

SOEN 387 Web-based Enterprise Application Design

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Outline

Frameworks

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- ▶ People say framework a lot
- ▶ Everyone wants to write their own framework
- ▶ I don't suggest that!
- ▶ But sometimes you do something that's not a framework
- ▶ Maybe you do it a lot
- ▶ And then you realize you can pull out a framework

What Frameworks Give You

- ▶ People redefine the word framework to suit themselves
- ▶ It really does imply something architectural
- ▶ This course covers high-level architectural patterns for webapp development
- ▶ If what I say here is true, then web frameworks of all flavors and languages should reflect these patterns

- ▶ We're going to look at SoenEA
- ▶ It's kind of cheating in terms of highlighting the patterns we've covered
- ▶ I wrote/adjusted it specifically to suit these patterns
- ▶ I grabbed a couple things like Command Annotations from Spring
- ▶ I used it on well over a hundred different webapps/software development projects

What Did SoenEA Give Us

- ▶ Concrete base-classes/interfaces for everything save
- ▶ A very convenient Helper Utility to take care of basic stuff
 - ▶ Template Views
 - ▶ Input Mappers
 - ▶ Factories
 - ▶ Finders
 - ▶ TDGs
- ▶ DomainCommand gives strong support for for fields and field/assignment via annotations, and is one of my favorite features. . . that I basically stole from Spring because a Spring developer using SoenEA wanted them
- ▶ DomainCommand also gives basic parameter validation Annotations
- ▶ UoW is the Identity Map for everything and just automagically takes care of stuff

What You Have To Give SoenEA

- ▶ Output Mappers are no longer static
- ▶ This is to take advantage of some dynamic instantiation stuff
- ▶ You need to explicitly map between Domain Objects and their corresponding OutputMappers in Servlet Initialization
- ▶ You need to explicitly use the UoW as an IM in your Input Mappers and Factories

How to Start

- ▶ You can start with Dispatchers and work down (very TDD)
- ▶ You can start with Domain Objects and work up
- ▶ You can start with Template Views and work down (also very TDD)
- ▶ Pick an approach and be consistent and you'll be ok

How to Use SoenEA

- ▶ Inherit from SoenEA base-classes
 - ▶ Dispatchers
 - ▶ Commands
 - ▶ Domain Objects (interfaces and proxies too)
 - ▶ Output Mappers
- ▶ Register Domain Objects with their Output Mapper in servlet initialization
- ▶ Use UoW as an IM in InputMapper
- ▶ Initialize UoW when you start a transaction for a request
- ▶ Commit when you're done (maybe in Dispatcher?)
- ▶ Rollback when things fail (maybe also in Dispatcher?)
- ▶ Most other stuff is the same