

JavaFX 1.1 Technical Introduction

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JavaFX Highlights

- Expressive rich client platform bringing together web, scripting, media, and Java
- Targets desktop, browser, mobile, and entertainment with a unified development and deployment model
- For (web) developers, designers, and creators
- Adds new dimensions to the Java platform
 - Do cool stuff easily that was traditionally hard in Java
 - Leverage the power and pervasiveness of Java
 - > **Break from** from the browser





RIA Development: Web RIA or Java?

RIA

- Rich User Experience
- Secure sandbox
- Ubiquity if player is available
- Limited access to system/network capabilities
- Proprietary

Web App

- Desktop focused, growing in Mobile
- Moderate User Experience, improving
- Very limited access to system/network capabilities (unless tied to specific browser)
- Trending to fragmentation (browsers, APIs)

Java App

- Multiple screens/platforms
- Proven security architecture
- Access to system & network capabilities, deep integration
- •Difficult to create rich User Experience
- Fragmented (e.g. media support)



RIA Development: Web RIA or Java?

Leverage Strengths, Address Limitations





What Can You Build with JavaFX 1.1

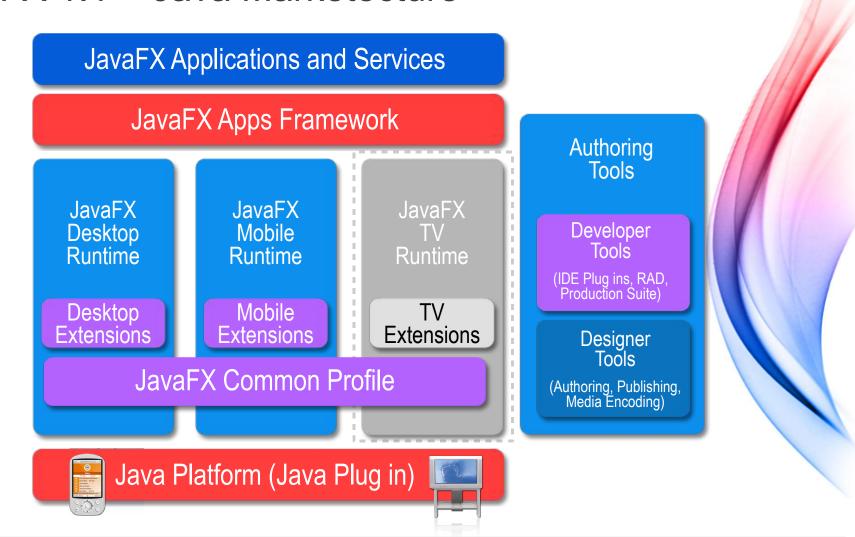
- Cross-Browser Video playback
- Interactive and immersive business applications
- Mash-ups with REST based web services
- Applications that run across the browser, desktop, mobile and more!







JavaFX 1.1 + Java Marketecture





JavaFX Components

- JavaFX Script The Language
- JavaFX Runtimes: Desktop/Web, Mobile, TV (in 2010)
 - > 1.5 MB jar (700 KB packed), dynamically downloaded, cached, and updated as necessary (i.e. "no-hassle deployment")
- JavaFX Applications
 - In jar file(s), loaded via class loader
 - Standalone, via Java Web Start, as Applet, or mobile app
- JavaFX Tools
 - > FX Script compiler and runtime tools
 - > IDE plug-in, designer tools
 - > Graphics-, media-, web services-, and rich text libraries



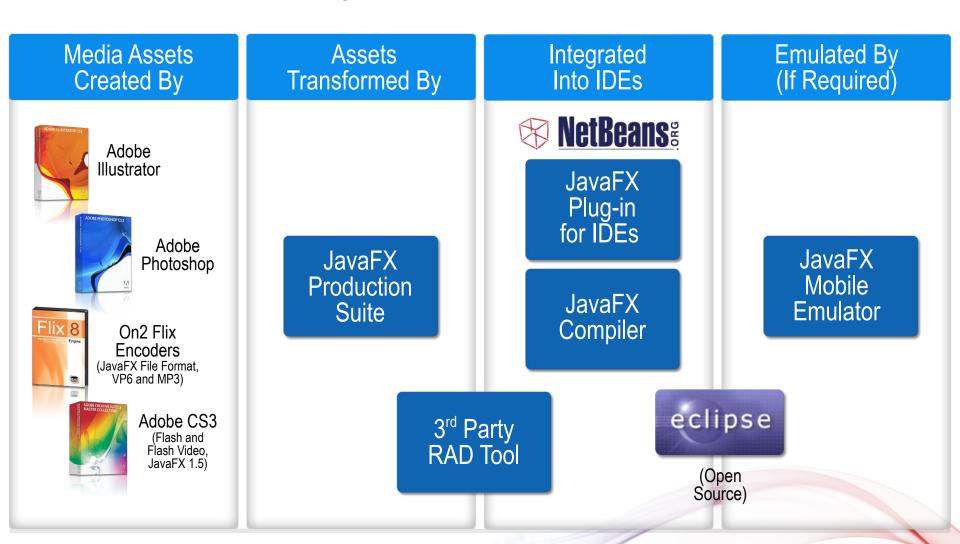
Java 6 Update 10 - "Applets reloaded"

- New Java "Kernel"
 - Componentized runtime small modules loaded upon demand
 - Faster download and install of modules
 - Java QuickStarter: Faster cold-start, near-instant warm-start
- New Browser Plug-In
 - Rewritten from scratch, new architecture (mostly in Java)
 - Applets run in separate process independent of the browser
 - More control and reliability
 - > Rewrite of "LiveConnect" JavaScript bridge
 - Interaction between browser (JavaScript) and Applet (Java) much improved



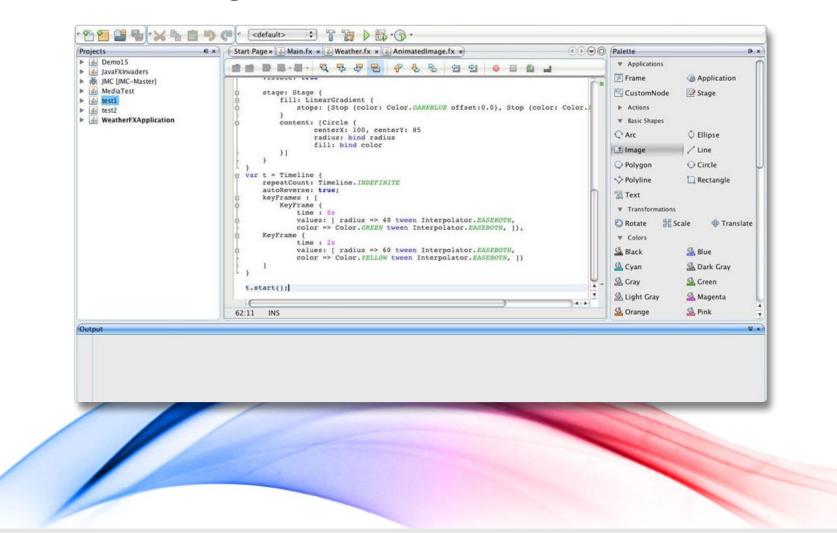


JavaFX 1.1 Developer Tool Chain



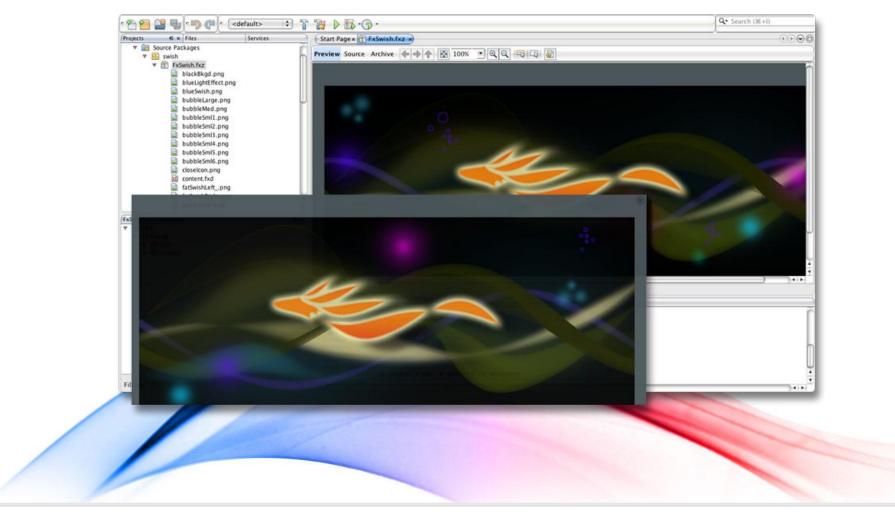


JavaFX 1.1 Plugin for NetBeans





Incorporate Existing Visual Assets with the JavaFX Production Suite







JavaFX Common Profile Features

Components

Features

Compiler and Languages

>SE 5 and CLDC Target

Graphics

- >Geometric shapes, lines, curves, arc
- >Transparency
- >Gradient, color fill, texture
- >Stroke styles

- >Clip with arbitrary geometric shapes
- >Image masks
- >Fullscreen support
- >transforms (rotate, scale, skew)

Text

- >True Type font rendering
- >Transforms (rotate, scale, skew)
- >Content embedded font



JavaFX Common Profile Features

Components Features

Animation

- Key frame animation with tweening
- >Path-based animation

>Standard animations (rotate, zoom, slide)

Media

- Cross platform audio (mp3) and video (On2)
- Codec native media framework support (DirectShow and Core Video), play, pause, seek, volume, balance, speed controls
- >Volume and audio balance control
- >Http streaming with buffering fxm file format (FLV subset)

Other

- >Web services (JSON/XML parser, RESTful APIs)
- >Common text input control (CSS skinning)
- Input handling (keyboard, mouse, touch)

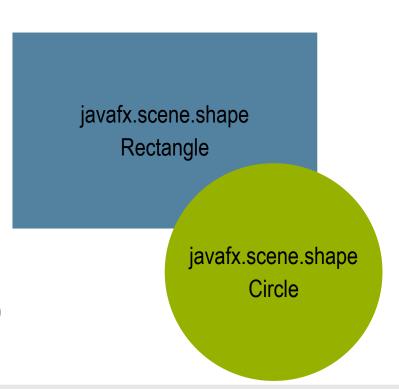


JavaFX Scenegraph

- Tree-like structure of graphical nodes
- Easy, platform-neutral way of vector graphics representation

```
Scene {
     Group {
          Rectangle,
          Circle
     }
}
```

 Swing components can be embedded (on Desktop profile)





JavaFX Script - The Basics

- A powerful script programming language
 - OO, statically typed, type inference, binding, sequences, timelines, ...
 - > Functions are first-class objects
 - > Domain-specific: Designed for creating rich user interfaces
 - Declarative syntax makes UI better organized
 - Seamless interoperation with Java (shares same runtime)
- Built-in support for compelling graphics and media
 - Adds compositional behavior on top of Java2D
 - > Easy and rich cross-platform graphics, animation, video & audio
- Compiles to run on high-performance Java runtimes



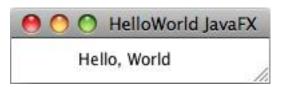
"Hello World" - Swing version

```
HelloWorld Swing
import javax.swing.*;
                                                  Hello, World
public class HelloWorldSwing {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame("HelloWorld Swing");
        final JLabel label = new JLabel("Hello, World");
        frame.getContentPane().add(label);
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
```



"Hello World" - JavaFX version

```
import javafx.stage.*;
import javafx.scene.*;
import javafx.scene.text.*;
Stage {
    title: "HelloWorld JavaFX"
    scene: Scene {
        width: 200
        height: 50
        content: Text {
             x: 50, y: 20
             content: "Hello, World"
```





Appetizer - Some JavaFX Script Language Features

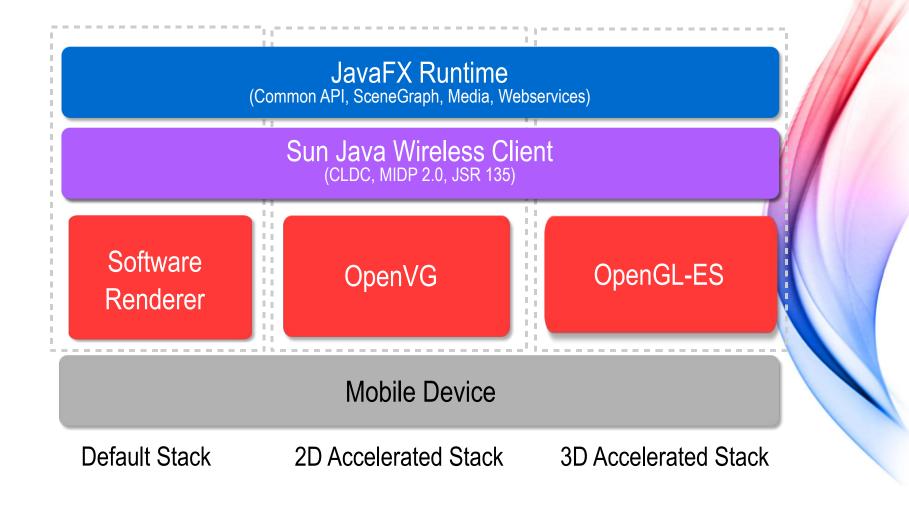
- "HelloWorld", animated
 - > Add timeline for animation
 - Use binding to animate text position
 - Add button and mouse event handler to turn animation on and off
 - > Use NetBeans "Realtime Preview" feature







JavaFX Mobile Architecture





JavaFX Mobile Overview

- JavaFX 1.1 SDK
 - Includes final version of JavaFX Mobile and mobile emulator
- Choice of platform targets
 - Create cross-platform applications using JavaFX Common Platform
 - Leverage mobile-specific features using JavaFX Common Platform
 - and/or JavaFX Mobile Elements
 - and/or mobile-specific JSR APIs (e.g. location, sensor, ...)
- Delivery and deployment of JavaFX applications to devices



Cross-Platform Development and Deployment

- Unified development
 - > Common tools
 - Common code base
 - Common programming paradigm
- Create, deploy, and run at the touch of a button
 - > Desktop app
 - > Web Start
 - > Applet in Browser
 - Mobile app on emulator (and phone)









JavaFX Road Map

- JavaFX 1.1 is out now
 - > Windows (XP, Vista), Mac OS X
 - > Runtimes: Desktop, Web, and Mobile
 - > Full Linux support coming soon
- "Marina" (JavaFX 1.2) release in May/June 2009
 - > RAD Designer Tool preview
 - Cross-platform UI toolkit
 - Ongoing improvements in performance, media support, etc.
 - > Developer devices (planned)
- 2nd Half of 2009
 - JavaFX 2.0 + RAD Designer Tool release



Wrapping Up

Now, Java has it all

Volume of devices and platforms	✓
Large base of developers and content authors	/
Expressiveness, compelling UI, and power	/
Rapid application development	/
Accessibility and wide range of tools	/
Cross-platform ubiquity	•

See http://javafx.com for samples, videos, tools, docs, and tutorials



Thank You.

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