type will not be processed, including:

- the managed bean, decorator, interceptor or session bean defined by the type
- any producer methods or producer fields defined on the type
- any observer methods defined on the type

For example:

```
@Veto
class Utilities {
  ...
}
```

Besides, a package can be annotated with `@Veto`, causing all beans in the package to be prevented from registration.

Example 36.1. package-info.java

```
@Veto
package com.example;

import org.jboss.seam.solder.core.Veto;
```

Note

The `ProcessAnnotatedType` container lifecycle event will be called for vetoed types.

36.1.2. @Requires

Annotating a class with `@Requires` will cause the type to be ignored if the class dependencies cannot be satisfied. Any definitions on the type will not be processed:

- the managed bean, decorator, interceptor or session bean defined by the type
- any producer methods or producer fields defined on the type
- any observer methods defined on the type

Tip

Solder will use the Thread Context ClassLoader, as well as the classloader of the type annotated `@Requires` to attempt to satisfy the class dependency.

For example:

```
@Requires(EntityManager.class)
class EntityManagerProducer {

  @Produces
  EntityManager getEntityManager() {
    ...
  }

}
```

Annotating a package with `@Requires` causes all beans in the package to be ignored if the class dependencies cannot be satisfied. If both a class and it's package are annotated with `@Requires`, both package-level and class-level dependencies have to be satisfied for the bean to be installed.

Note

The `ProcessAnnotatedType` container lifecycle event will be called for vetoed types.

36.2. @Exact

Annotating an injection point with `@Exact` allows you to select an exact implementation of the injection point type to inject. For example:

```
interface PaymentService {
  ...
}
```

```
class ChequePaymentService implements PaymentService {
  ...
}
```

```
class CardPaymentService implements PaymentService {
  ...
}
```

```
class PaymentProcessor {

  @Inject @Exact(CardPaymentService.class)
  PaymentService paymentService;

  ...

}
```

36.3. @Client

It is common to want to qualify a bean as belonging to the current client (for example we want to differentiate the default system locale from the current client's locale). Seam Solder provides a built in qualifier, `@Client` for this purpose.

36.4. Named packages

Seam Solder allows you to annotate the package `@Named`, which causes every bean defined in the package to be given its default name. Package annotations are defined in the file `package-info.java`. For example, to cause any beans defined in `com.acme` to be given their default name:

```
@Named
package com.acme
```

36.5. @FullyQualified bean names

According to the CDI standard, the `@Named` annotation assigns a name to a bean equal to the value specified in the `@Named` annotation or, if a value is not provided, the simple name of the bean class. This behavior aligns is with the needs of most application developers. However, framework writers should avoid trampling on the "root" bean namespace. Instead, frameworks should specify qualified names for built-in components. The motivation is the same as qualifying Java types. The `@FullyQualified` provides this facility without sacrificing type-safety.

Seam Solder allows you to customize the bean name using the complementary `@FullyQualified` annotation. When the `@FullyQualified` annotation is added to a `@Named` bean type, producer method or producer field, the standard bean name is prefixed with the name of the Java package in which the bean resides, the segments separated by a period. The resulting fully-qualified bean name (FQBN) replaces the standard bean name.

```
package com.acme;

@FullyQualified @Named
public class NamedBean {
  public String getAge()
  {
    return 5;
  }
}
```

The bean in the previous code listing is assigned the name `com.acme.namedBean`. The value of its property `age` would be referenced in an EL expression (perhaps in a JSF view template) as follows:

```
#{com.acme.namedBean.age}
```

The `@FullyQualified` annotation is permitted on a bean type, producer method or producer field. It can also be used on a Java package, in which case all `@Named` beans in that package get a bean name which is fully-qualified.

```
@FullyQualified
package com.acme;
```

If you want to use a different Java package as the namespace of the bean, rather than the Java package of the bean, you specify any class in that alternative package in the annotation value.

```
package com.acme;

@FullyQualified(ClassInOtherPackage.class) @Named
public class CustomNamespacedNamedBean {
   ...
}
```

Annotation Literals

Seam Solder provides a complete set of `AnnotationLiterals` for every annotation type defined by the CDI (JSR-299) and Injection (JSR-330) specification. These are located in the `org.jboss.seam.solder.literal` package. Annotations without listitems provide a static `INSTANCE` listitem that should be used rather than creating a new instance every time.

Literals are provided for the following annotations from *Context and Dependency Injection*:

- `@Alternative`
- `@Any`
- `@ApplicationScoped`
- `@ConversationScoped`
- `@Decorator`
- `@Default`
- `@Delegate`
- `@Dependent`
- `@Disposes`
- `@Inject`
- `@Model`
- `@Named`
- `@New`
- `@Nonbinding`
- `@NormalScope`
- `@Observes`
- `@Produces`
- `@RequestScoped`
- `@SessionScoped`
- `@Specializes`
- `@Stereotype`

- `@Typed`

Literals are provided for the following annotations from *Seam Solder*:

- `@Client`
- `@DefaultBean`
- `@Exact`
- `@Generic`
- `@GenericType`
- `@Mapper`
- `@MessageBundle`
- `@Requires`
- `@Resolver`
- `@Resource`
- `@Unwraps`
- `@Veto`

Evaluating Unified EL

Seam Solder provides a method to evaluate EL that is not dependent on JSF or JSP, a facility sadly missing in Java EE. To use it inject `Expressions` into your bean. You can evaluate value expressions, or method expressions. The Seam Solder API provides type inference for you. For example:

```
class FruitBowl {

   @Inject Expressions expressions;

   public void run() {
      String fruitName = expressions.evaluateValueExpression("#{fruitBowl.fruitName}");
      Apple fruit = expressions.evaluateMethodExpression("#{fruitBown.getFruit}");
   }
}
```

Resource Loading

Seam Solder provides an extensible, injectable resource loader. The resource loader can provide URLs or managed input streams. By default the resource loader will look at the classpath, and the servlet context if available.

If the resource name is known at development time, the resource can be injected, either as a URL or an InputStream:

```
@Inject
@Resource("WEB-INF/beans.xml")
URL beansXml;

@Inject
@Resource("WEB-INF/web.xml")
InputStream webXml;
```

If the resource name is not known, the `ResourceProvider` can be injected, and the resource looked up dynamically:

```
@Inject
void readXml(ResourceProvider provider, String fileName) {
   InputStream is = provider.loadResourceStream(fileName);
}
```

If you need access to all resources under a given name known to the resource loader (as opposed to first resource loaded), you can inject a collection of resources:

```
@Inject
@Resource("WEB-INF/beans.xml")
Collection<URL> beansXmls;

@Inject
@Resource("WEB-INF/web.xml")
Collection<InputStream> webXmls;
```

Tip

Any input stream injected, or created directly by the `ResourceProvider` is managed, and will be automatically closed when the bean declaring the injection point of the resource or provider is destroyed.

If the resource is a Properties bundle, you can also inject it as a set of `Properties`:

```
@Inject
@Resource("META-INF/aws.properties")
Properties awsProperties;
```

39.1. Extending the resource loader

If you want to load resources from another location, you can provide an additional resource loader. First, create the resource loader implementation:

```
class MyResourceLoader implements ResourceLoader {
   ...
}
```

And then register it as a service by placing the fully qualified class name of the implementation in a file called `META-INF/services/org.jboss.seam.solder.resourceLoader.ResourceLoader`.

Logging

Seam Solder integrates JBoss Logging 3 as its logging framework of choice. JBoss Logging 3 is a modern logging framework offering:

- Abstracts away from common logging backends and frameworks (such as JDK Logging, log4j and slf4j)
- Provides a innovative, typed logger (see below for examples)
- Full support for internationalization and localization
  - Developers can work with interfaces and annotations only
  - Translators can work with message bundles in properties files
- Build time tooling to generate typed loggers for production, and runtime generation of typed loggers for development
- Access to MDC and NDC (if underlying logger supports it)
- Loggers are serializable

Note

A number of the features of JBoss Logging 3 are still under development - at the moment only runtime generation of typed is supported, and these loggers only support the default message placed on the typed logger, and will not look up a localized message.

To use a typed logger, first create the logger definition:

```
@MessageLogger
interface TrainSpotterLog {

   // Define log call with message, using printf-style interpolation of parameters
   @LogMessage @Message("Spotted %s diesel trains")
   void dieselTrainsSpotted(int number);

}
```

You can then inject the typed logger with no further configuration:

```
   // Use the train spotter log, with the log category "trains"
```

```
  @Inject @Category("trains") TrainSpotterLog log;
```

and use it:

```
log.dieselTrainsSpotted(7);
```

JBoss Logging will use the default locale unless overridden:

```
  // Use the train spotter log, with the log category "trains", and select the UK locale
  @Inject @Category("trains") @Locale("en_GB") TrainSpotterLog log;
```

You can also log exceptions:

```
@MessageLogger
interface TrainSpotterLog {

  // Define log call with message, using printf-style interpolation of parameters
  // The exception parameter will be logged as an exception
  @LogMessage @Message("Failed to spot train %s")
  void missedTrain(String trainNumber,@Cause Exception exception);

}
```

You can then log a message with an exception:

```
log.missedTrain("RH1", cause);
```

You can also inject a "plain old" Logger:

```
  @Inject Logger log;
```

Log messages created from this Logger will have a category (logger name) equal to the fully-qualified class name of the bean implementation class. You can specify a category explicitly using an annotation.

```
  @Inject @Category("billing") Logger log;
```

You can also specify a category using a reference to a type:

```
@Inject @TypedCategory(BillingService.class) Logger log;
```

Typed loggers also provide internationalization support, simply add the @MessageBundle annotation to the logger interface (not currently supported).

Sometimes you need to access the message directly (for example to localize an exception message). Seam Solder let's you inject a typed message bundle. First, declare the message bundle:

```
@MessageBundle
interface TrainMessages {

   // Define a message using printf-style interpolation of parameters
   @Message("No trains spotted due to %s")
   String noTrainsSpotted(String cause);

}
```

Inject it:

```
@Inject @MessageBundle TrainMessages messages;
```

And use it:

```
   throw new BadDayException(messages.noTrainsSpotted("leaves on the line"));
```

Annotation and AnnotatedType Utilities

Seam Solder provides a number of utilility classes to make working with Annotations and AnnotatedTypes easier. This chapter will walk you each utility, and give you an idea of how to use it. For more detail, take a look at the javaodoc on each class.

41.1. Annotated Type Builder

Seam Solder provides an `AnnotatedType` implementation that should be suitable for most portable extensions needs. The `AnnotatedType` is created from `AnnotatedTypeBuilder` as follows:

```
AnnotatedTypeBuilder builder = new AnnotatedTypeBuilder()
    .readFromType(baseType,true) /* readFromType can read from an AnnotatedType or a class */
     .addToClass(ModelLiteral.INSTANCE) /* add the @Model annotation */
     .create();
```

Here we create a new builder, and initialize it using an existing `AnnotatedType`. We can then add or remove annotations from the class, and its members. When we have finished modifying the type, we call `create()` to spit out a new, immutable, `AnnotatedType`.

`AnnotatedTypeBuilder` also allows you to specify a "redefinition" which can be applied to the type, a type of member, or all members. The redefiner will receive a callback for any annotations present which match the annotation type for which the redefinition is applied. For example, to remove the qualifier `@Unique` from any class member and the type:

```
AnnotatedTypeBuilder builder = new AnnotatedTypeBuilder()
     .readFromType(baseType,true)
     .redefine(Unique.class, new AnnotationRedefiner<Unique>() {

       public void redefine(RedefinitionContext<A> ctx) {
          ctx.getAnnotationBuilder().remove(Unique.class);
       }

     }
     .create();
```

41.2. Annotation Instance Provider

Sometimes you may need an annotation instance for an annotation whose type is not known at development time. Seam Solder provides a `AnnotationInstanceProvider` class that can create an `AnnotationLiteral` instance for any annotation at runtime. Annotation attributes are passed in via a `Map<String,Object>`. For example given the follow annotation:

```
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
public @interface MultipleMembers {
   int intMember();

   long longMember();

   short shortMember();

   float floatMember();

   double doubleMember();

   byte byteMember();

   char charMember();

   boolean booleanMember();

   int[] intArrayMember();
}
```

We can create an annotation instance as follows:

```
/* Create a new provider */
   AnnotationInstanceProvider provider = new AnnotationInstanceProvider();

    /* Set the value for each of attributes */
    Map<String, Object> values = new HashMap<String, Object>();
    values.put("intMember", 1);
    values.put("longMember", 1);
    values.put("shortMember", 1);
    values.put("floatMember", 0);
    values.put("doubleMember", 0);
    values.put("byteMember", ((byte) 1));
    values.put("charMember", 'c');
```

```
values.put("booleanMember", true);
values.put("intArrayMember", new int[] { 0, 1 });

/* Generate the instance */
MultipleMembers an = provider.get(MultipleMembers.class, values);
```

41.3. Annotation Inspector

The Annotation Inspector allows you to easily discover annotations which are meta-annotated. For example:

```
/* Discover all annotations on type which are meta-annotated @Constraint */
Set<Annotation> constraints = AnnotationInspector.getAnnotations(type, Constraint.class);

/* Load the annotation instance for @FacesValidator the annotation may declared on the type, */
/* or, if the type has any stereotypes, on the stereotypes */
FacesValidator validator = AnnotationInspector.getAnnotation(
                                        type,
                                        FacesValidator.class,
                                        true,
                                        beanManager);
```

41.4. Synthetic Qualifiers

When developing an extension to CDI, it can be useful to detect certain injection points, or bean definitions and based on annotations or other metadata, add qualifiers to further disambiguate the injection point or bean definition for the CDI bean resolver. Solder's synthetic qualifers can be used to easily generate and track such qualifers.

In this example, we will create a synthetic qualifier provider, and use it to create a qualifier. The provider will track the qualifier, and if a qualifier is requested again for the same original annotation, the same instance will be returned.

```
/* Create a provider, giving it a unique namespace */
Synthetic.Provider provider = new Synthetic.Provider("com.acme");

/* Get the a synthetic qualifier for the original annotation instance */
Synthetic synthetic = provider.get(originalAnnotation);

/* Later calls with the same original annotation instance will return the same instance */
/* Alternatively, we can "get and forget" */
```

```
Synthetic synthetic2 = provider.get();
```

41.5. Reflection Utilities

Seam Solder comes with a number miscellaneous reflection utilities; these extend JDK reflection, and some also work on CDI's Annotated metadata. See the javadoc on `Reflections` for more.

Solder also includes a simple utility, `PrimitiveTypes` for converting between primitive and their respective wrapper types, which may be useful when performing data type conversion. Sadly, this is functionality which is missing from the JDK.

`InjectableMethod` allows an `AnnotatedMethod` to be injected with parameter values obtained by following the CDI type safe resolution rules, as well as allowing the default parameter values to be overridden.

Obtaining a reference to the BeanManager

When developing a framework that builds on CDI, you may need to obtain the `BeanManager` for the application, can't simply inject it as you are not working in an object managed by the container. The CDI specification allows lookup of `java:comp/BeanManager` in JNDI, however some environments don't support binding to this location (e.g. servlet containers such as Tomcat and Jetty) and some environments don't support JNDI (e.g. the Weld SE container). For this reason, most framework developers will prefer to avoid a direct JNDI lookup.

Often it is possible to pass the correct `BeanManager` to the object in which you require it, for example via a context object. For example, you might be able to place the `BeanManager` in the `ServletContext`, and retrieve it at a later date.

On some occasions however there is no suitable context to use, and in this case, you can take advantage of the abstraction over `BeanManager` lookup provided by Seam Solder. To lookup up a `BeanManager`, you can extend the abstract `BeanManagerAware` class, and call `getBeanManager()`:

```
public class WicketIntegration extends BeanManagerAware {

  public WicketManager getWicketManager() {
    Bean<?> bean = getBeanManager().getBean(Instance.class);
    ... // and so on to lookup the bean
  }

}
```

The benefit here is that `BeanManagerAware` class will first look to see if its `BeanManager` injection point was satisified before consulting the providers. Thus, if injection becomes available to the class in the future, it will automatically start the more efficient approach.

Occasionally you will be working in an existing class hierarchy, in which case you can use the accessor on `BeanManagerLocator`. For example:

```
public class ResourceServlet extends HttpServlet {

  protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp)
      throws ServletException, IOException {
    BeanManager beanManager = new BeanManagerLocator().getBeanManager();
    ...
```

```
  }
}
```

If this lookup fails to resolve a `BeanManager`, the `BeanManagerUnavailableException`, a runtime exception, will be thrown. If you want to perform conditional logic based on whether the `BeanManager` is available, you can use this check:

```
public class ResourceServlet extends HttpServlet {

  protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp)
      throws ServletException, IOException {
    BeanManagerLocator locator = new BeanManagerLocator();
    if (locator.isBeanManagerAvailable()) {
      BeanManager beanManager = locator.getBeanManager();
      ... // work with the BeanManager
    }
    else {
      ... // work without the BeanManager
    }
  }
}
```

However, keep in mind that you can inject into Servlets in Java EE 6!! So it's very likely the lookup isn't necessary, and you can just do this:

```
public class ResourceServlet extends HttpServlet {

  @Inject
  private BeanManager beanManager;

  protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp)
      throws ServletException, IOException {
    ... // work with the BeanManager
  }
}
```

Bean Utilities

Seam Solder provides a number of base classes which can be extended to create custom beans. Seam Solder also provides bean builders which can be used to dynamically create beans using a fluent API.

`AbstractImmutableBean`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) bean, whose constructor will substitute specification defaults if `null` is passed for a particular attribute. Subclasses must implement the `create()` and `destroy()` methods.

`AbstractImmutableProducer`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) abstract class for creating producers. Subclasses must implement `produce()` and `dispose()`.

`BeanBuilder`
: A builder for creating immutable beans which can read the type and annotations from an `AnnotatedType`.

`Beans`
: A set of utilities for working with beans.

`ForwardingBean`
: A base class for implementing `Bean` which forwards all calls to `delegate()`.

`ForwardingInjectionTarget`
: A base class for implementing `InjectionTarget` which forwards all calls to `delegate()`.

`ForwardingObserverMethod`
: A base class for implementing `ObserverMethod` which forwards all calls to `delegate()`.

`ImmutableBean`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) bean, whose constructor will substitute specification defaults if `null` is passed for a particular attribute. An implementation of `ContextualLifecycle` may be registered to receive lifecycle callbacks.

`ImmutableInjectionPoint`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) injection point.

`ImmutableNarrowingBean`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) narrowing bean. Narrowing beans allow you to build a general purpose bean (likely a producer method), and register it for a narrowed type (or qualifiers).

`ImmutablePassivationCapableBean`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) bean, whose constructor will substitute specification defaults if `null` is passed for a particular attribute. An implementation of

`ContextualLifecycle` may be registered to receive lifecycle callbacks. The bean implements `PassivationCapable`, and an id must be provided.

`ImmutablePassivationCapableNarrowingBean`
: An immutable (and hence thread-safe) narrowing bean. Narrowing beans allow you to build a general purpose bean (likely a producer method), and register it for a narrowed type (or qualifiers). The bean implements `PassivationCapable`, and an id must be provided.

`NarrowingBeanBuilder`
: A builder for creating immutable narrowing beans which can read the type and annotations from an `AnnotatedType`.

The use of these classes is in general trivially understood with an understanding of basic programming patterns and the CDI specification, so no in depth explanation is provided here. The JavaDoc for each class and method provides more detail.

Properties

Properties are a convenient way of locating and working with *JavaBean* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JavaBean] properties. They can be used with properties exposed via a getter/setter method, or directly via the field of a bean, providing a uniform interface that allows you all properties in the same way.

Property queries allow you to interrogate a class for properties which match certain criteria.

44.1. Working with properties

The `Property<V>` interface declares a number of methods for interacting with bean properties. You can use these methods to read or set the property value, and read the property type information. Properties may be readonly.

Table 44.1. Property methods

Method	Description	
`String getName();`	Returns the name of the property.	
`Type getBaseType();`	Returns the property type.	
`Class<V> getJavaClass();`	Returns the property class.	
`AnnotatedElement getAnnotatedElement();`	Returns the annotated element -either the `Field` or `Method` that the property is based on.	
`V getValue();`	Returns the value of the property.	
`void setValue(V value);`	Sets the value of the property.	
`Class<?> getDeclaringClass();`	Gets the class declaring the property.	
`boolean isReadOnly();`	Check if the property can be written as well as read.	

Given a class with two properties, `personName` and `postcode`:'

```
class Person {

  PersonName personName;

  Address address;
```

```
  void setPostcode(String postcode) {
    address.setPostcode(postcode);
  }

  String getPostcode() {
    return address.getPostcode();
  }

}
```

You can create two properties:

```
Property<PersonName> personNameProperty = Properties.createProperty(Person.class.getField("personName")
Property<String> postcodeProperty = Properties.createProperty(Person.class.getMethod("getPostcode"));
```

44.2. Querying for properties

To create a property query, use the `PropertyQueries` class to create a new `PropertyQuery` instance:

```
PropertyQuery<?> query = PropertyQueries.createQuery(Foo.class);
```

If you know the type of the property that you are querying for, you can specify it via a type parameter:

```
PropertyQuery<String> query = PropertyQueries.<String>createQuery(identityClass);
```

44.3. Property Criteria

Once you have created the `PropertyQuery` instance, you can add search criteria. Seam Solder provides three built-in criteria types, and it is very easy to add your own. A criteria is added to a query via the `addCriteria()` method. This method returns an instance of the `PropertyQuery`, so multiple `addCriteria()` invocations can be stacked.

44.3.1. AnnotatedPropertyCriteria

This criteria is used to locate bean properties that are annotated with a certain annotation type. For example, take the following class:

```
public class Foo {
  private String accountNumber;
  private @Scrambled String accountPassword;
  private String accountName;
}
```

To query for properties of this bean annotated with `@Scrambled`, you can use an `AnnotatedPropertyCriteria`, like so:

```
PropertyQuery<String> query = PropertyQueries.<String>createQuery(Foo.class)
  .addCriteria(new AnnotatedPropertyCriteria(Scrambled.class));
```

This query matches the `accountPassword` property of the `Foo` bean.

44.3.2. NamedPropertyCriteria

This criteria is used to locate a bean property with a particular name. Take the following class:

```
public class Foo {
  public String getBar() {
    return "foobar";
  }
}
```

The following query will locate properties with a name of `"bar"`:

```
PropertyQuery<String> query = PropertyQueries.<String>createQuery(Foo.class)
  .addCriteria(new NamedPropertyCriteria("bar"));
```

44.3.3. TypedPropertyCriteria

This criteria can be used to locate bean properties with a particular type.

```
public class Foo {
  private Bar bar;
}
```

The following query will locate properties with a type of `Bar`:

```
PropertyQuery<Bar> query = PropertyQueries.<Bar>createQuery(Foo.class)
    .addCriteria(new TypedPropertyCriteria(Bar.class));
```

44.3.4. Creating a custom property criteria

To create your own property criteria, simply implement the `org.jboss.seam.solder.properties.query.PropertyCriteria` interface, which declares the two methods `fieldMatches()` and `methodMatches`. In the following example, our custom criteria implementation can be used to locate whole number properties:

```
public class WholeNumberPropertyCriteria implements PropertyCriteria {
  public boolean fieldMatches(Field f) {
    return f.getType() == Integer.class || f.getType() == Integer.TYPE.class ||
        f.getType() == Long.class || f.getType() == Long.TYPE.class ||
        f.getType() == BigInteger.class;
  }

  boolean methodMatches(Method m) {
    return m.getReturnType() == Integer.class || m.getReturnType() == Integer.TYPE.class ||
        m.getReturnType() == Long.class || m.getReturnType() == Long.TYPE.class ||
        m.getReturnType() == BigInteger.class;
  }
}
```

44.4. Fetching the results

After creating the `PropertyQuery` and setting the criteria, the query can be executed by invoking either the `getResultList()` or `getFirstResult()` methods. The `getResultList()` method returns a `List` of `Property` objects, one for each matching property found that matches all the specified criteria:

```
List<Property<String>> results = PropertyQueries.<String>createQuery(Foo.class)
  .addCriteria(TypedPropertyCriteria(String.class))
  .getResultList();
```

If no matching properties are found, `getResultList()` will return an empty `List`. If you know that the query will return exactly one result, you can use the `getFirstResult()` method instead:

```
Property<String> result = PropertyQueries.<String>createQuery(Foo.class)
  .addCriteria(NamedPropertyCriteria("bar"))
  .getFirstResult();
```

If no properties are found, then `getFirstResult()` will return null. Alternatively, if more than one result is found, then `getFirstResult()` will return the first property found.

Alternatively, if you know that the query will return exactly one result, and you want to assert that assumption is true, you can use the `getSingleResult()` method instead:

```
Property<String> result = PropertyQueries.<String>createQuery(Foo.class)
  .addCriteria(NamedPropertyCriteria("bar"))
  .getSingleResult();
```

If no properties are found, or more than one property is found, then `getSingleResult()` will throw an exception. Otherwise, `getSingleResult()` will return the sole property found.

Sometimes you may not be interested in read only properties, so `getResultList()`,`getFirstResult()` and `getSingleResult()` have corresponding `getWritableResultList()`,`getWritableFirstResult()` and `getWritableSingleResult()` methods, that will only return properties that are not read-only. This means that if there is a field and a getter method that resolve to the same property, instead of getting a read-only `MethodProperty` you will get a writable `FieldProperty`.

Unwrapping Producer Methods

Unwrapping producer methods allow you to create injectable objects that have "self-managed"" lifecycles, and are particularly useful if you have need a bean whose lifecycle does not exactly match one of the lifecycle of one of the existing scopes. The lifecycle of the bean is are managed by the bean that defines the producer method, and changes to the unwrapped object are immediately visible to all clients.

You can declare a method to be an unwrapping producer method by annotating it `@Unwraps`. The return type of the managed producer must be proxyable (see Section 5.4.1 of the CDI specification, "Unproxyable bean types"). Every time a method is called on unwrapped object the invocation is forwarded to the result of calling the unwrapping producer method - the unwrapped object.

Important

Seam Solder implements this by injecting a proxy rather than the original object. Every invocation on the injected proxy will cause the unwrapping producer method to be invoked to obtain the instance on which to invoke the method called. Seam Solder will then invoke the method on unwrapped instance.

Because of this, it is very important the producer method is lightweight.

For example consider a permission manager (that manages the current permission), and a security manager (that checks the current permission level). Any changes to permission in the permission manager are immediately visible to the security manager.

```
@SessionScoped
class PermissionManager {

  Permission permission;

  void setPermission(Permission permission) {
    this.permission=permission;
  }

  @Unwraps @Current
  Permission getPermission() {
    return this.permission;
  }
}
```

```
@SessionScoped
class SecurityManager {

  @Inject @Current
  Permission permission;

  boolean checkAdminPermission() {
    return permission.getName().equals("admin");
  }

}
```

When `permission.getName()` is called, the unwrapped Permission forwards the invocation of `getName()` to the result of calling `PermissionManager.getPermission()`.

For example you could raise the permission level before performing a sensitive operation, and then lower it again afterwards:

```
public class SomeSensitiveOperation {

  @Inject
  PermissionManager permissionManager;

  public void perform() {
    try {
      permissionManager.setPermission(Permissions.ADMIN);
      // Do some sensitive operation
    } finally {
      permissionManager.setPermission(Permissions.USER);
    }
  }

}
```

Unwrapping producer methods can have parameters injected, including `InjectionPoint` (which repreents) the calling method.

Default Beans

Suppose you have a situation where you want to provide a default implementation of a particular service and allow the user to override it as needed. Although this may sound like a job for an alternative, they have some restrictions that may make them undesirable in this situation. If you were to use an alternative it would require an entry in every `beans.xml` file in an application.

Developers consuming the extension will have to open up the any jar file which references the default bean, and edit the `beans.xml` file within, in order to override the service. This is where default beans come in.

Default beans allow you to create a default bean with a specified type and set of qualifiers. If no other bean is installed that has the same type and qualifiers, then the default bean will be installed.

Let's take a real world example - a module that allows you to evaluate EL (something that Seam Solder provides!). If JSF is available we want to use the `FunctionMapper` provided by the JSF implementation to resolve functions, otherwise we just want to use a a default `FunctionMapper` implementation that does nothing. We can achieve this as follows:

```
@DefaultBean(type = FunctionMapper.class)
@Mapper
class FunctionMapperImpl extends FunctionMapper {

  @Override
  Method resolveFunction(String prefix, String localName) {
    return null;
  }

}
```

And in the JSF module:

```
class FunctionMapperProvider {

  @Produces
  @Mapper
  FunctionMapper produceFunctionMapper() {
    return FacesContext.getCurrentInstance().getELContext().getFunctionMapper();
  }
}
```

If `FunctionMapperProvider` is present then it will be used by default, otherwise the default `FunctionMapperImpl` is used.

A producer method or producer field may be defined to be a default producer by placing the `@DefaultBean` annotation on the producer. For example:

```
class CacheManager {

  @DefaultBean(Cache.class)
  Cache getCache() {
    ...
  }

}
```

Any producer methods or producer fields declared on a default managed bean are automatically registered as default producers, with `Method.getGenericReturnType()` or `Field.getGenericType()` determining the type of the default producer. The default producer type can be overridden by specifying `@DefaultBean` on the producer method or field.

Generic Beans

Many common services and API's require the use of more than just one class. When exposing these services via CDI, it would be time consuming and error prone to force the end developer to provide producers for all the different classes required. Generic beans provide a solution, allowing a framework author to provide a set of related beans, one for each single configuration point defined by the end developer. The configuration points specifies the qualifiers which are inherited by all beans in the set.

To illustrate the use of generic beans, we'll use the following example. Imagine we are writing an extension to integrate our custom messaging solution "ACME Messaging" with CDI. The ACME Messaging API for sending messages consists of several interfaces:

`MessageQueue`
: The message queue, onto which messages can be placed, and acted upon by ACME Messaging

`MessageDispatcher`
: The dispatcher, responsible for placing messages created by the user onto the queue

`DispatcherPolicy`
: The dispatcher policy, which can be used to tweak the dispatch policy by the client

`MessageSystemConfiguration`
: The messaging system configuration

We want to be able to create as many `MessageQueue` configurations's as they need, however we do not want to have to declare each producer and the associated plumbing for every queue. Generic beans are an ideal solution to this problem.

47.1. Using generic beans

Before we take a look at creating generic beans, let's see how we will use them.

Generic beans are configured via producer methods and fields. We want to create two queues to interact with ACME Messaging, a default queue that is installed with qualifier `@Default` and a durable queue that has qualifier `@Durable`:

```
class MyMessageQueues {

  @Produces
  @ACMEQueue("defaultQueue")
  MessageSystemConfiguration defaultQueue = new MessageSystemConfiguration();

  @Produces @Durable @ConversationScoped
```

```
  @ACMEQueue("durableQueue")
  MessageSystemConfiguration producerDefaultQueue() {
    MessageSystemConfiguration config = new MessageSystemConfiguration();
    config.setDurable(true);
    return config;
  }
}
```

Looking first at the default queue, in addition to the `@Produces` annotation, the generic configuration annotation `ACMEQueue`, is used, which defines this to be a generic configuration point for ACME messaging (and cause a whole set of beans to be created, exposing for example the dispatcher). The generic configuration annotation specifies the queue name, and the value of the producer field defines the messaging system's configuration (in this case we use all the defaults). As no qualifier is placed on the definition, `@Default` qualifier is inherited by all beans in the set.

The durable queue is defined as a producer method (as we want to alter the configuration of the queue before having Seam Solder use it). Additionally, it specifies that the generic beans created (that allow for their scope to be overridden) should be placed in the conversation scope. Finally, it specifies that the generic beans created should inherit the qualifier `@Durable`.

We can now inject our generic beans as normal, using the qualifiers specified on the configuration point:

```
class MessageLogger {

  @Inject
  MessageDispatcher dispatcher;

  void logMessage(Payload payload) {
    /* Add metaddata to the message */
    Collection<Header> headers = new ArrayList<Header>();
    ...
    Message message = new Message(headers, payload);
    dispatcher.send(message);
  }

}
```

```
class DurableMessageLogger {

  @Inject @Durable
  MessageDispatcher dispatcher;
```

```
  @Inject @Durable
  DispatcherPolicy policy;


  /* Tweak the dispatch policy to enable duplicate removal */
  @Inject
  void tweakPolicy(@Durable DispatcherPolicy policy) {
    policy.removeDuplicates();
  }

  void logMessage(Payload payload) {
    ...
  }
}
```

It is also possible to configure generic beans using beans by sub-classing the configuration type, or installing another bean of the configuration type through the SPI (e.g. using Seam XML). For example to configure a durable queue via sub-classing:

```
@Durable @ConversationScoped
@ACMEQueue("durableQueue")
class DurableQueueConfiguration extends MessageSystemConfiguration {

  public DurableQueueConfiguration()
  {
    this.durable = true;
  }
}
```

And the same thing via Seam XML:

```
<my:MessageSystemConfiguration>
  <my:Durable/>
  <s:ConversationScoped/>
  <my:ACMEQueue>durableQueue</my:ACMEQueue>
  <my:durable>true</my:durable>
</my:MessageSystemConfiguration>
```

47.2. Defining Generic Beans

Having seen how we use the generic beans, let's look at how to define them. We start by creating the generic configuration annotation:

```
@Retention(RUNTIME)
@GenericType(MessageSystemConfiguration.class)
@interface ACMEQueue {

  String name();

}
```

The generic configuration annotation a defines the generic configuration type (in this case `MessageSystemConfiguration`); the type produced by the generic configuration point must be of this type. Additionally it defines the member `name`, used to provide the queue name.

Next, we define the queue manager bean. The manager has one producer method, which creates the queue from the configuration:

```
@GenericConfiguration(ACMEQueue.class) @ApplyScope
class QueueManager {

  @Inject @Generic
  MessageSystemConfiguration systemConfig;

  @Inject
  ACMEQueue config;

  MessageQueueFactory factory;

  @PostConstruct
  void init() {
    factory = systemConfig.createMessageQueueFactory();
  }

  @Produces @ApplyScope
  public MessageQueue messageQueueProducer() {
    return factory.createMessageQueue(config.name());
  }
}
```

The bean is declared to be a generic bean for the `@ACMEQueue` generic configuration type annotation by placing the `@GenericConfiguration` annotation on the class. We can inject the generic configuration type using the `@Generic` qualifier, as well the annotation used to define the queue.

Placing the `@ApplyScope` annotation on the bean causes it to inherit the scope from the generic configuration point. As creating the queue factory is a heavy operation we don't want to do it more than necessary.

Having created the `MessageQueueFactory`, we can then expose the queue, obtaining its name from the generic configuration annotation. Additionally, we define the scope of the producer method to be inherited from the generic configuration point by placing the annotation `@ApplyScope` on the producer method. The producer method automatically inherits the qualifiers specified by the generic configuration point.

Finally we define the message manager, which exposes the message dispatcher, as well as allowing the client to inject an object which exposes the policy the dispatcher will use when enqueing messages. The client can then tweak the policy should they wish.

```
@Generic(ACMEQueue.class)
class MessageManager {

  @Inject @Generic
  MessageQueue queue;

  @Produces @ApplyScope
  MessageDispatcher messageDispatcherProducer() {
    return queue.createMessageDispatcher();
  }

  @Produces
  DispatcherPolicy getPolicy() {
    return queue.getDispatcherPolicy();
  }

}
```

Service Handler

The service handler facility allow you to declare interfaces and abstract classes as automatically implemented beans. Any call to an abstract method on the interface or abstract class will be forwarded to the invocation handler for processing.

If you wish to convert some non-type-safe lookup to a type-safe lookup, then service handlers may be useful for you, as they allow the end user to map a lookup to a method using domain specific annotations.

We will work through using this facility, taking the example of a service which can execute JPA queries upon abstract method calls. First we define the annotation used to mark interfaces as automatically implemented beans. We meta-annotate it, defining the invocation handler to use:

```
@ServiceHandlerType(QueryHandler.class)
@Retention(RUNTIME)
@Target({TYPE})
@interface QueryService {}
```

We now define an annotation which provides the query to execute:

```
@Retention(RUNTIME)
@Target({METHOD})
@interface Query {

  String value();

}
```

And finally, the invocation handler, which simply takes the query, and executes it using JPA, returning the result:

```
class QueryHandler {

  @Inject EntityManager em;

  @AroundInvoke
  Object handle(InvocationContext ctx) {
    return em.createQuery(ctx.getMethod().getAnnotation(Query.class).value()).getResultList();
  }
```

```
}
```

Note

- The invocation handler is similar to an intercepter. It must have an `@AroundInvoke` method that returns and object and takes an `InvocationContext` as an argument.
- Do not call `InvocationContext.proceed()` as there is no method to proceed to.
- Injection is available into the handler class, however the handler is not a bean definition, so observer methods, producer fields and producer methods defined on the handler will not be registered.

Finally, we can define (any number of) interfaces which define our queries:

```
@QueryService
interface UserQuery {

  @Query("select u from User u");
  public List<User> getAllUsers();
}
```

Finally, we can inject the query interface, and call methods, automatically executing the JPA query.

```
class UserListManager {
  @Inject
  UserQuery userQuery;

  List<User> users;

  @PostConstruct
  void create() {
    users=userQuery.getAllUsers();
  }

}
```