



**DWR**

# Hands-on DWR

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# Goal of the Talk

The plan for the next 60 minutes

Learn how to use DWR from  
some cool worked examples

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## Web Browser

HTML / Javascript

```
function eventHandler() {  
    AjaxService.getOptions(populateList);  
}  
  
function populateList(data) {  
    dwr.util.addOptions("listid", data);  
}
```



The diagram shows a yellow document icon representing the browser's code. It contains two JavaScript functions. The first function, `eventHandler`, calls `AjaxService.getOptions(populateList)`. The second function, `populateList`, calls `dwr.util.addOptions("listid", data)`. A grey arrow points from the `eventHandler` function to the `populateList` function. Below the code is a visual representation of a dropdown menu with the value '1' selected and a list of options '1', '2', '3' displayed below it.

## Web Server

Java

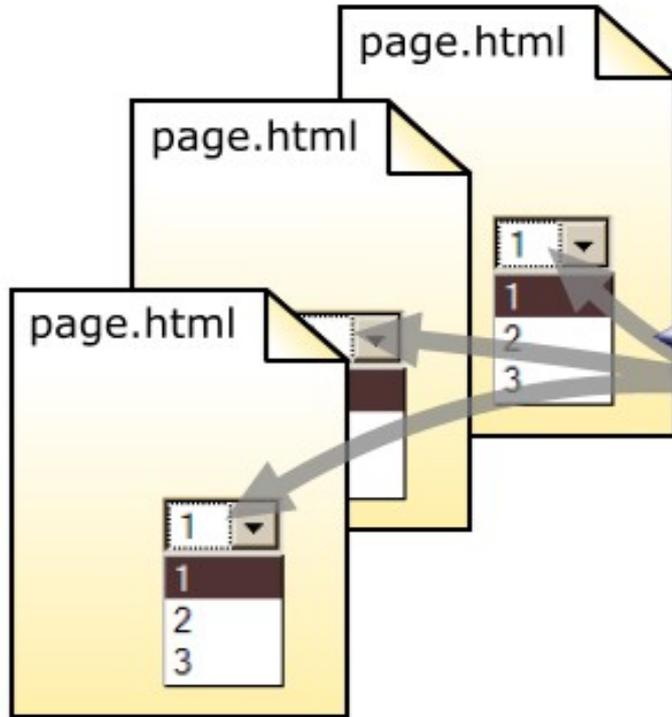
```
public class AjaxService {  
  
    public String[] getOptions() {  
        return new String[] { "1", "2", "3" };  
    }  
  
}
```

The diagram shows a blue document icon representing the server-side code. It contains a `public class AjaxService` with a `getOptions()` method that returns an array of strings: `return new String[] { "1", "2", "3" };`.

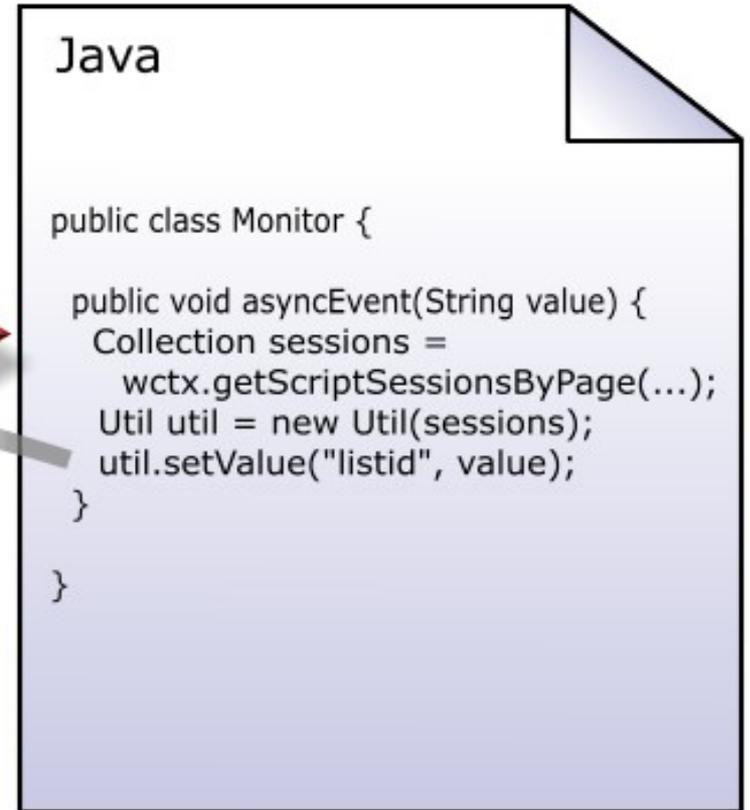


# DWR

## Web Browsers



## Web Server



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# Getting Started

## Installation in 4 steps

- Copy dwr.jar into WEB-INF/lib
  - <http://directwebremoting.org/>
- Add the DWR servlet to WEB-INF/web.xml
- Create dwr.xml to give DWR permission to call your code
- Browse the automatically generated test pages
  - <http://localhost:8080/WEBAPP/dwr/>

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# DEMO

Your first DWR page



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# DWR Can Marshall:

(in short, basically anything ...)

- Primitive types, and their Object counterparts
  - int, boolean, long, float, double, etc
- Obvious classes
  - String, Date, BigDecimal, BigInteger, Enums, etc
- Arrays and Collections
  - Map, List, Set, Iterator, ...
- JavaBeans™ and Objects
- XML objects
  - DOM, XOM, JDom, Dom4J

JavaBeans = A component based on Java Beans™ component architecture

# Security

- DWR does not call anything without your permission
- Use method level access control over exported classes and objects
- Use standard role-based security to declare roles that can access methods

# Accessibility

- `dwr.util` supports pluggable notifiers
  - `.focus()` for screen readers
  - Yellow fade for partially sighted
- New notifiers can be easily added
  - e.g. To make a sound on a change

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# The Game

- We're starting from scratch (nearly)
- It's going to be really dull if we really start from scratch
- So here's a few things we made earlier...

# What We Start with: `boat.gif`



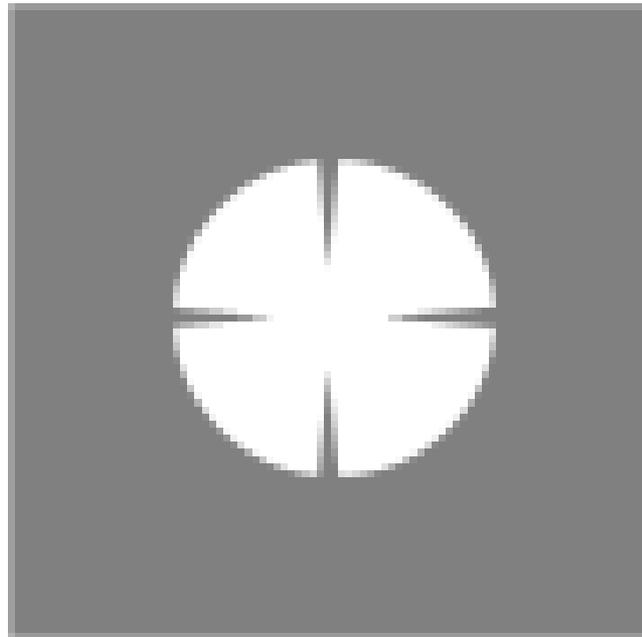
# What We Start with: `title.png`



# What We Start with: seamap.png



# What We Start with: `crosshair.png`



# What We Start with: `index.html`

```

<body onload="init();"

<table id="map"></table>
<div id="sidebar">
  <p>
    <b>Name</b>: <input type="text" size="23"/><br/>
    <b>Position</b>:
    Row <input type="text" size="1" onchange="move()"/>,
    Column <input type="text" size="1" onchange="move()"/>
  </p>
  <table>
    <tr>
      <th>Player</th>
      <th>Score</th>
    </tr>
  </table>
  <p>
    <input type="text" size="25"/>
    <input type="button" value="Send"/>
  </p>
  <ul id="chatlog"></ul>
</div>
</body>

```

# What We Start with: battleships.css

```

body { margin:0px 40px 0px 40px; color:#fff; background-color:#000;
  font-family:'Century Gothic', Helvetica, Arial, clean, sans-serif;
}

select, textarea, input[type='text'], input[type='password'] {
  font-family:'Century Gothic', Helvetica, Arial, clean, sans-serif;
  font-size:1em; padding:0px 3px; margin:2px; border:1px solid #999;
  background-color:#444; color:#fff;
}

button, input[type='button'], input[type='submit'], input[type='cancel'] {
  font-family:'Century Gothic', Helvetica, Arial, clean, sans-serif;
  font-size:1em; color:#fff; background-color:#000;
}

table { border-collapse:collapse; }

#map { background-image:url("seamap.png"); background-position:right;
  border:10px dashed #484; margin-top:10px; padding-bottom:10px;
}
#map td { width:60px; height:70px; border:1px solid #999;
  background-repeat:no-repeat; background-position:center;
}
#map td:hover { background-image:url("crosshair.png"); }
#map .home { background-image:url("boat.gif"); }

#chatlog { list-style-type:none; padding:0; margin:0; }
#chatlog .chatname { font-size:70%; }
#chatlog .chattext { font-size:80%; }

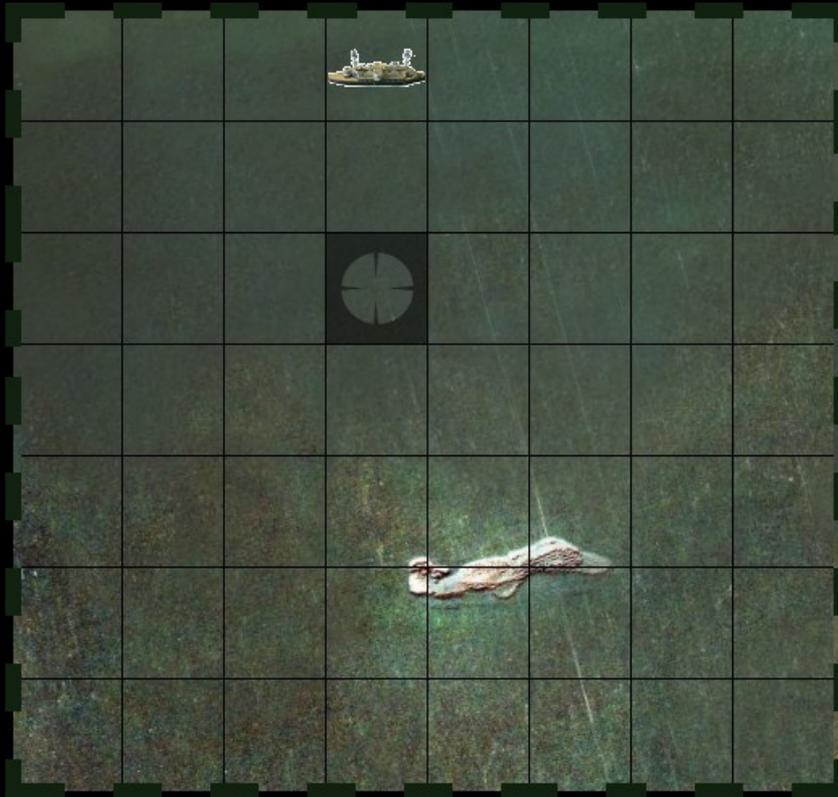
#sidebar { position:absolute; top:0; right:0; width:350px; padding:10px; border-left:1px solid #999; }

#shotouter { background-color:#112; float:right; border:1px solid #334;
  width:200px; height:24px; margin-right:80px;
}

#shotinner { width:0px; height:16px; margin:3px 6px; background-color:red;
  color:#fff; white-space:nowrap; font-size:70%;
}

```

# Multi Player Battleships



Name:

Position: Row , Column

Shot:

Player	Score
Terminator Mark	1
Joe the Pitiless	0
Bloodsucker Ming	-1
Barbarian Bruce	1
Barbarian Bob	2
Leon the Hunn	-4

Barbarian Bob: heh!

System: Barbarian Bob fragged Bloodsucker Ming

System: Barbarian Bob fragged Joe the Pitiless

Bloodsucker Ming: hello

Joe the Pitiless: Sean the Pitiless has become Joe the Pitiless

Joe the Pitiless: hello everyone

System: Sean the Pitiless fragged Leon the Hunn

System: Barbarian Bruce fragged Leon the Hunn

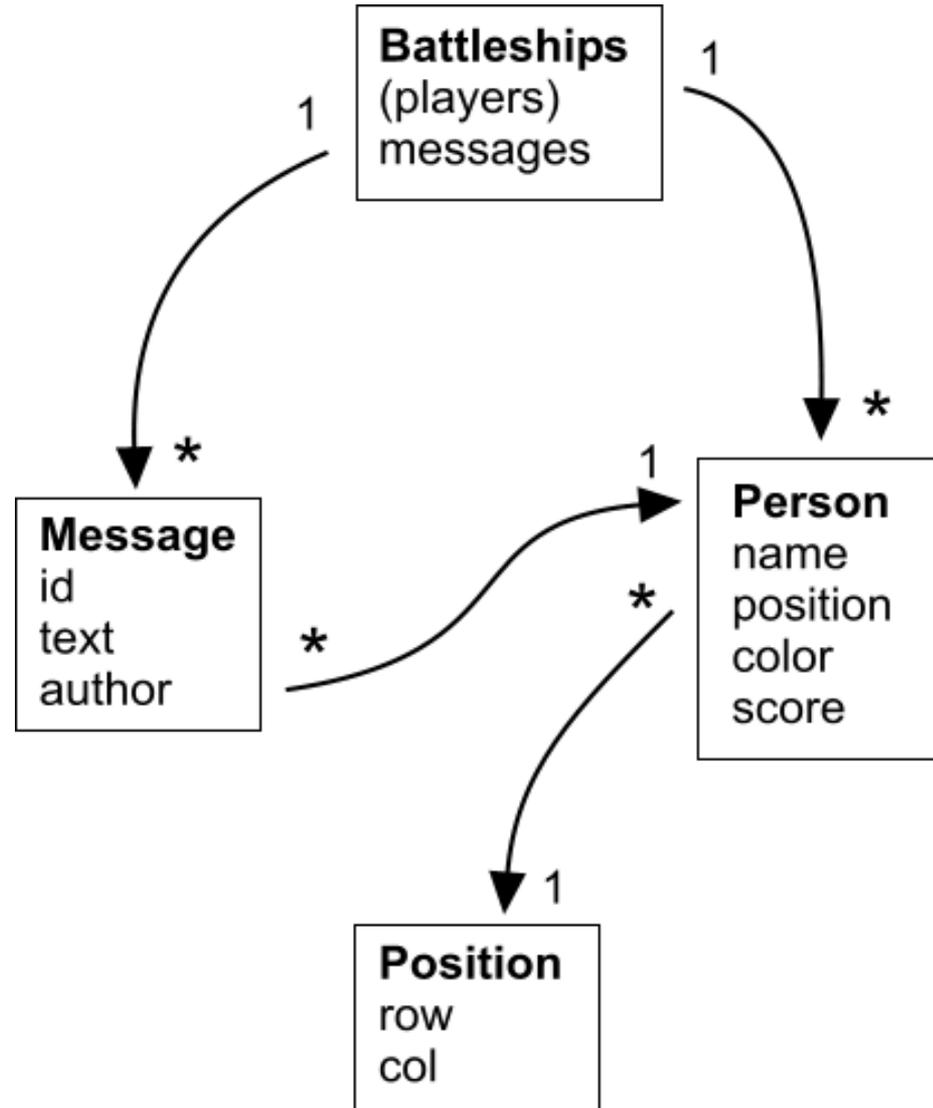
Barbarian Bruce: woot!

System: Barbarian Bruce fragged himself!

System: Barbarian Bruce fragged Leon the Hunn

System: Terminator Mark fragged Leon the Hunn

# The Design

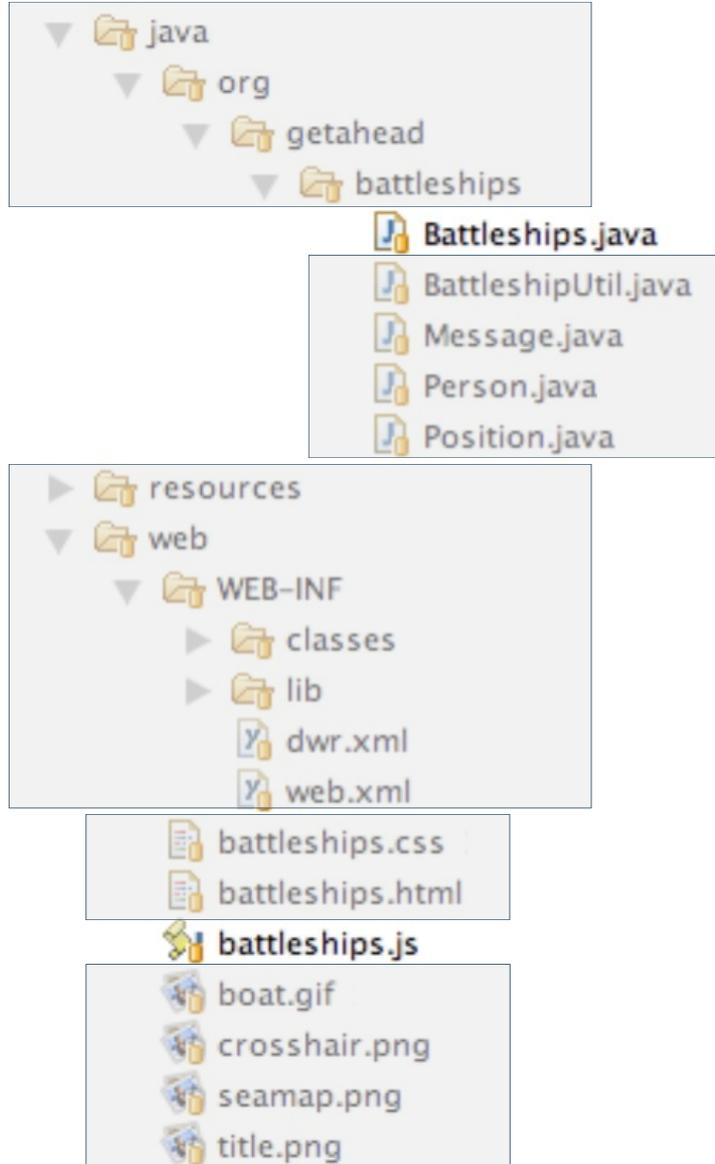


# The Files

Pojos and Utilities

Directories, Java  
Archive (JAR) Files  
Configuration Files

HTML, CSS, Graphics



The Files that  
Make the Game  
Interactive

# The Messages

- Browser-to-Server
  - `init()`
  - `sendMessage()`
  - `shoot()`
- Server-to-Browser
  - `serverUpdate()`



# DEMO

The Game

<code/>

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# Where Does DWR Fit?

In the tradition of good  
Unix<sup>®</sup> software tools,  
DWR does one job and does it well.

As a result; DWR fits in a wide range  
of web applications

# Where Does DWR Fit?

- For some Ajax magic with Struts 1.0
- With newer Spring, Webwork, JavaServer™ Faces technology or RIFE code
- By itself with `dwr.util`
- As the service layer to a Scriptaculous or Dojo application
- In the enterprise with TIBCO GI and a service-oriented architecture



# DEMO

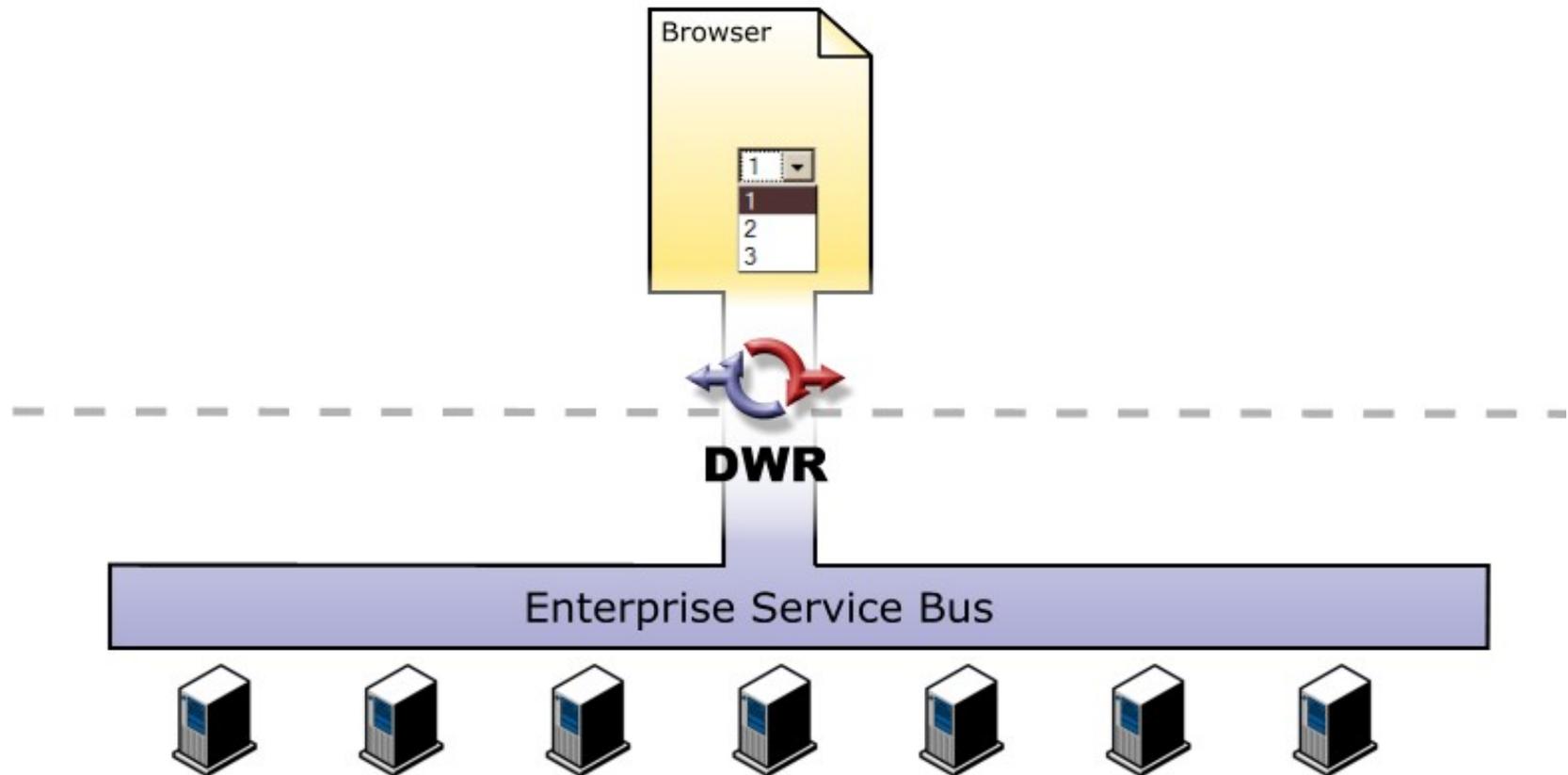
Integrating with other Ajax libraries



# DWR + OpenAjax + TIBCO GI

- Publish/Subscribe architecture
- No dependency between TIBCO GI and DWR
- Benefits of decoupling:
  - Easy to provide multiple implementations
  - Easy testing
  - Better forward compatibility

# Extending the Enterprise



# Summary

- It's dead easy to get going with DWR
- You can use it to create advanced applications without large amounts of code
- Reverse Ajax allows your applications to have high levels of user interactivity
- It fits in your current web application without requiring you to start from scratch

# For More Information

- <http://directwebremoting.org/>
- <http://getahead.org/blog/joe/>
- <http://www.tibco.com/devnet/gi/>



# Q&A

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