

# Lift from a JEE perspective

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# Who am I



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- Commercial software-development for 14 years
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# Agenda

- What's “wrong” or missing in JEE?
- Scala and Lift added value
- Mixing JEE and Scala+Lift (Not all Java-frameworks are evil)
- Example-application – JSF, JPA, Oval, Spring, Hibernate, Scala, Lift

# What's wrong with JEE?

What's wrong with JEE?  
i18n



- Only provides i18n in some sense in the presentation-layer
  - No common way to get i18n-messages in exceptions, services etc.  
=> All projects make their own i18n-framework on top of *ResourceBundle* for use in exceptions/services
- I18n is not type-safe => Lots of strings scattered around the application
  - Makes refactoring fragile

## What's wrong with JEE? Error-handling

- No common exception-handling framework for all layers with good i18n-support
- Why still checked Exceptions?
- Strange (IMO) implementation of system and application-exceptions
  - ApplicationException:
    - \_ All checked-exceptions
    - \_ Un-checked and annotated with @ApplicationException
    - \_ Does not rollback unless @ApplicationException(rollback=true)
  - SystemException:
    - \_ java.rmi.RemoteException or RuntimeException and does not carry @ApplicationException
    - \_ Always causes rollback
- EJB-3.1 spec. chapter 14 describing Exception-handling in JEE is 21 pages!
- Throwing checked exceptions behind DynamicProxies that are not declared results in UndeclaredThrowableException. Be aware of this when using frameworks throwing checked-exceptions from Scala, as the Scala-compiler will NOT complain about not declaring them!
- Too general exception-handling in web.xml. All frameworks implement their own exception-handling (JSF's version too complex)

What's wrong with JEE?

## JPA



- No standard for handling lazy-associations.
  - We want to navigate the object-graph retrieved from a repository (which often represents DomainObjects) in all parts of the application without worrying about whether we're in a persistence-context or not.
  - Spring provides some nice mechanisms like `OpenEntityManagerInViewFilter` and `JpaInterceptor` to minimize lazy-load exceptions but after the connection to DB is closed, nasty things still might happen.
- `persistence.xml` (<http://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=220>)
  - Has anyone succeeded in making environment neutral deployment-artifacts with a persistent-unit modularized into multiple jar-files using pure JEE?
  - Maintaining `persistence.xml` becomes a pain
    - `<jar-file>/some/hardcoded/path/to/entities-in-functional-domain1.jar</jar-file>`
    - `<jar-file>/some/hardcoded/path/to/entities-in-functional-domain2.jar</jar-file>`
  - Makes it difficult to make environment-neutral deployment-artifacts

# What's wrong with JEE?

## JPA

- Too much boilerplate to make repositories, even when using the *generic DAO* pattern.

### JAVA

UserRepository.java

```
public interface UserRepository extends GenericEntityRepository<User> {  
}
```

UserRepositoryJpa.java

```
@Repository  
public class UserRepositoryJpa extends GenericEntityRepositoryJpa<User> implements  
UserRepository {  
    public UserRepositoryJpa() {  
        super(User.class);  
    }  
}
```

### Scala

UserRepository.scala

```
@Repository  
class UserRepositoryJpa extends UserRepository // To get constructor  
trait UserRepository extends GenericEntityRepository[User]
```



## What's wrong with JEE? GUI-frameworks



- JSF is the JEE-standard.
  - 2.0 was standardized in 2009. No new version has been standardized.
  - Tries to be a good component-based view-first framework but also suffers from being too complicated (who actually understands the component-model?).
  - Lots of bugs!
    - Try to use the jstl tags and see what breaks in AJAX-forms:-)
    - Some blocks are evaluated (although not shown) even when rendered="false" is provided on the element.
  - **Allows logic in the view (xhtml-templates)**

What's wrong with JEE?

## What are the alternatives?

- Frameworks like Spring, Guice and Hibernate bring lots of missing peaces
- Struts2 and SpringMVC as alternatives don't solve much
  - AJAX-applications still require too much boilerplate and quickly become unstable
  - No good way to make true reusable components (re-usable AJAX-dialogs with different “on-close”-actions)
  - No server-push support (WebSockets, comet)
  - No type-safe i18n
  - Use of reflection and allowing logic in the view/templates makes applications very fragile and hard to maintain over time.
- Fragile code requires more tests

What's wrong with JEE?  
What has been done?

- Methodologies
  - SCRUM, Kanban etc.
- Guidelines and HOWTOs are supposed to compensate for bad or inadequate tools (or developers).
- Tests – lots of tests
  - (how many have tests for all their screens in a web-app?)
- But – we're still struggling with the same issues!!  
Results in spending too much time doing non-productive work.

# What does Scala/Lift give us?

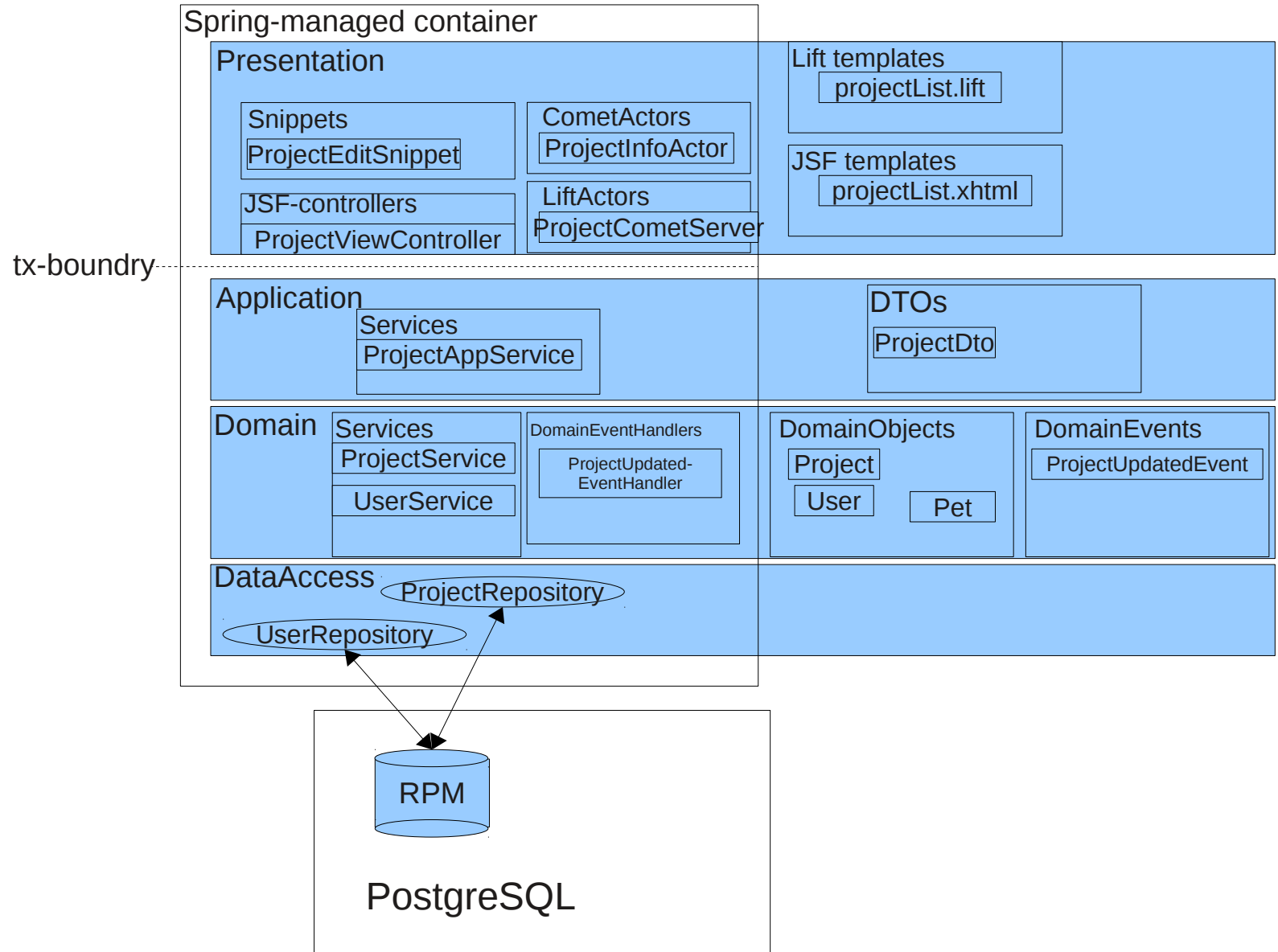
- Scala – the obvious stuff:
  - More concise syntax and structure, focus on the business-logic
  - Error-handling
    - Only un-checked exceptions! Be aware of frameworks throwing checked exceptions if using dynamic-proxies, will result in *UndeclaredThrowableException*.
    - We can pattern-match exceptions on anything (ie. traits), not just classes extending Throwable.
  - Better handling of “not set”, Option vs. null.
  - Functions are objects too, which can be partially applied before passed on
  - Richer type-system; Abstract types, type-projections, structural types etc.
  - implicits
  - Manifest – no need to pass MyClass.class around anymore in DAOs etc.
  - case classes, immutable per default (make up good DTOs and builders)
- Lift
  - The rest of this presentation

# RPM – Rolf's Project Management

Example application mixing JEE, Scala and Lift

- Spring
  - DI, AOP, tx-management, domain-event handling and “after successful commit callbacks”
- JPA
  - scala-jpa with Hibernate and Spring-ORM
  - LazyInitAspect – No more LazyInitializationException
- Spring Security for authentication and authorization (also in services)
- Using Scala's Option and Enumeration with JPA
- Type-safe i18n
- Type-safe and advanced form-fields with in-place AJAX-validation (onblur/onchange), automatic “required”-support, length-constraints and formatting
- Oval as validation-framework, also show validation on Option-types
- Simple yet robust exception-handling
- Server-push using Lift's comet-support
- JSF – Just to show it's possible, showcasing some AJAX and comet-stuff using Lift from a JSF-page

# RPM – Architecture



# RPM – Configuration – web.xml

In web.xml

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>contextConfigLocation</param-name>
  <param-value>
    classpath*:spring/*-datasource.xml
    classpath*:spring/*-context.xml
    /WEB-INF/spring-security-context.xml
  </param-value>
</context-param>

<servlet>
  <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>javax.faces.webapp.FacesServlet</servlet-class>
  <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
  <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
  <url-pattern>*.xhtml</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
```

# RPM – Configuration – web.xml

In web.xml

```
<filter>
  <description>The Proxy that intercepts lift calls</description>
  <display-name>Lift proxy Filter</display-name>
  <filter-name>LiftProxyFilter</filter-name>
  <filter-class>no.officenet.example.rpm.web.filter.RegexpMappingFilter</filter-class>
  <init-param>
    <param-name>filterClass</param-name>
    <param-value>net.liftweb.http.LiftFilter</param-value>
  </init-param>
  <init-param>
    <!-- Match URIs not ending with .xhtml -->
    <param-name>matchPattern</param-name>
    <param-value>^(?!.*\.xhtml$).+$</param-value>
  </init-param>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>LiftProxyFilter</filter-name>
  <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```



# RPM – Security

- Use Spring Security for login (with remember-me) and controlling access to projectAppService.update
- Use standard jdbc-user-service
- Use jsr-250 for securing domain-services

# RPM – Configuration - Spring

```
<context:property-placeholder location="classpath*:spring/props/*.properties"/>

<aop:aspectj-autoproxy/>
<context:spring-configured />
<context:load-time-weaver/>

<security:global-method-security jsr250-annotations="enabled" order="6"/>

<!-- Maps the following CDI scope annotations to matching Spring-scope
javax.enterprise.context.RequestScoped
javax.enterprise.context.SessionScoped
javax.enterprise.context.ApplicationScoped
-->
<context:component-scan base-package="no.officenet.example.rpm"
  scope-resolver=
  "no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.spring.CdiScopeMetadataResolver"/>

<tx:annotation-driven order="5"/>
```

# RPM – Validation

- Oval – <http://oval.sf.net> - provides more flexible validation than JSR-303
  - Validation-rules are business-rules and hence shall be a part of the domain-layer. Expressing validation-constraints as domain-constraints in the domain-objects prevents duplication of validation-rules in the presentation-layer.
- Full i18n support
- Custom validators for supporting Option-types
- Validation in `WritableRepository.save()` as safty-net
- In-place field-validation in forms

# RPM – Configuration - Oval

Rpm-validation-context.xml

```
<bean id="rpmOvalExceptionTranslator"
class="no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.errorhandling.RpmOvalExceptionTranslator"
/>

<bean id="ovalMessageResolver"
  class="no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.validation.OvalMessageResolver"
  factory-method="getInstance">
  <property name="resourceBundles">
    <set>
<value>no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.validation.oval.Messages</value>
<value>no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.validation.oval.customValidationMessages
</value>
    </set>
  </property>
</bean>

<bean id="ovalValidator"
class="no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.validation.OvalValidator">
  <constructor-arg index="0">
    <set>
      <bean
class="no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.validation.RpmAnnotationsConfigurer"/>
    </set>
  </constructor-arg>
  <property name="exceptionTranslator" ref="rpmOvalExceptionTranslator"/>
</bean>
```

# RPM – Configuration - Oval

RpmAnnotationsConfigurer

```
/**
 * The only difference between this and
 * {@link net.sf.oval.configuration.annotation.AnnotationsConfigurer}
 * is that this implementation issues IsInvariant=true for all getter-based annotations
 */
```

OvalValidator

- Extends Oval's Validator but use our locale-selection strategy; Spring's LocaleContextHolder
- Don't do validation if not Hibernate.isInitialized()

# RPM – JPA/Hibernate

- No XML. Only pure Spring

```
<bean id="RPM"  
    class="org.springframework.orm.jpa.LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean">  
    <property name="dataSource" ref="rpmDataSource"/>  
    <property name="persistenceUnitName" value="RPM"/>  
    <property name="packagesToScan" value="no.officenet.example.rpm"/>  
    <property name="jpaVendorAdapter" ref="jpaVendorAdapter"/>  
    <property name="jpaDialect" ref="jpaDialect"/>  
</bean>
```

The new *packagesToScan* property introduced in Spring 3.1 makes it way easier to split persistence-units in multiple modules (jars). No need for the old *MergePersistentUnitManager*

# RPM – JPA/Hibernate

- Using Scala's Option-type as property in JPA-entities
  - OptionUserType
    - Convert the value to Some or None, never null
  - Write custom Oval-checks to deal with optional-values

```
class LongOptionUserType extends  
    OptionUserType[java.lang.Long] {def nullableType =  
StandardBasicTypes.LONG}
```

```
@Column(name = "budget")  
@OptionalMax(value = 999999.0)  
@org.hibernate.annotations.Type(`type` = CustomJpaType.LongOptionUserType)  
var budget: Option[Long] = None
```

# RPM – JPA/Hibernate

- Scala enums

```
class ProjectUserType extends EnumUserType(ProjectType)

object ProjectType extends
    EnumWithDescriptionAndObject[ProjectTexts.D.ExtendedValue] {
    val scrum = Value(ProjectTexts.D.type_scrum)
    val sales = Value(ProjectTexts.D.type_sales)
}

@Column(name = "project_type", nullable = false)
@org.hibernate.annotations.Type(`type` = CustomJpaType.ProjectUserType)
@net.sf.oval.constraint.NotNull
var projectType: ProjectType.ExtendedValue = null
```

Showing this field's i18n-value:

```
".projectType *" #> L(project.projectType.wrapped)
```



# RPM – JPA - scala-jpa

## Scala-JPA

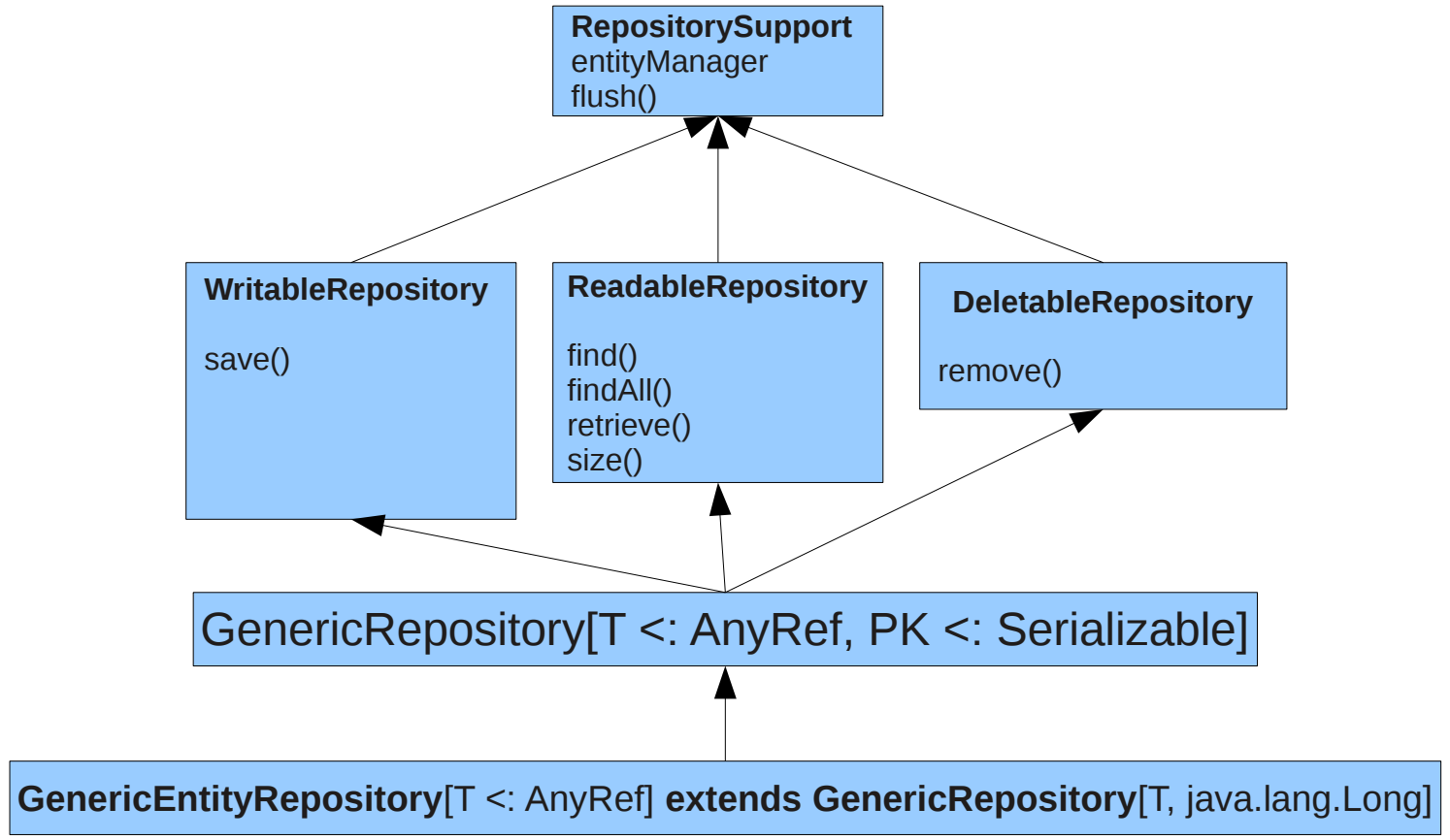
- We use our own custom implementation of EntityManager to expose certain JPA2-features as scala-jpa is not updated to support JPA-2

```
class ExtScalaEntityManager(owner: ScalaEMFactory, underlying: EntityManager)
  extends ScalaEntityManager {
  def em = underlying
  val factory = owner
  def getCriteriaBuilder = underlying.getCriteriaBuilder
  def createQuery[T <: AnyRef](criteriaQuery: CriteriaQuery[T]) =
    underlying.createQuery[T](criteriaQuery)
}
```

# RPM – JPA - scala-jpa

- Use generic-dao pattern

```
@Repository  
class ProjectRepositoryJpa extends ProjectRepository with PersistenceUnits.PersistenceUnitRPM  
trait ProjectRepository extends GenericEntityRepository[Project]
```



# RPM – JPA - scala-jpa

- Finders return Option[T] or Buffer[T]
- retrieve() throws ObjectNotFoundException if not found
- Use scala's implicit Manifest[T] to avoid having to pass classOf[T] as parameter

```
trait ReadableRepository[T <: AnyRef, PK <: Serializable] extends RepositorySupport {  
  // ...  
  def retrieve(id: PK)(implicit m: Manifest[T]) =  
    entityManager.find[T](m.erasure.asInstanceOf[Class[T]], id) match {  
      case Some(e) => e  
      case _ =>  
        throw new ObjectNotFoundException(m.erasure.getSimpleName,  
                                             id.toString)  
    }  
}
```

```
trait UserRepository extends GenericEntityRepository[User] {  
  
  def findByUsername(userName: String): Option[User] = {  
    entityManager.createQuery[User]("SELECT u FROM User u WHERE u.userName = :userName")  
      .setParams("userName" -> userName)  
      .findOne  
  }  
}
```

# RPM – Configuration - Lift

## bootstrap.liftweb.Boot.scala

```
@Configurable // For Spring + AspectJ to inject the executor-service
class Boot {
  // Use custom executor-service (wired up in Spring) to be able to monitor
  // it using JMX. Lift's default is private so we need to install our own
  @Resource(name = "liftSchedulerExecutor")
  val liftSchedulerExecutor: ExecutorService = null

  def boot() {
    // Do nothing. We don't want Lift to try to mess up our logging.
    // Having log4j.xml in classpath is sufficient
    Logger.setup = Full(() => ())

    LiftRules.htmlProperties.default.set((r: Req) => new
      XHtmlInHtml5OutProperties(r.userAgent))

    LiftRules.templateSuffixes = "lift" :: LiftRules.templateSuffixes

    LiftRules.addToPackages("no.officenet.example.rpm.web")

    // Reset i18n-cache on start of each request if dev-mode
    LiftRules.onBeginServicing.append(req => {
      Props.mode match {
        case Props.RunModes.Development =>
          ResourceBundleHelper.resetCachedFormats()
        case _ =>
      }
    })
  }
}
```

# RPM – Configuration - Lift

## Configure locale-handling

```
class Boot {
  def boot() {
...
...
    // Ensure the LocalContextHolder is reset on request-end
    LiftRules.onEndServicing.append((req, liftResponse) => {
      LocalContextHolder.resetLocaleContext()
    })

    // Install our URI-based locale-calculator
    LiftRules.localeCalculator = UrlLocalizer.calcLocale

    SiteMap.enforceUniqueLinks = false
    LiftRules.setSiteMapFunc(() => SiteMap(RpmMenu.menu:_*))
  }
}
```

# RPM – Configuration - Lift

Configure exception-handling

Normal HTTP-requests

```
class Boot {
  def boot() {
    ExceptionHandlerDelegate.setUpLiftExceptionHandler()

    def setUpLiftExceptionHandler() {
      LiftRules.exceptionHandler.prepend {case (runMode, req, ex) =>
        ex match {
          case c: RpmConstraintsViolatedException =>
            if (req.acceptsJavaScript_? && req.section == LiftRules.ajaxPath) {
              JavaScriptResponse(createValidationErrorDialog(c).open)
            } else {
              XhtmlResponse(createValidationErrorPage(req.uri, ex, c),
                S.htmlProperties.docType,
                List("Content-Type" -> "text/html; charset=utf-8"), Nil, 500, S.ieMode)
            }
          case _ =>
            val localizableEx = handleException(log, ex)
            if (req.acceptsJavaScript_? && req.section == LiftRules.ajaxPath) {
              JavaScriptResponse(createErrorDialog(localizableEx).open)
            } else {
              XhtmlResponse(createHtmlErrorPage(req.uri, ex, localizableEx),
                S.htmlProperties.docType,
                List("Content-Type" -> "text/html; charset=utf-8"), Nil, 500, S.ieMode)
            }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# RPM – Error-handling

In comet-actors

```
override protected def exceptionHandler = {  
  case c: RpmConstraintsViolatedException =>  
    partialUpdate(ExceptionHandlerDelegate.createValidationErrorDialog(c).open)  
  
  case ex =>  
    val localizableEx = ExceptionHandlerDelegate.handleException(log, ex)  
    partialUpdate(ExceptionHandlerDelegate.createErrorDialog(localizableEx).open)  
}
```

In other actors

```
override protected def exceptionHandler = {  
  case ex => ExceptionHandlerDelegate.handleException(log, ex)  
}
```

# RPM – Error-handling

## Exception-handling

- Provide 2 main-traits

```
trait ApplicationException
```

```
trait SystemException
```

```
self: Throwable =>
```

- Must support 3rd-party exception-hierarchies, like Spring's `DataAccessException`

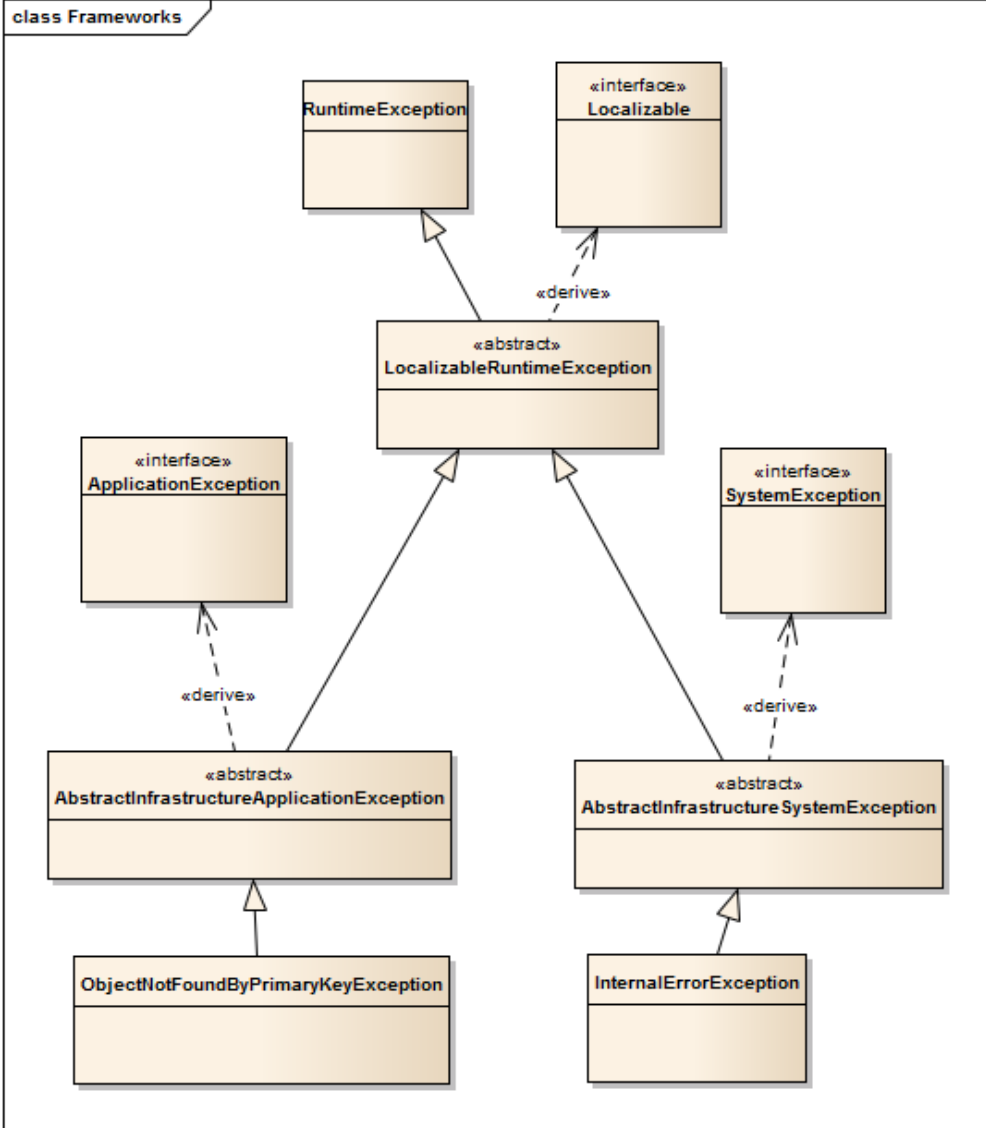
```
public interface PersistenceExceptionTranslator {  
    DataAccessException translateExceptionIfPossible(RuntimeException ex);  
}
```

We see Spring expects `DataAccessException` in return so we must use traits for marking our exceptions as Application or System-Exceptions

```
class RpmDataIntegrityViolationException(val constraintName: String, cause: Throwable)  
    extends DataIntegrityViolationException(constraintName, cause)  
    with ApplicationException with Localizable
```



# RPM – Error-handling



# RPM – i18n

- Why is Lift's i18n-support inadequate for RPM
  - The other modules in the application don't have a dependency to Lift
  - Domain-services, exceptions etc. also need i18n
  - Doesn't play well with JSF (or other frameworks)
    - Uses `String.format` instead of standard `java.text.MessageFormat`, different rules
    - All texts are merged, no way to specify resource-bundle
  - Doesn't support “choice-format” or markup in text

Showing {0, choice, 0#{0, number} activities | 1#{0, number} activity | 1<{0, number} activities} for project <strong>{1}</strong>
  - Not type-safe, lots of strings are spread across the application

# RPM – I18n using Scala-enums

Advantages:

- Type-safe
- Easy to test for missing keys and refactor

```
object Bundle extends ResourceBundleNameEnum {  
  
    // The global resource-bundle. Holds texts for general use. Used in GlobalTexts  
    val GLOBAL = BundleName("no.officenet.example.rpm.resources.globalResources")  
  
    // Holds texts for Project (D) domain object fields. Used in ProjectTexts.D  
    val PROJECT_D = BundleName("no.officenet.example.rpm.resources.projectDomainResources")  
  
    // Holds texts for Project (V) views (project-related pages). Used in ProjectTexts.V  
    val PROJECT_V = BundleName("no.officenet.example.rpm.resources.projectViewResources")  
}
```

# RPM – I18n using Scala-enums

```
object GlobalTexts extends ResourceBundleEnum {  
    val  
    logged_in_user,  
    dateformat_fullDateTimeSeconds,  
    button_edit  
    = BundleEnum(Bundle.GLOBAL)  
}
```

The key in the properties-file is the name of the enum:

```
/no/officenet/example/rpm/resources/globalResources_en.properties  
dateformat_fullDateTimeSeconds=MM.dd.yyyy HH:mm:ss
```

# RPM – I18n in snippets

```
import no.officenet.example.rpm.support.domain.i18n.Localizer._
```

```
<span class="activitiesForProjectHeader">  
  Showing activities for project <strong>HEY</strong>  
</span>
```

```
".activitiesForProjectHeader" #> L_!(ProjectTexts.V.header_activitiesForProject_text,  
  project.activityList.size, project.name)
```

```
header_activitiesForProject_text=Showing {0, choice, 0#{0, number} activities  
| 1#{0, number} activity | 1<{0, number} activities} for project  
<strong>{1}</strong>
```

Output:

Showing 2 activities for project **SomeProject**

Showing 1 activity for project **SomeOtherProject**

# RPM – I18n in templates

```
object ProjectTexts {  
  object V extends ResourceBundleEnum {  
    val  
    label_chosenColor,  
    label_niceColor,  
    label_badColor  
  
    = BundleEnum(Bundle.PROJECT_V)  
  }  
}
```

```
<div>  
  <div class="lift:i18n?bundle=PROJECT_V;key=label_chosenColor">  
    This text will be replaced  
  </div>  
  <span class="nice_color_id lift:i18n.i?bundle=PROJECT_V"  
    style="display: none">label_niceColor</span>  
  <span class="bad_color_id lift:i18n.i?bundle=PROJECT_V"  
    style="display: none">label_badColor</span>  
</div>
```

Output:

```
<div>  
  The color you've chosen is a:  
  <span style="display: none">Nice color</span>  
  <span style="display: none">Bad color</span>  
</div>
```

**Don't use i18n in templates; It's not type-safe!!**

# RPM – I18n Testing

## Testing

```
class ProjectTextsTest extends TextsTest {
    @Test
    def testDomain() {
        assetResourceBundleEnumFound(ProjectTexts.D)
    }
    @Test
    def testView() {
        assetResourceBundleEnumFound(ProjectTexts.V)
    }
}
```

```
java.lang.AssertionError: problems found:
ArrayBuffer(
(PROJECT_V, en, color_black),
(PROJECT_V, en, color_red),
(PROJECT_V, no_NO, label_badColor)
)
```

# RPM – ExecutionContext

- Need to know the “current locale”
  - Use Lift's locale-calculator
  - Need other way of propagating locale to services, use Spring's LocaleContextHolder
- Need to know the “current user”
  - Spring Security's  
SecurityContextHolder.getContext().getAuthentication



# RPM – ExecutionContext

- Need to set locale at start of HTTP-threads

`http://localhost:8080/rpm/no/project/100`

```
object ProjectLoc extends Loc[ProjectParam] with LocalizableMenu {
```

```
...
  override val rewrite: LocRewrite = Full(NamedPF("Project rewrite") {
    case RewriteRequest(ParsePath(UrlLocalizer(locale) :: "project" :: AsLong(projectId) ::
Nil,_,_,_),_,_) => {
      (RewriteResponse("lift" :: "project" :: "projectView" :: Nil, Map("id" ->
projectId.toString), true), ProjectViewParam(projectId))
    }
  })
}
```

## **UrlLocalizer**

```
def unapply(in: String): Option[Locale] = {
  val locale = locales.get(in)
  locale.foreach{l =>
    LocaleContextHolder.setLocale(l)
    currentLocale.set(l)
  }
  locale
}
```

# RPM – ExecutionContext

- Make S.locale (which delegates to this function) work in comet-requests

```
object currentLocale extends RequestVar(Locale.getDefault)

def calcLocale(in: Box[HttpRequest]): Locale =
  if (LocaleContextHolder.getLocaleContext != null) {
    // Set by LoanWrapper in Comet-requests
    val locale = LocaleContextHolder.getLocale
    locale
  } else if (currentLocale.set_?) {
    // Set by the UrlLocalizer.unapply extractor in Locs
    val locale = currentLocale.get
    LocaleContextHolder.setLocale(locale)
    locale
  }
  else {
    // Use the browser's locale or system's default
    in.flatMap(r => r.locale).openOr(Locale.getDefault)
  }
```

# RPM – ExecutionContext

- Convention for Comet-actor's name

name=<locale>:<id>

```
class ProjectPageSnippet(projectParam: ProjectParam)

def render(in: NodeSeq) = {
  // The locale too has to be a part of the comet's name.
  // Else switching locale doesn't affect the actor
  val cometName = List(S.locale, projectParam.id)
  <div class={"lift:comet?type=ProjectInfoActor";name="+cometName.mkString(":")}
    style="display: inline;">
    {in}
  </div>
}
```

# RPM – ExecutionContext

- Initialize locale and user for the comet-actor

```
trait RpmCometActor extends CometActor with CometListener

// First part of name is always the locale
lazy val nameParts = name.open_!.split(":")
// Get from 1st part of the actor's name
lazy val locale = UrlLocalizer.locales.get(nameParts(0))
var authentication: Box[Authentication] = Empty

override protected def localSetup() {
  super.localSetup()
  authentication = S.session.flatMap(ls => {
    ls.httpSession.flatMap(session => {
      tryo{session.attribute(HttpSessionSecurityContextRepository
        .SPRING_SECURITY_CONTEXT_KEY)
        .asInstanceOf[SecurityContext].getAuthentication}
    })
  })
}
```

# RPM – ExecutionContext

- Need to set locale and current user at start of Comet-threads

```
trait RpmCometActor extends CometActor with CometListener

lazy val locale: Option[Locale] = UrlLocalizer.locales.get(nameParts(0))

override protected def aroundLoans: List[CommonLoanWrapper] = {
  val lw = LoanWrapperHelper.getLoanWrapper(() => locale)
  val cometLW = new LoanWrapper {
    def apply[T](f: => T) : T = {
      authentication.foreach(auth =>
        SecurityContextHolder.getContext.setAuthentication(auth))
      try f
      finally SecurityContextHolder.clearContext()
    }
  }
  cometLW :: lw :: Nil
}
```

**Must set Auth-context on the thread for jsr250-based ACL to work. Or else we wouldn't be able to update a project from a comet-related AJAX-req.**

```
@RolesAllowed(Array("PROJECT_MANAGER"))
def update(projectDto: ProjectDto): ProjectDto
```

# RPM – Lift and forms

```
<form class="lift:form.ajax">  
  <div class="lift:project.ProjectSnippet.list">  
    <div class="firstName"></div>  
  </div>  
</form>
```

- Shtml.text etc.
  - Raw building-blocks for forms  
 `".firstName *" #> Shtml.text(firstName, s => firstName = s)`
- Lift provides LiftScreen and Wizard, but..
  - None of them provide dynamic creation of form-elements.
  - No built-in mechanism for hooking in Oval or other external validation frameworks

# RPM – Lift and forms

## ValidatableScreen

- Composable form-field generation
- Type-safe validation
- Know how to render in “non-edit”-mode
- Has “disabled”-mode for all types
- Supports date-picker with localized format
- Select-box with ajax-callback and assignment-callback on submit
- Ability to render label + input-field with different type of containers (TD, DIV or other custom stuff)

# RPM – Lift - validation

- Using external validation-libraries with Lift
  - Mix-in the **ValidatableScreen** trait which provide methods for generating input-fields which are validation-aware. May provide validation-functions for each field to perform validation.
  - Mix-in the **JpaFormFields**-trait to get type-safe field-names AND external validation (Oval here).

```
JpaTextField(project, Project.name, project.name, (v:String) => project.name = v)
```

`Project.name` is defined in `Project`'s companion-object and represents the field-name in a type-safe way.

```
object Project {  
  object name extends StringField[Project]  
  object description extends StringField[Project]  
  object budget extends LongField[Project]  
  object estimatedStartDate extends DateTimeField[Project]  
}
```

`Project.name` serves two purposes here:

1.

Provide the external validation-library information about which property on the object is to be validated in a type-safe way.

2.

Dynamic forms; Servers as a unique key, together with the reference (as in `identityHashCode`) of the validated object itself (`project`), to be able to group field-errors for each input-field. Makes it support editing multiple instances of a class with the same field (ie. 2 projects) in the same form.



# RPM – Lift - validation

- Template defining markup for editing a project in an AJAX-dialog

web/src/main/webapp/lift/project/\_projectEdit.lift

```
<table>
  <tbody>
    <tr class="projectName"></tr>
    <tr class="projectDescription"></tr>
    <tr class="projectType"></tr>
    <tr class="budget"></tr>
    <tr class="estimatedStart"></tr>
  </tbody>
</table>
```

# RPM – Lift - validation

Example of how a snippet binds form-fields to a template for editing a Project-object

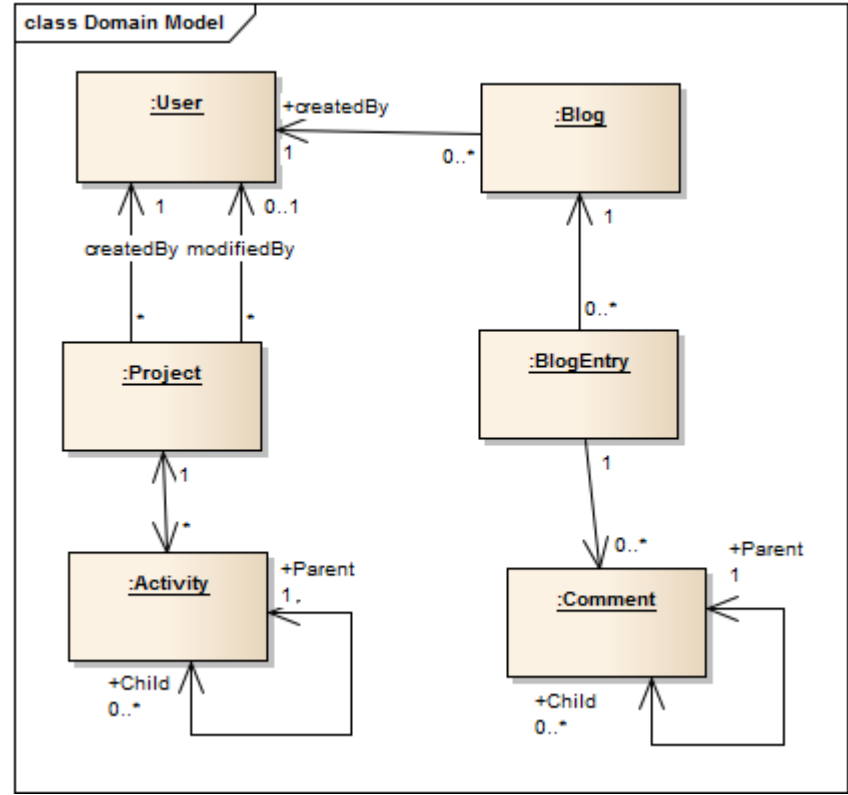
```
".projectName *" #> JpaTextField(project, Project.name, project.name,  
  (v:String) => project.name = v).  
  withContainer(TdInputContainer(L(ProjectTexts.D.name))) &  
".projectDescription *" #> JpaTextAreaField(project, Project.description,  
  project.description.getOrElse(""), (v: Option[String]) => project.description = v).  
  withContainer(TdInputContainer(L(ProjectTexts.D.description))) &  
".projectType *" #> JpaSelectField(project, Project.projectType,  
  projectTypes.toList, project.projectType,  
  (pt: ProjectType.ExtendedValue) => project.projectType = pt,  
  (pt: ProjectType.ExtendedValue, idx) => L(pt.wrapped)).  
  withContainer(TdInputContainer(L(ProjectTexts.D.projectType))) &  
".budget *" #> JpaTextField(project, Project.budget,  
  project.budget.map(d => d.toString).getOrElse(""),  
  (v: Option[Long]) => project.budget = v).  
  withContainer(TdInputContainer(  
    L(ProjectTexts.V.projectDialog_details_label_budget))).  
  withInputMask(NaturalNumberMask()) &  
".estimatedStart *" #> JpaDateField(project, Project.estimatedStartDate,  
  Localizer.formatDateTime(L(GlobalTexts.dateformat_fullDate),  
    Option(project.estimatedStartDate)).getOrElse(""),  
  (v: DateTime) => project.estimatedStartDate = v).  
  withContainer(TdInputContainer(  
    L(ProjectTexts.V.projectDialog_details_label_estimatedStartDate) +  
    "(%s)".format(L(GlobalTexts.dateformat_fullDate)))) &
```

# RPM – Validation

## Benefits

- Automatically extract validation-rules from Oval-annotations
- Provides in-place validation with fully i18n messages on form-fields (“onblur” for text-fields and “onchange” for selects)
  - Optionally turn off in-place validation per field
- Automatically extract “required” information for use of rendering a \* next to required fields
- Automatically extract max-length information for input-fields
- Automatically format numbers and date-inputs according to locale
- Automatically apply input-masks to enforce only legal characters (ie. Numbers), using the jQuery autoNumber-plugin
- Conversion-errors
- Having Scala in our toolbox enables us to pass in an optional validation-function and error-message function to each form-field
- Type-safe field-validation

# RPM – Domain Model



# RPM – Live Demo

- Use URI-based locale-selection for Lift-pages.
- Project-list page - Lift
- Project-details page - Lift
- Use Lift-backed AJAX-dialog with Oval validation – Lift
- Show project-list and detail in JSF
  - Shortly explain JSF-configuration here
- Show usage of the same Lift-based project-edit dialog in JSF-page
- Use Lift's Comet-support for updating project-details page, both on Lift and JSF version
  - Updating the GUI happens whenever someone saves a project using the domain-service `ProjectService.update(project)` and it successfully commits.

# JSF

- Configuration

## **<application>**

```
<!-- This makes JSF resolve el-expressions to Spring-beans,  
      enabling spring-beans to act as spring-managed JSF-controllers -->  
<el-resolver>org.springframework.web.jsf.el.SpringBeanFacesELResolver</el-resolver>  
<locale-config>  
  <default-locale>en</default-locale>  
  <supported-locale>no</supported-locale>  
  <supported-locale>en</supported-locale>  
</locale-config>  
<!-- Message properties components-->  
<resource-bundle>  
  <base-name>no.officenet.example.rpm.resources.globalResources</base-name>  
  <var>GLOBAL</var>  
</resource-bundle>  
<resource-bundle>  
  <base-name>no.officenet.example.rpm.resources.projectDomainResources</base-name>  
  <var>PROJECT_D</var>  
</resource-bundle>  
<resource-bundle>  
  <base-name>no.officenet.example.rpm.resources.projectViewResources</base-name>  
  <var>PROJECT_V</var>  
</resource-bundle>  
</application>
```

# JSF

- Spring-managed controllers

```
@Controller
@Scope("view")
class ProjectViewController @Autowired() (projectAppService:
ProjectAppService) {
    case class ProjectBean(projectDto: ProjectDto) {
        val project = projectDto.project
        @BeanProperty
        var id = project.id
        @BeanProperty
        var name = project.name
        @BeanProperty
        var description = project.description.orNull
        @BeanProperty
        var created = project.created
        @BeanProperty
        var createdBy = project.createdBy.displayName
    }
    @BeanProperty
    var id: java.lang.Long = null
    private var project: ProjectBean = null
    def getProject = {
        if (project == null) {
            project = ProjectBean(projectAppService.retrieve(id))
        }
        project
    }
}
```

# JSF

- Hidden iframe trick for Comet

```
<iframe id="project_view_jsf_iframe" name="project_view_jsf_iframe"
  src="${facesContext.externalContext.requestContextPath}/$
{configController.locale}/wrapper/project/projectViewWrapperForJSF?
id=#{projectViewController.id}"
  height="0"
  width="0"
  frameborder="0"
><!-- --></iframe>
```

Use a ProjectViewWrapperLoc handling this URL:

```
ParsePath(UrlLocalizer(locale) :: "wrapper" :: "project" :: "projectViewWrapperForJSF" :: Nil
RewriteResponse("lift" :: "project" :: "projectViewWrapperForJSF"
```

Template in:

/src/main/webapp//lift/project/projectViewWrapperForJSF.lift

```
<div class="lift:ProjectJSFHelperSnippet?eager_eval=true">
  <div class="lift:embed?what=lift/project/_projectDetailViewComponent"></div>
</div>
```

This **ProjectJSFHelperSnippet** creates a ProjectJsfActor which will send JS-events to the iframe's parent  
Embeds same template as /lift/project/projectView.lift (the Lift-version) does



# JSF

Making Lift AJAX-dialogs work on JSF-pages

1. Load Lift's liftAjax.js
2. Register some JS-variables and functions Lift uses
3. Define a JS function which loads a Lift-managed URL using AJAX
4. Make a custom Loc in Lift to handle this URL
5. Invoke a Snippet in the template the Loc rewrites to for setting correct value of the "lift\_page" JS-var and also populate RequestVars if needed

# JSF

## Making Lift AJAX-dialogs work on JSF-pages

1. Register liftAjax.js

```
<script src="$  
{facesContext.externalContext.requestContextPath}/#{configController.liftAjaxPath}/liftAjax.js"  
type="text/javascript"></script>
```

2. Register some JS-variables and functions Lift uses

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  //<br/>    jQuery(document).ready(function() {liftAjax.lift_successRegisterGC();});<br/>    var lift_page = "NO_PAGE";<br/>  //]]&gt;</pre></div><div data-bbox="71 619 408 646" data-label="List-Group"><ol><li>3. function which loads a URL using AJAX</li></ol></div><div data-bbox="50 669 438 765" data-label="Text"><pre>function openLiftPopup(template, params) {<br/>  // ...<br/>}<br/>&lt;/script&gt;</pre></div><div data-bbox="40 795 777 932" data-label="Text"><pre>&lt;a href="javascript:void(0)"<br/>  onclick="openLiftPopup('project/projectEditDialogWrapper',<br/>    {id: #{projectViewController.project.id}}); return false"&gt;<br/>  EDIT (Lift-popup)<br/>&lt;/a&gt;</pre></div>
```

# JSF

## Making Lift AJAX-dialogs work on JSF-pages

4. Make a custom Loc in Lift to handle this URI

ProjectEditDialogWrapperLoc:

```
ParsePath(UrlLocalizer(locale) :: "wrapper" :: "project" :: "projectEditDialogWrapper"  
RewriteResponse("lift" :: "project" :: "projectEditDialogWrapperForJSF"
```

# JSF

## Making Lift AJAX-dialogs work on JSF-pages

5. Invoke a Snippet in the template the Loc rewrites to for setting correct value of the “lift\_page” JS-var and also populate RequestVars if needed

```
projectEditDialogWrapperForJSF.lift
```

```
<div class="lift:project.ProjectEditDialogWrapperSnippet.render">
  <span class="liftPageSetter"/>
  <div class="lift:embed?what=lift/project/_projectEdit"></div>
</div>
```

```
@Configurable
class ProjectEditDialogWrapperSnippet {
  @Resource
  val projectAppService: ProjectAppService = null
  lazy val projectId: Box[Long] = asLong(S.param("id"))

  def render(ns: NodeSeq): NodeSeq = {
    // Set the projectDto in a RequestVar
    projectId.foreach(id => ContextVars.projectVar.set(projectAppService.retrieve(id)))
    // Hook up JavaScript to set the “lift_page” JS-var correctly
    (".liftPageSetter" #> Script(SetExp(JsVar("lift_page"), S.renderVersion))).apply(ns)
  }
}
```

# RPM – Domain Events for Comet

## Use-case:

We want to update GUI after successful save/update (transaction-commit)

## Solution:

Use Domain Events and implement an event-handler in the web-module for doing the comet-updates

## Important:

Use IMMUTABLE data-structures in messages sent to actors. Trying to use Hibernate-managed entities will cause all kinds of trouble, especially when using LazyInitAspect.

# RPM – Domain Events for Comet

In the [on-example-rpm-projectmgmt-domain] artifact, which doesn't see the web-artifact

```
override def update(project: Project) = {
  val updated = super.update(project)
  DomainEventDispatcher.raiseEvent(new ProjectUpdatedEvent(updated, OperationType.UPDATE))
  updated
}
```

```
@Component
class ProjectUpdatedEventHandler extends DomainEventHandler[ProjectUpdatedEvent] {
  DomainEventDispatcher.registerEventHandler(classOf[ProjectUpdatedEvent], this)
  def handleEvent(event: ProjectUpdatedEvent) {
    AfterCommitEventDispatcher.registerAfterCommitEvent(event)
  }
}
```

In the [on-example-rpm-web] artifact

```
@Component
class ProjectUpdatedForCometEventHandler extends DomainEventHandler[ProjectUpdatedEvent] {

  AfterCommitEventDispatcher.registerEventHandler(classOf[ProjectUpdatedEvent], this)

  def handleEvent(event: ProjectUpdatedEvent) {
    if (OperationType.UPDATE == event.operationType) {
      // Send actor a message for comet-updates
      ProjectCometMasterServer.findProjectCometServerFor(event.project.id)
      .foreach(_ ! ProjectCometDto(event.project))
    }
  }
}
```

# RPM – Domain Events

```
class ProjectCometServer(id: Long) extends LiftActor with ListenerManager with Loggable {  
  override def lowPriority = {  
    case project: ProjectCometDto =>  
      cachedProject = project  
      updateListeners(project) // Update all subscribed comet-actors  
  }  
}
```

?

Github:

`git@github.com:andreak/on-example-rpm.git`

`git@github.com:andreak/33degree-2012.git`



# RPM – JPA/Hibernate

- LazyInitAspect
  - Prevents LazyInitializationException and lets you navigate the object-graph in a natural way without resorting to unwanted calls to repositories or services

META-INF/aop.xml

```
<aspectj>
  <weaver options="-verbose -showWeaveInfo">
    <include within="@org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Configurable no.officenet.example.rpm..*" />
    <include within="@org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Configurable bootstrap.liftweb.Boot" />
    <include within="@javax.persistence.Entity *" />
    <include within="@javax.persistence.MappedSuperclass *" />
    <include within="no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.spring.aop.LazyInitAspect" /><!-- For aspectOf -->
  </weaver>
  <aspects>
    <aspect name="no.officenet.example.rpm.support.infrastructure.jpa.LazyInitAspect" />
  </aspects>
</aspectj>
```

@Aspect

```
public class SystemArchitectureAspect {
```

```
    @Pointcut("@within(javax.persistence.Entity) || @within(javax.persistence.MappedSuperclass)" +
        " && (" +
        "@annotation(javax.persistence.ManyToOne)" +
        " || @annotation(javax.persistence.ManyToMany)" +
        " || @annotation(javax.persistence.OneToOne)" +
        " || @annotation(javax.persistence.OneToMany)" +
        ")")
    public void lazyLoadableJpaProperties() {
    }
```