# Essentials on Performant JavaServer™ Faces Apps

Client Versus Server Side

### What can you expect?

Understand the performance implications of state saving options in JSF

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- 2. Methods and options
- 3. Smack down
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### Web 2.0

- Web 2.0 demands highly interactive apps
- Similar to desktop apps
- Desktop apps are stateful
- For a richer user experience, web apps should be stateful as well

### History

HTTP is the web transport mechanism

HTTP is stateless

Web applications are stateless by default

### JSF Request Lifecyle Response complete Conversion Apply **Faces** Restore **Process** Request and request View **Events** Response complete **Values Validation** Process events Z Render Response Ш Response complete Response Model Jpdate complete 0 Process Render Process Invoke Faces respons **Events** Application Response Events **Conversion Errors** Render Response Validation / Conversion Errors Render Response

### JSF State-Saving Principle

 All view related state in JSF is saved and restored

- component properties
- component tree structure
- part of the domain model (MyFaces option)

### Components take part...

- saveState
  - All non-transient properties saved
- restoreState
  - All non-transient properties restored
- Example
  - Component with properties title and text

### Components - saveState

```
public Object saveState(FacesContext
  context)
{
   Object values[] = new Object[3];
   values[0] = super.saveState(context);
   values[1] = this.title;
   values[2] = this.text;
   return ((Object) (values));
}
```

### Components - restoreState

```
public void restoreState(
FacesContext context,Object state)
{
   Object values[] = (Object[])state;
   super.restoreState(context, values[0]);
   this.title = (String)values[1];
   this.text = (String)values[2];
}
```

### State Saving and Performance

Questions you should be asking

- CPU performance
- Memory consumption on the server
- Memory consumption on the client
- Bandwidth

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### Methods of State Saving

- JSF statefulness
  - server side servlet session
  - client side hidden HTML input
- Neward's example
  - server side state saving is context incomplete
  - client side state saving is context complete

### **Options in State Saving**

- It might be necessary to do:
  - serialization
  - compression
  - encryption
  - encoding
- HTTPS and Client side encryption
- MyFaces offers options to control these

### Client Side State Saving

State is saved into the HTTP response

Hidden form field when using HTML

### Server Side State Saving

State is saved into the servlet session

- Options to control the "How"
  - Serialization
  - Compression

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### Server Side vs Client Side

- Server Memory
- Client Memory
- CPU usage
- Browser back button and multiple views
- Bandwidth
- Server restart friendlyness
- Security

## Advantages of Client Side State-Saving

- No need for Servlet Sessions at all
- No memory consumption between requests
- "F5 browser testing"
- No browser back problem
- No concurrency issues
- Cluster friendlier
- Restart availability

# Disadvantages of Server Side State-Saving

- Memory consumption on the server per user in a session
- Memory consumption of several views to support the back-button
- Clustering moving the session to another node of the cluster
- Development: context is not stored you need to put the server into the same context again

## Advantages of Server Side State-Saving

- Bandwidth usage is low
- CPU processing time usage is low
  - Only if you do no serialization
- Smaller problems with AJAX
  - Sending state to server is not necessary
- Application without JavaScript is possible

# Disadvantages of Client Side State-Saving

- Higher bandwidth
- Higher CPU
- Higher client side memory usage
- Security

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### Performance Testing - MyPizza



# Performance testing - Configuration

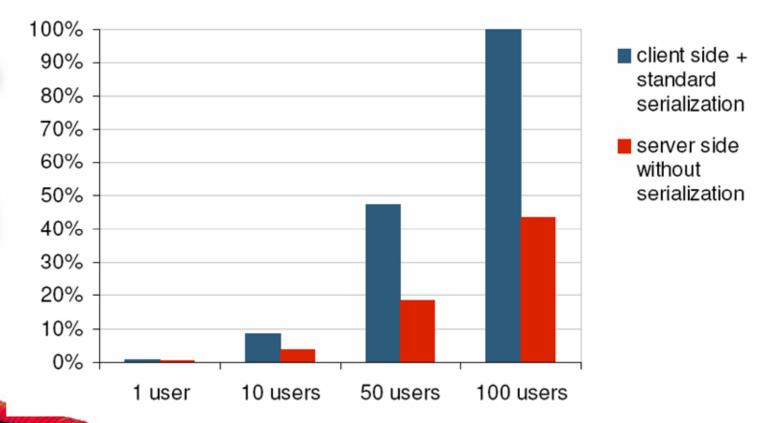
### Software:

- JMeter 2.1.1 running on J2SDK 1.4.2\_03-b2
- with default jvm settings
- Tomcat 5.0.28 running on JDK 1.5.0\_04
- with jvm settings -Xmn128M -Xms256M -Xmx512M (all rest default)
- MyFaces 1.1.3

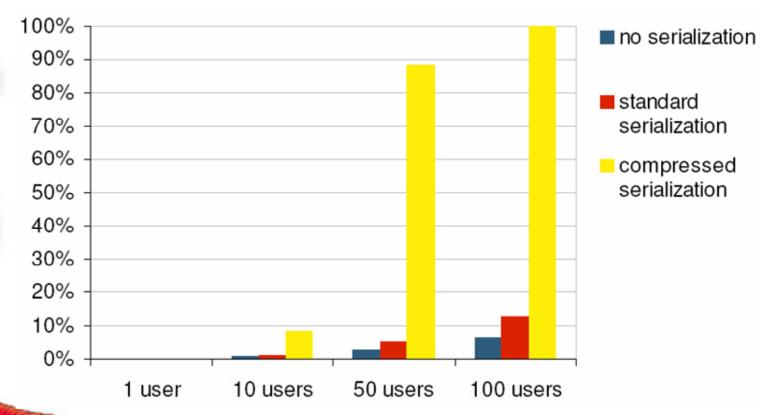
### Machines:

- JMeter running GUI mode on AMD Athlon 1.6GHz, 1GB DDR
- Tomcat running on Pentium 4, 2.79GHz, Hyperthreading, 1GB DDR
- (Dell Dimension 5000)
- LAN 100Mb/s

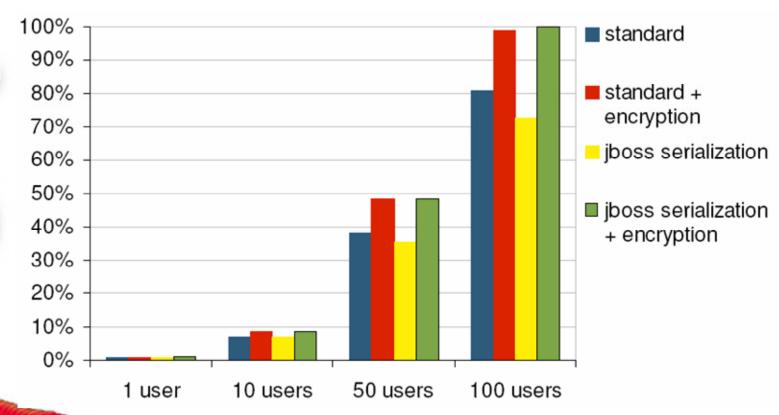
## Client side vs. Server side Benchmark Results



### Server Side Benchmark Results



### Client Side Benchmark Results



## Summary

	Server Side	Client Side
CPU Usage		
Server Memory		<b>-</b>
Client Memory		-
Bandwidth	<b>V</b> .	
Security		
Back Button		

### Additional Performance Tweaks

Streaming Resources option

Facelets

JBoss Serialization



Questions?

Answers!!!



### Finish

# Thank you for your Attention!