### Becoming a full stack java web developer

Karen Rahmeier, Codecinella Madison WI, May 2017

### Who is this presenter?

#### My Qualifications

- B.A. in Physics, Dartmouth College
- Employed full time as software developer since 1998
- Java web application developer since 2007
- Two-time graduate of Madison College Enterprise Java course
  - Fall, 2007
  - Fall, 2016
- Four-time attendee of No Fluff Just Stuff
  - Greater Wisconsin Software Symposium
- Enthusiastic learner

#### Who is this talk for?

Computer science and information technology students

Adults seeking a career change into a tech field

Tech bootcamp grads and others with 1-3 years employment in the tech sector

#### Outline

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# So you want to be a software developer...

Where to even start?

### So many choices...

#### Write software or use it?

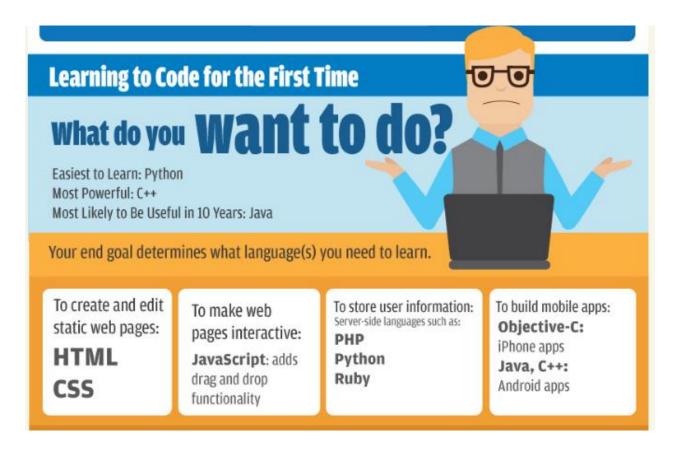
#### **Create or write code**

- Mobile apps
- Websites
- Games
- Back-end functionality
- Front-end functionality
- User-interface designer
- SQL developer
- Data scientist/Business Intelligence

#### IT-related job, not coding

- Project manager
- Business analyst
- Data scientist
- Database Administrator
- Security, networks, helpdesk
- QA, testing
- Education
- Academic research
- Scientific research

#### I want to write code

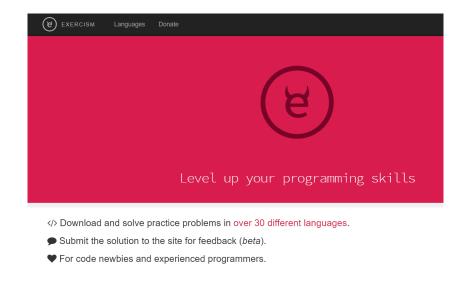


http://tech.co/code-learn-2015-infographic-2014-12

#### Where and how should I learn?



- https://www.freecodecamp.com/
- http://exercism.io/
- https://www.learnenough.com/





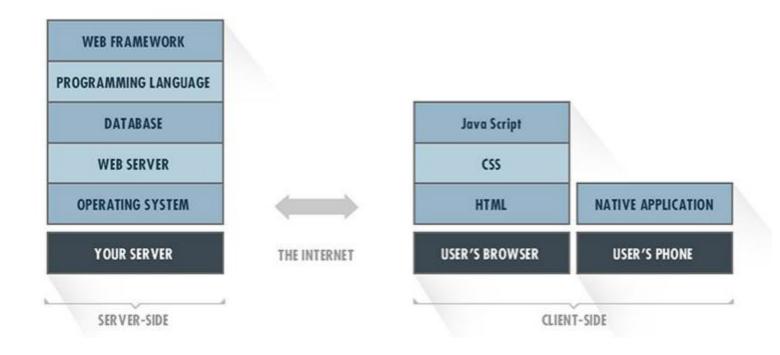
#### What should I learn?

#### **How to Choose Your Tech Stack**



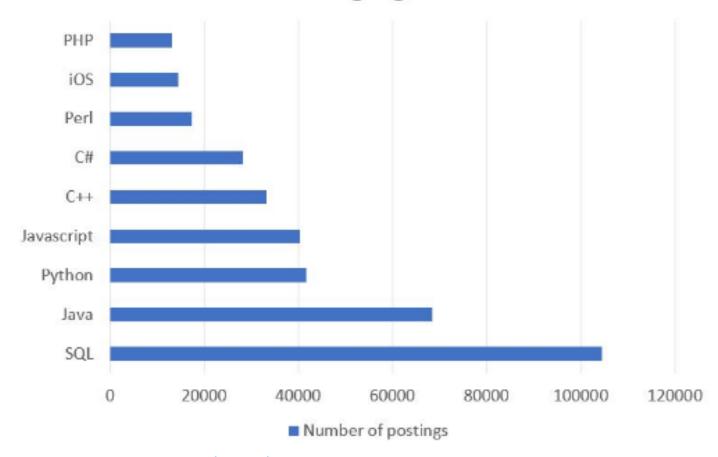
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#### What's a tech stack?

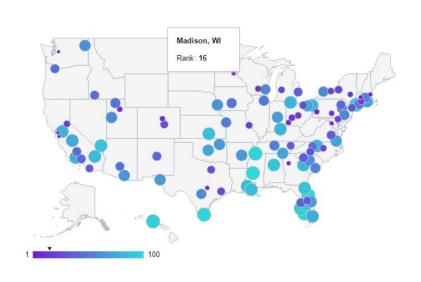


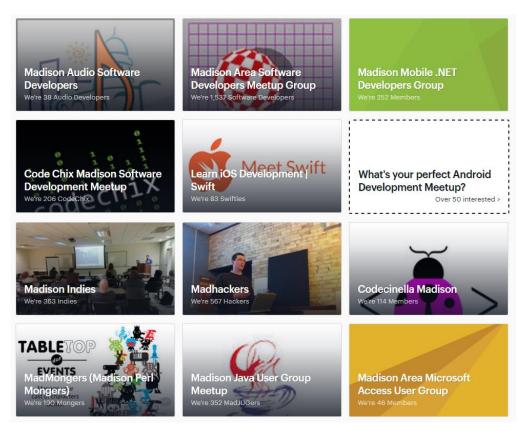
#### I want to get a job

Number of Indeed Job Postings by Programming Language



#### I mean, a job in Madison!





https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-metro-areas-for-stem-professionals/9200/

### My short story...

How I became a java web application developer

#### One sample career path

- STEM degree (physics)
- Science-related job (DNR)
- Y2K
- Consulting firm hired and trained me (client-server, Oracle database)
- Returned to State of WI, built wiscjobs (classic ASP, web, Microsoft)
- Dog park offer to learn java and change jobs
- Enterprise-level java web applications (DOT)
- Moved to smaller agency

#### Why did I choose java?

- At every fork, I take the best option available
- Always keeping my skills current; move in order to grow, learn
- Always watching for my next 'best job fit yet!'

- SQL has served me in every job since I learned it
- Java has remained current and relevant longer than any other language I learned
- Java remains one of the top sought-after job skills

#### Java popularity

May 2017	May 2016	Change	Programming Language
1	1		Java
2	2		С
3	3		C++

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#### Decision...

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#### What does it take...

...to build a java web application?

#### Application requirements

- Persistence of data (need database)
- Functionality provided through browser (need web app server)
- Secure (logged-on users can do more things)

#### Desirable features:

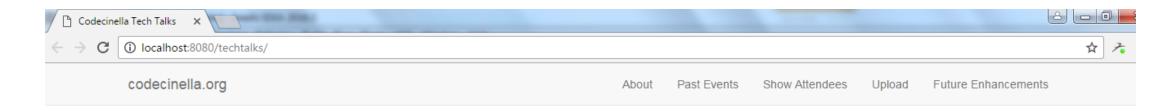
- User interface
  - Attractive layout, works in most browsers, quick to build, easy to maintain, looks modern
- Free to develop
  - mySql, Tomcat, Eclipse or IntelliJ, Github
- Source code repository
  - backed up, can be shared

#### Create it!

Codecinella event-and-attendee tracking application

#### Sketch or outline your project plan

- Event and attendee tracking application
- Required functionality:
  - Show past events
  - Add new event
  - Upload attendees of specific event
  - Show attendees
- Optional functionality:
  - Search
  - Sort
  - Display total attendees at event
  - Display total events by attendee



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I think the best piece of advice I can give to anyone with a dream is to never be afraid to share your dreams and talk about what you wish to create and see in the world. It's often hard to share those pipedreams at the risk that they might not work out, but you never know who has the collaborations, networks, and visions to make your dreams a reality. So be careful and vigilant and protect yourself intelligently of course, but never be afraid to ask for help.

-- Shree Bose, Co-Founder of Piper

# Design your test plan (Why does testing matter?)

- Junior developers: "If it works the first time, it must be right!"
- Senior developers: "If it works the first time, I missed something big!"

- End users always use the code differently than developers
- People think differently: you only built and tested according to your way of thinking
- There are lots of moving parts and interdependencies, therefore many possible failure points

# Design your test plan (What IS testing?)

- Unit tests
- Integration Tests
- Functional Tests
- Automated Tests
- Manual Tests
- User-interface Tests
- User-acceptance Tests
- Load Tests

# Design your test plan (How will you know you have succeeded?)

- Minimum test requirements:
  - Show past events
  - Add new event
  - Upload attendees of specific event
  - Show attendees
- Code coverage requirements:
  - All data access methods tested
  - All complex application methods tested

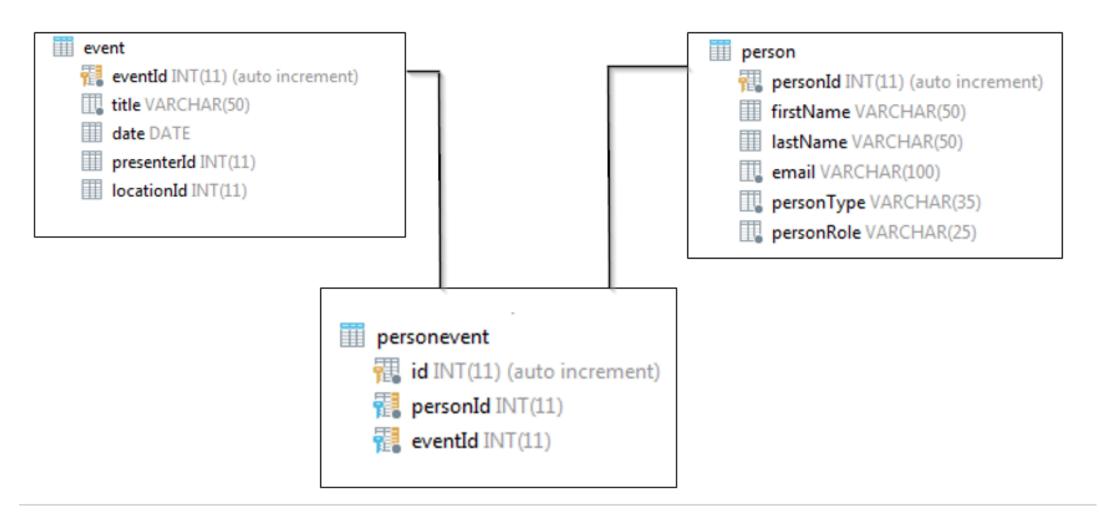
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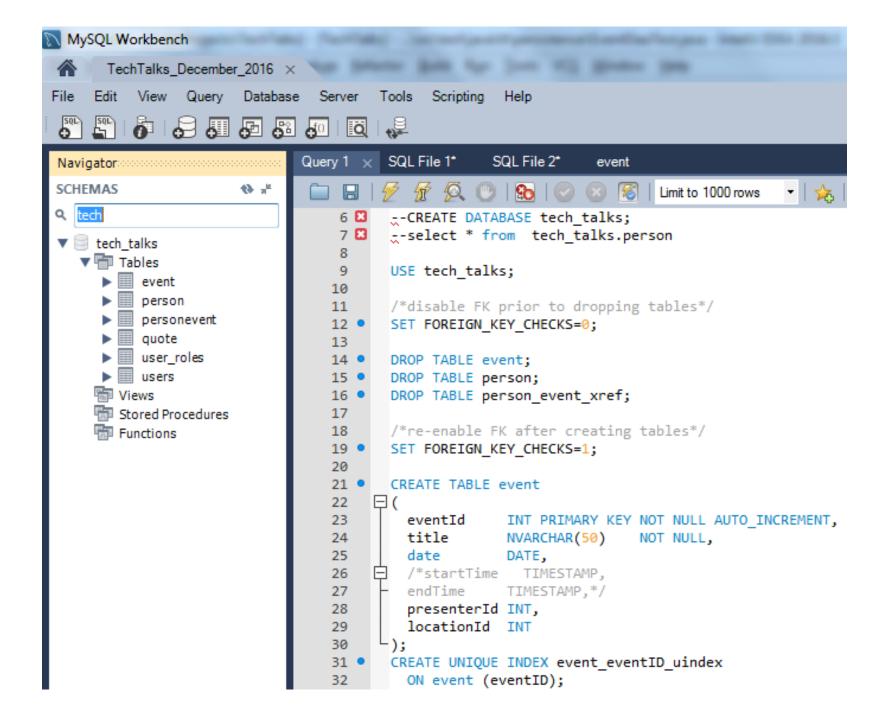
- Install Eclipse or IntelliJ
- Download MySql
- Download Tomcat (not tomee)
- Download java jdk, jre version 1.8

#### Set up your database

- Open SqlWorkbench
- Create root account/user
- Create new database
- Create tables in the database
- Enter a little test data

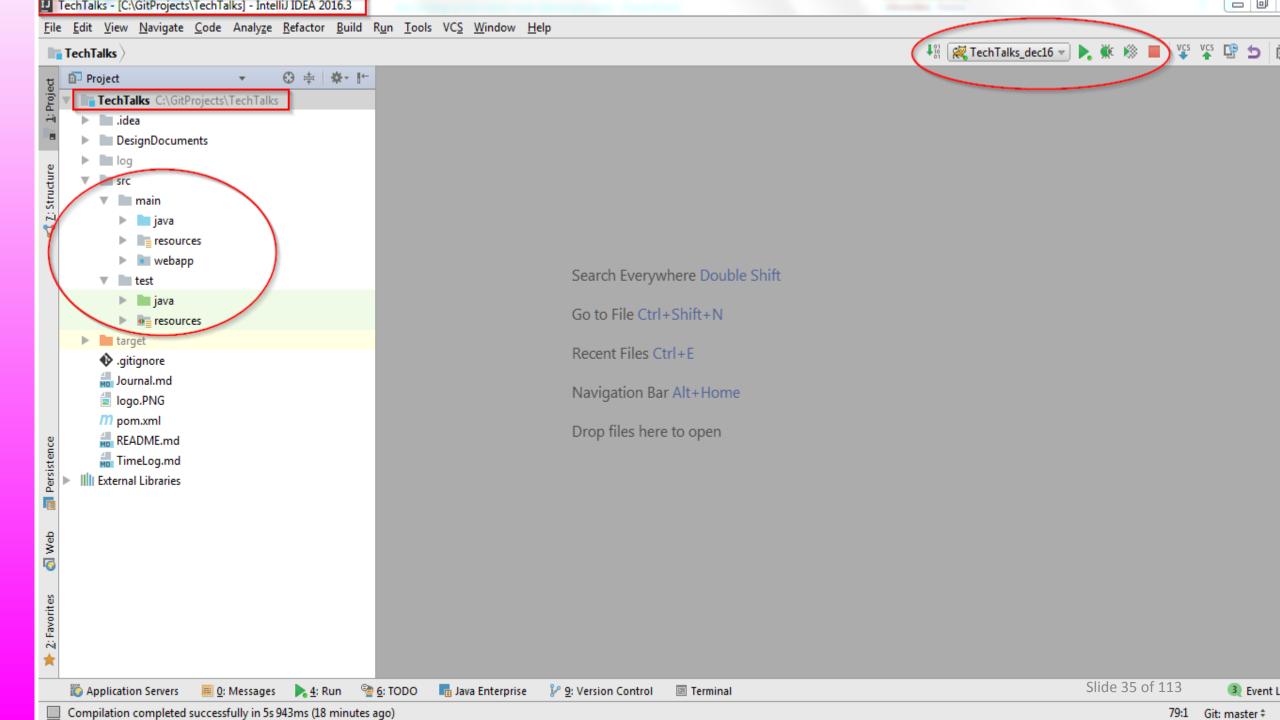
#### Design your database

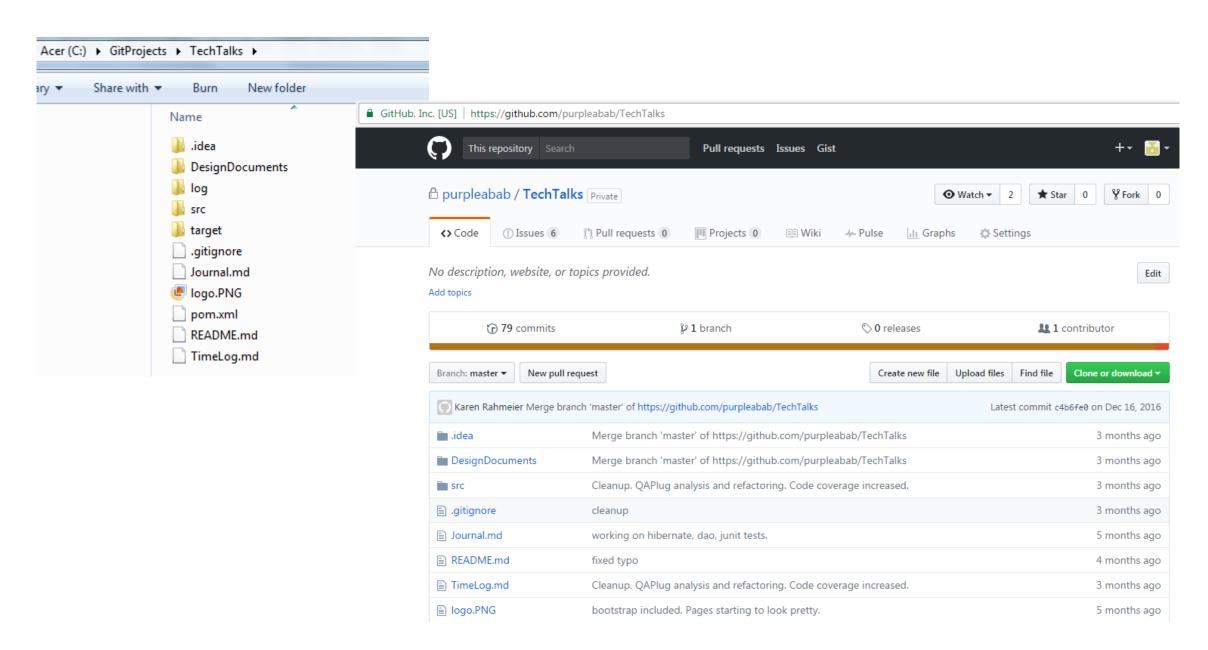




# Open/Launch your IDE (integrated development environment)

- Create a new project
- Consider saving it on github
- Add and test functionality in modular blocks
  - Show past events
  - Navigation via menu links
  - Logon security
  - Add event with attendees
- Optional features
  - Change the look and feel with Bootstrap
  - Add a web service to look up inspirational quotes by women in tech





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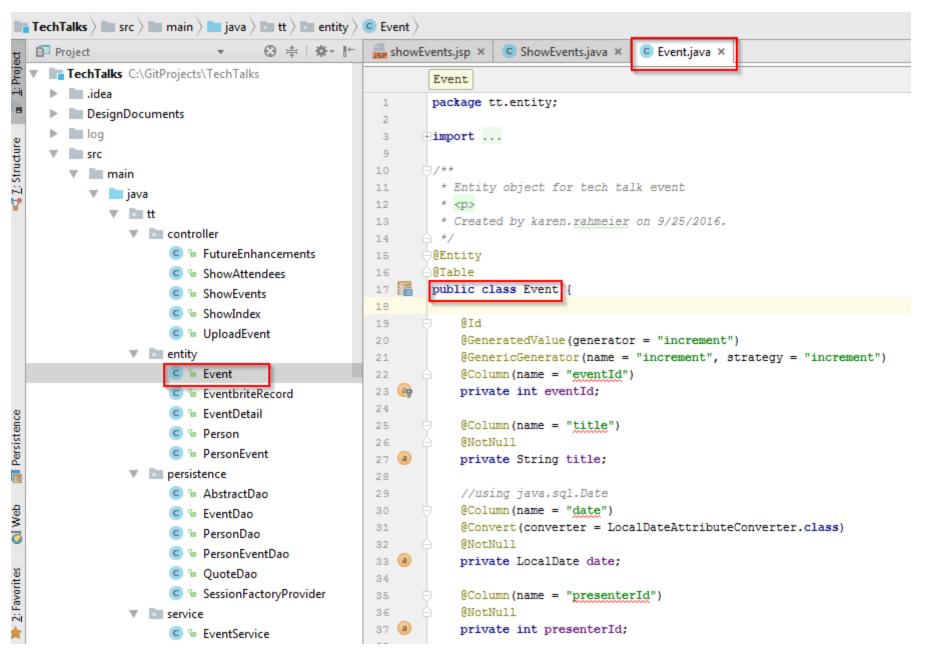
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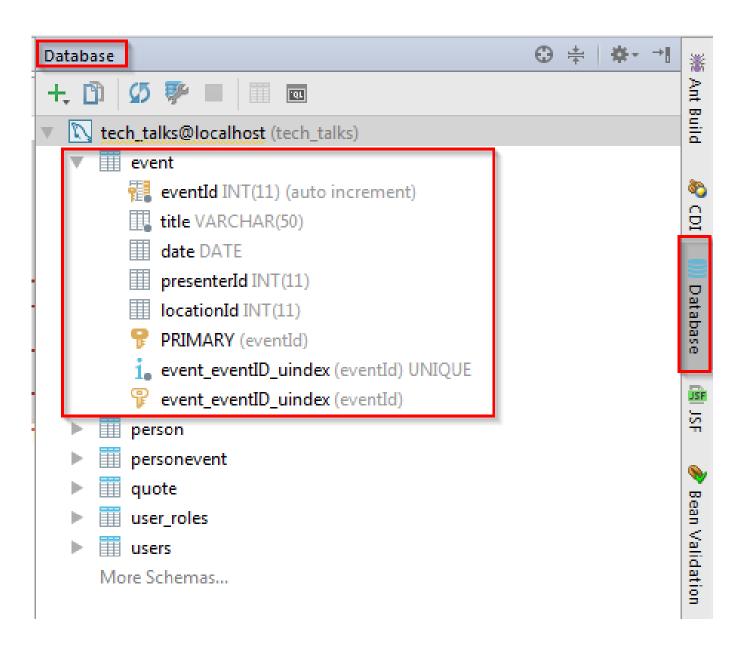
- Build events jsp page
- Read from database and display all events

- Optional:
  - Allow searching by past event

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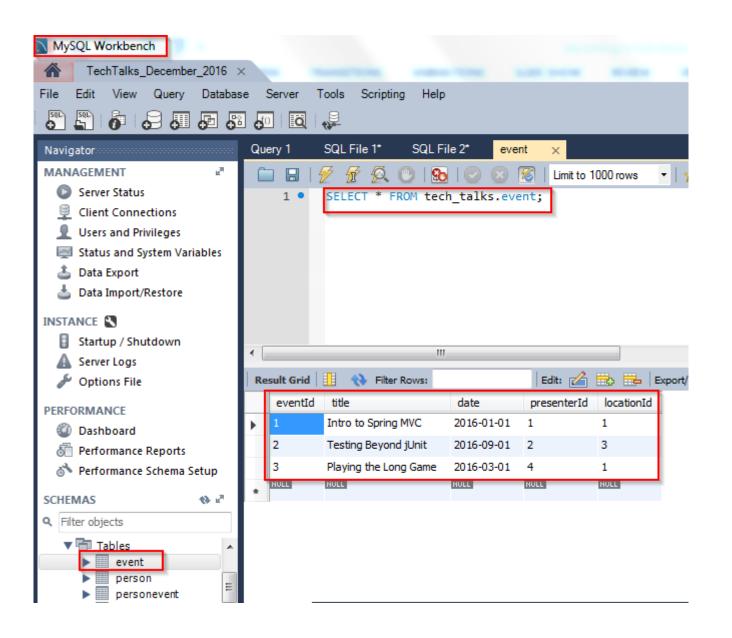


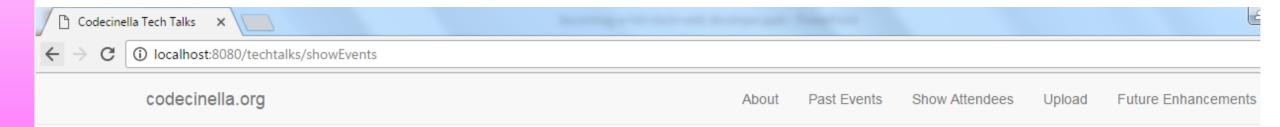
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        <?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
       <!DOCTYPE hibernate-configuration PUBLIC
                "-//Hibernate/Hibernate Configuration DTD 3.0//EN"
               "http://www.hibernate.org/dtd/hibernate-configuration-3.0.dtd">
        <hibernate-configuration>
8
            <session-factory>
9
10
                <!-- Database connection settings -->
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                cproperty name="connection.driver class">com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
12
                roperty name="connection.url">jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/tech_talks/property>
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                cproperty name="connection.username">testUser
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                cproperty name="connection.password">test</property>
15
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               <!-- SOL dialect -->
17
18
               cproperty name="dialect">org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL5Dialect/property>
19
               <!-- Echo all executed SOL to stdout -->
20
               cproperty name="show sql">false</property>
22
               <!-- List the annotated entity class/es -->
                <mapping class="tt.entity.Person"/>
24
               <mapping class="tt.entity.Event"/>
25
                <mapping class="tt.entity.PersonEvent"/>
26
                <mapping class="tt.webservices.Quote"/>
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            </session-factory>
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       </hibernate-configuration>
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      html body
      <html lang="en">
     <jsp:include page="header.jsp"/>
     <%@taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
      <body>
5
6
      <div class="container">
8
         <h1>Past Events</h1>
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      </a>liv>
10
11
      <div class="container-fluid">
12
         13
            <thead>
14
            15
               Title
               Date
16
               Presenter
17
               Location
18
               Total Attendees
19
20
            </thead>
21
22
23
            24
            <c:forEach items="${events}" var="myEvent">
25
               ${myEvent.title} 
26
                  held on ${myEvent.date}
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                  ${myEvent.presenterId}
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                  ${myEvent.locationId}
                  TODO:
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            </c:forEach>
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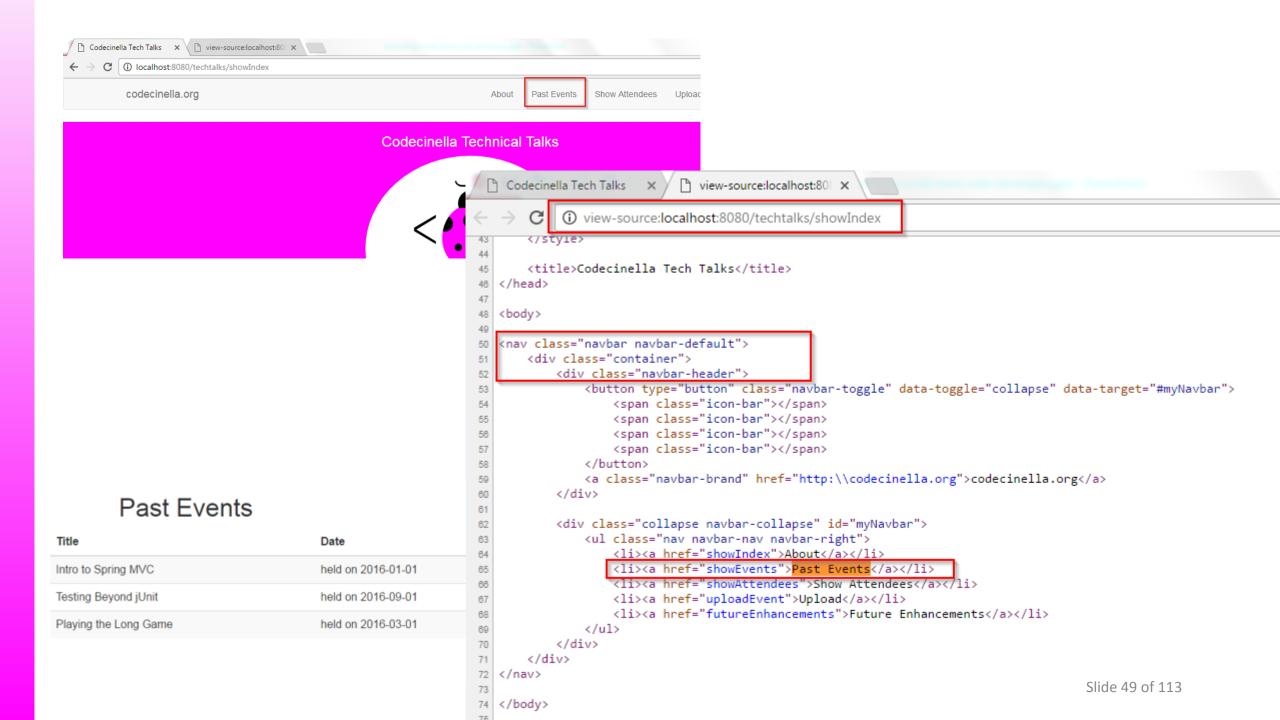


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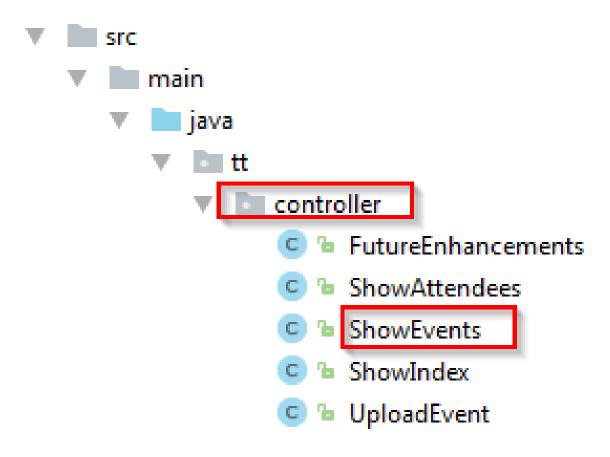
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        package tt.controller;
       import org.apache.log4j.Logger;
 3
       import tt.entity.Event;
       import tt.persistence.EventDao;
 6
       import javax.servlet.RequestDispatcher;
       import javax.servlet.ServletException;
9
       import javax.servlet.annotation.WebServlet;
       import javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet;
10
       import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
11
       import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;
12
       import java.io.IOException;
13
14
       import java.util.List;
15
       /**
16
         * Created by karen.rahmeier on 9/27/2016.
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19
       @WebServlet(name = "ShowEvents", urlPatterns = {"/showEvents"})
        public class ShowEvents extends HttpServlet {
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           private final Logger log = Logger.getLogger(this.getClass());
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22
23
            @Override
24 0
           protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp) throws ServletException, IOException {
                EventDao eventDao = new EventDao();
25
               List<Event> events = eventDao.getAll();
26
                req.setAttribute( s: "events", eventDao.getAll());
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### • Controller classes:

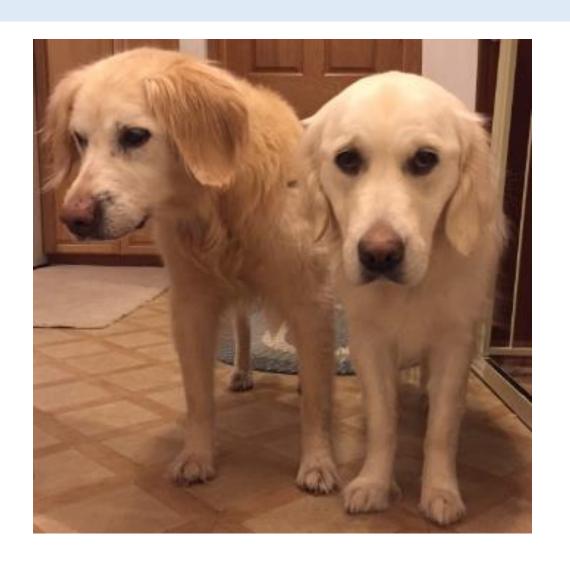


### HttpServletRequest

- Menu link clicked by user
- Magic happens:
  - the browser talks to the application server
  - and your application works!

- Java API gives class method names
  - doGet, doPost
- (Tomcat) application server implements it
- Fundamental aspect of java web application

## Dog Request Response Protocol



### Dog Request Response Protocol

#### dogOutRequest

- isRainingOut?
- isGoodSmellsOut?
- needToPee
- isSquirrelOut?

#### dogInResponse

- gotMuddyPaws
- butBarkingIsFun
- seeMyNewStick
- iDidPee

### Dog Request Response Protocol

#### dogOutAPI

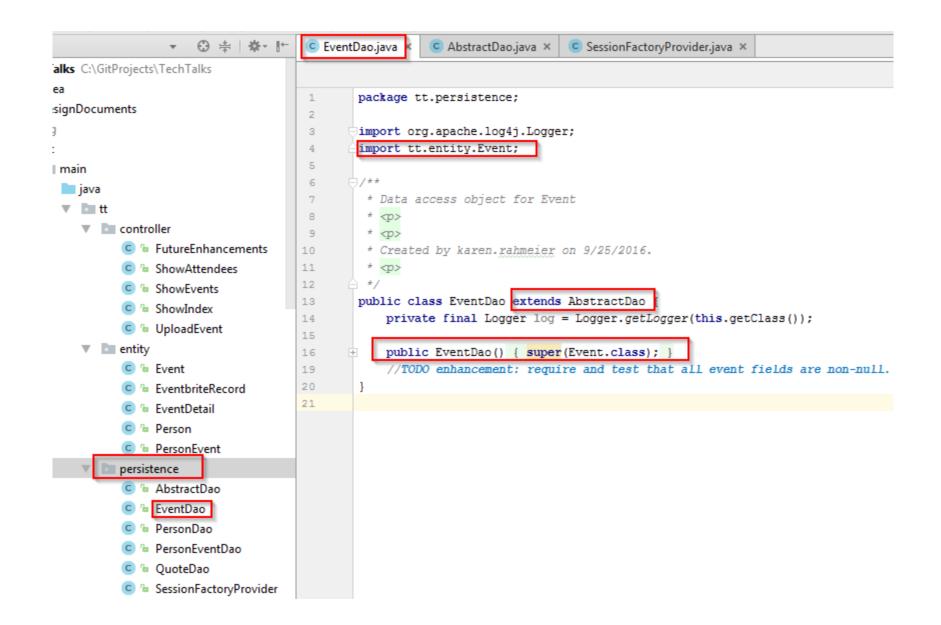
- requestPurpose(text)
- dogInitiatedRequest(boolean)
- doorOutId(int, kitchenDoor=1)
- dogRequestWaitTime(timestmp)
- dogRequestUrgency(int)

#### dogInAPI

- coatMoistureLevel(int)
- pawCleanlinessLevel(int)
- askedForInHerself(boolean)
- responseTimeToInCommand(ts)
- doorInId(int, kitchenDoor=1)
- supplementalItemCarriedIn(text)

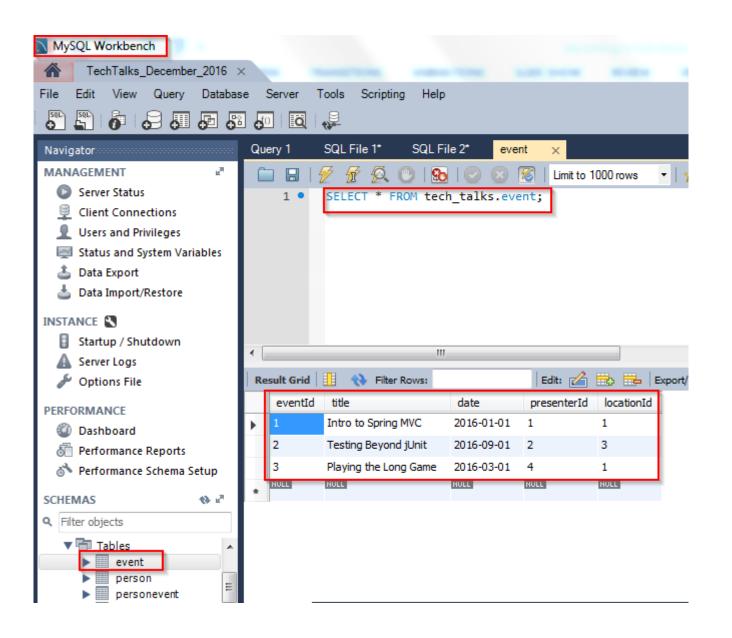
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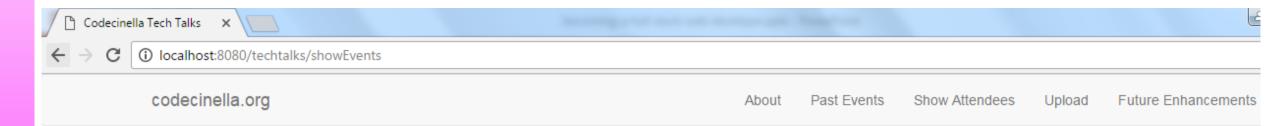
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        AbstractDao
        package tt.persistence;
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       ⊕import ...
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       +/**...*/
        public class AbstractDao<T>{
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19
            private Class<T> type;
20
            private final Logger log = Logger.getLogger(this.getClass());
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22
23
            public AbstractDao(Class<T> type) { this.type = type; }
26
            public int create(T object) {...}
27
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            public T get(int id) {...}
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            public List<T> getAll() {
                Session session = getSession();
57
                ArrayList<T> result = (ArrayList<T>) session.createCriteria(type).list();
58
                session.close();
59
                 return result;
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            public void update (T object) {...}
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            public void delete(T object) {...}
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            private Session getSession() { return SessionFactoryProvider.getSessionFactory().openSession(); }
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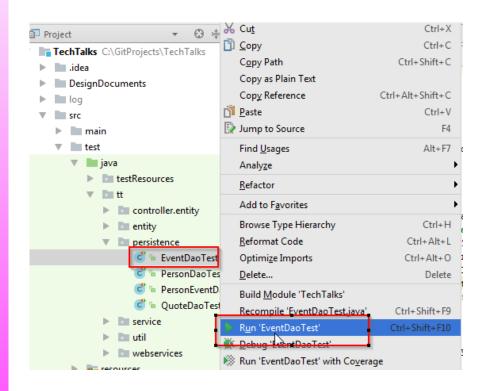
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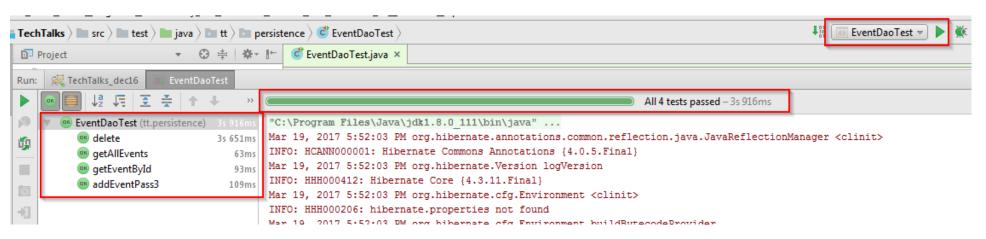
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Project
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  idea .idea
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                                                     public class EventDaoTest extends TestBase {
   DesignDocuments
                                             21
                                                         EventDao dao;
  ▶ log
                                             22
                                                         Event event;
  ▼ src
                                             23
                                             24
                                                         @Before
     main
                                             25
                                                         public void setup() {
        test
                                             26
                                                             dao = new EventDao();
        java
                                            27
                                                            event = new Event();
           testResources
                                             28
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              controller.entity
                                             30
                                                         @Test
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                                                         public void addEventPass3() {
              entity
                                            32
                                                             event.setTitle("Test Event Title");
                persistence
                                             33
                                                             event.setDate(TEST DATE);
                   C = EventDaoTest
                                                             event.setPresenterId(1);
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                   PersonDaoTest
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                                                             event.setLocationId(1);
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                                                            int id = dao.create(event);
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                                                             assertNotNull( message: "add event failed", dao.get(id));
                    💣 🖫 QuoteDaoTest
                                             38
                service
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                util
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                                                         @Test
              webservices
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                                                        public void getEventById() {
        resources
                                             42
                                                             //get a valid id, then select by it
                                                            int testEventId = 0;
  target
                                             43
                                                            List<Event> events = dao.getAll();
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     .gitignore
                                                            if (events.size() > 0) {
                                             45
     Journal.md
                                             46
                                                                //just take the first one
     Iogo.PNG
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                                                                testEventId = events.get(1).getEventId();
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                                                                assertNotNull(testEventId);
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     README.md
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                                                              else {
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                                                                 fail("there are no events found, so test cannot pass.");
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  External Libraries
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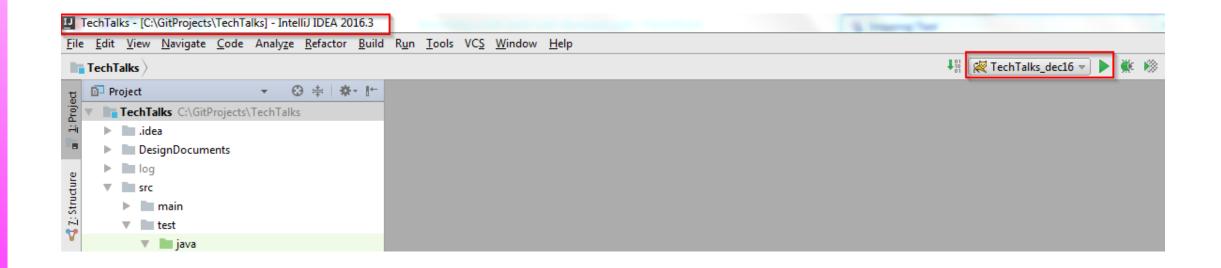
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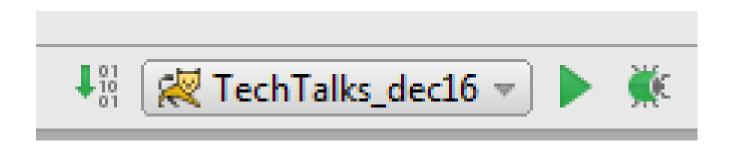
Maven build

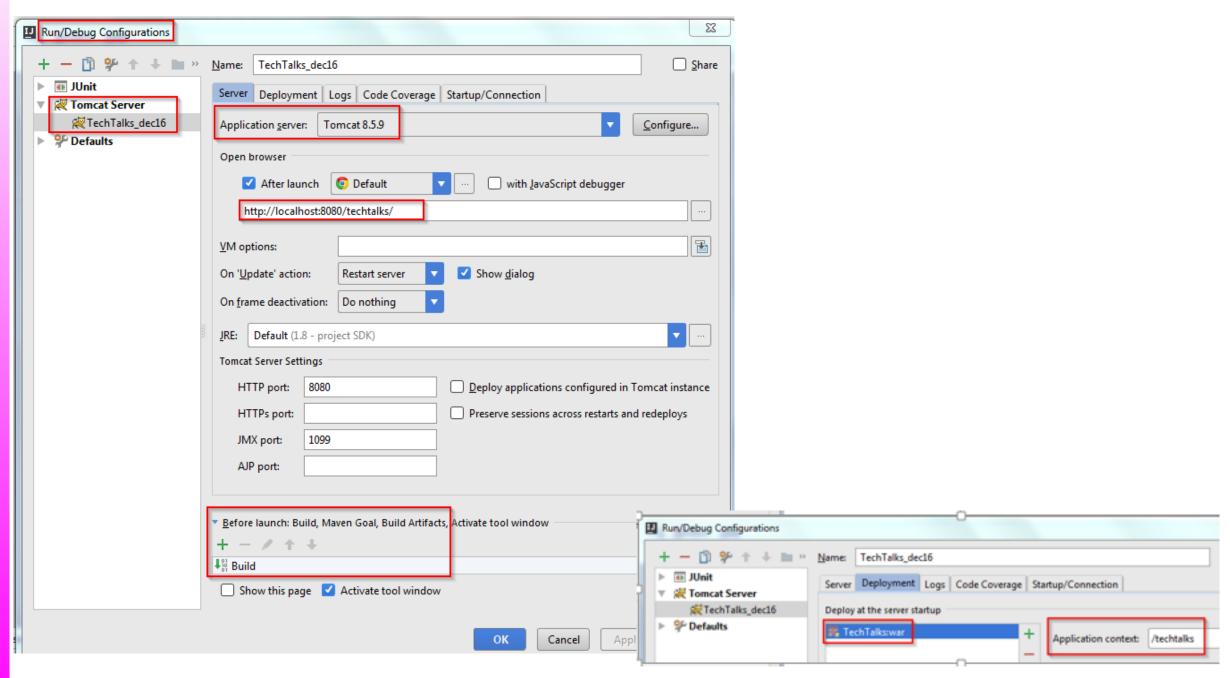
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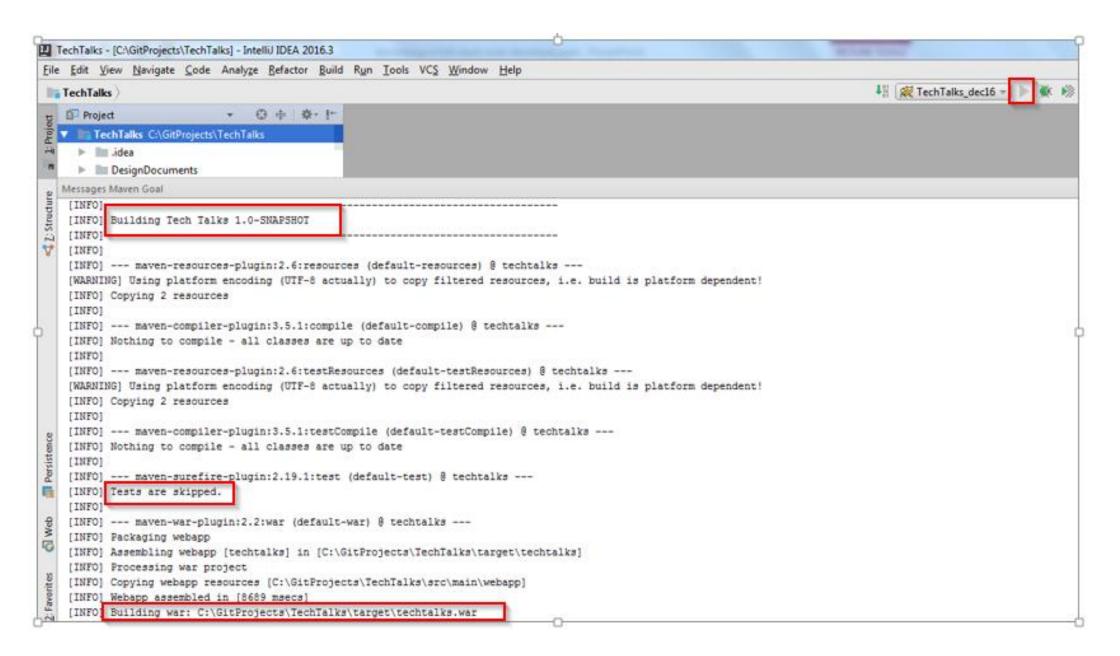
Tomcat web server deployment

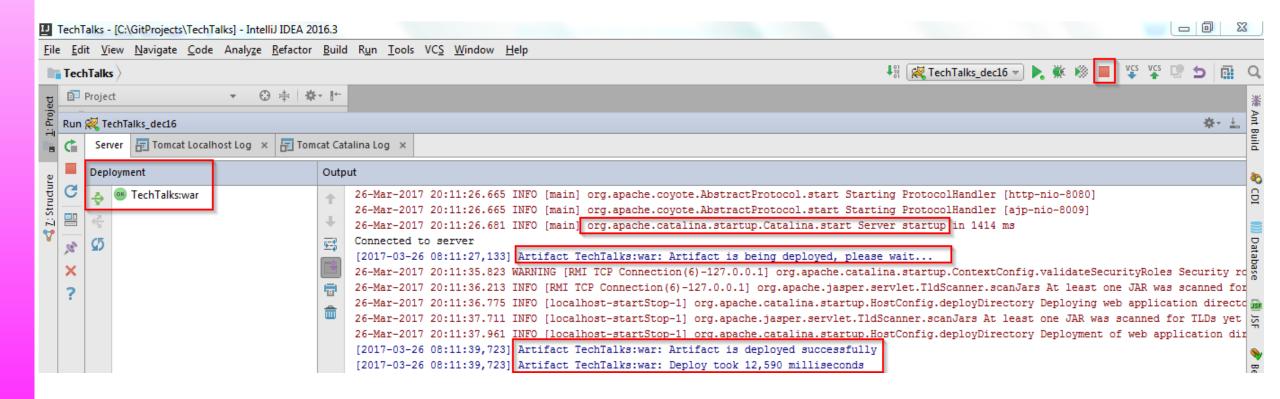
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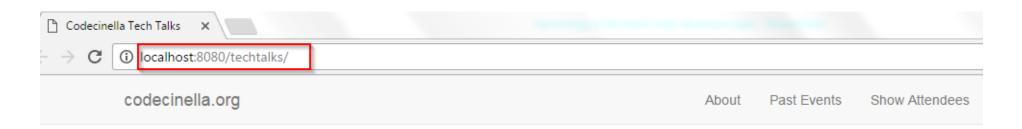




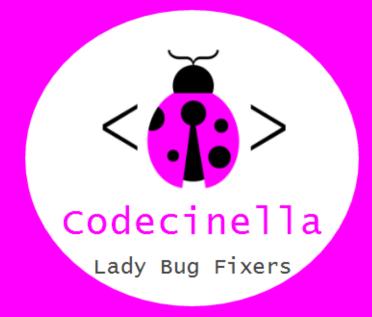








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You don't manage people; you manage things. You lead people.

-- Grace Hopper, American computer scientist and United States Navy Rear Admiral

## Build more functionality!

Navigation via menu links

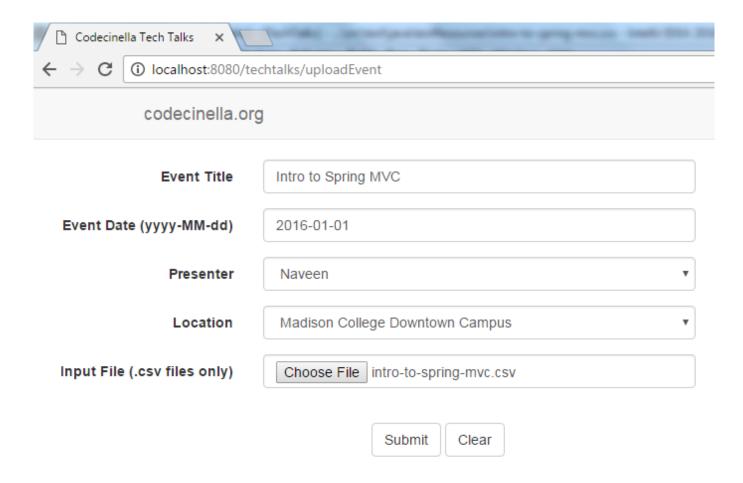
Logon security

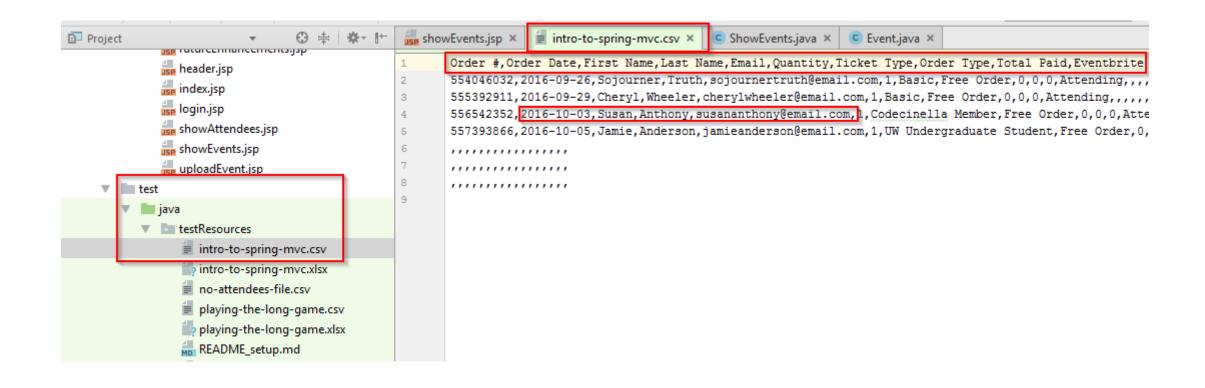
Add event with attendees

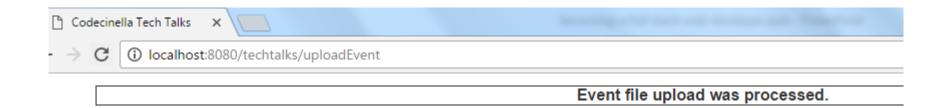
## Build event upload functionality

Sneak preview...

#### Upload an event file







#### Intro to Spring MVC

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### We made it! Success!

Basic application functionality is working!

Production-ready?

Fully tested?

### Build out more enhancements

Future enhancements placeholder page

Change look and feel with Bootstrap

Add web service for inspirational quotes by women in tech

## That was easy...

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#### Wait a minute...

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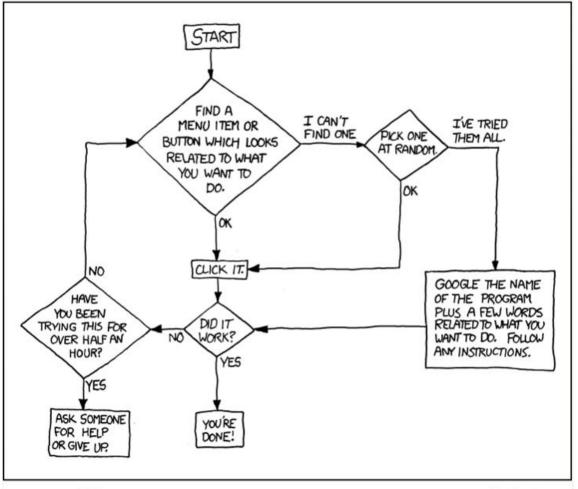
... languages, libraries, tools all jumbled together? How'd you do all that?

• "Technical Sophistication1"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.learnenough.com/command-line-tutorial#aside-technical\_sophistication

DEAR VARIOUS PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CO-WORKERS, AND OTHER "NOT COMPUTER PEOPLE."

WE DON'T MAGICALLY KNOW HOW TO DO EVERYTHING IN EVERY PROGRAM. WHEN WE HELP YOU, WE'RE USUALLY JUST DOING THIS:



PLEASE PRINT THIS FLOWCHART OUT AND TAPE IT NEAR YOUR SCREEN. CONGRATULATIONS; YOU'RE NOW THE LOCAL COMPUTER EXPERT!

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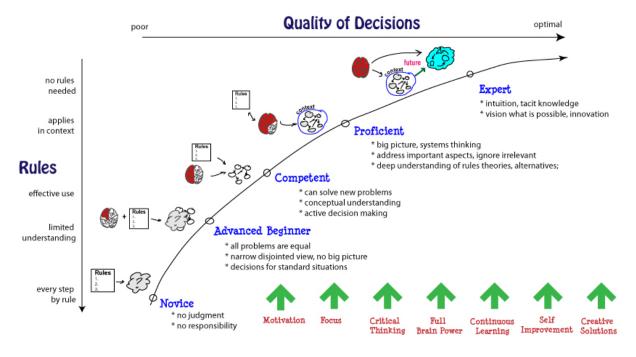
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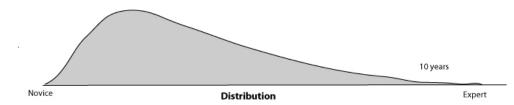
## How proficient...

... with the theory do I need to be before starting?

#### Dreyfus Competency Model

#### **Genesis of The Expert**





http://softwarecreation.org/images/2009/novice-expert.jpg

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  - So is knowing how you learn

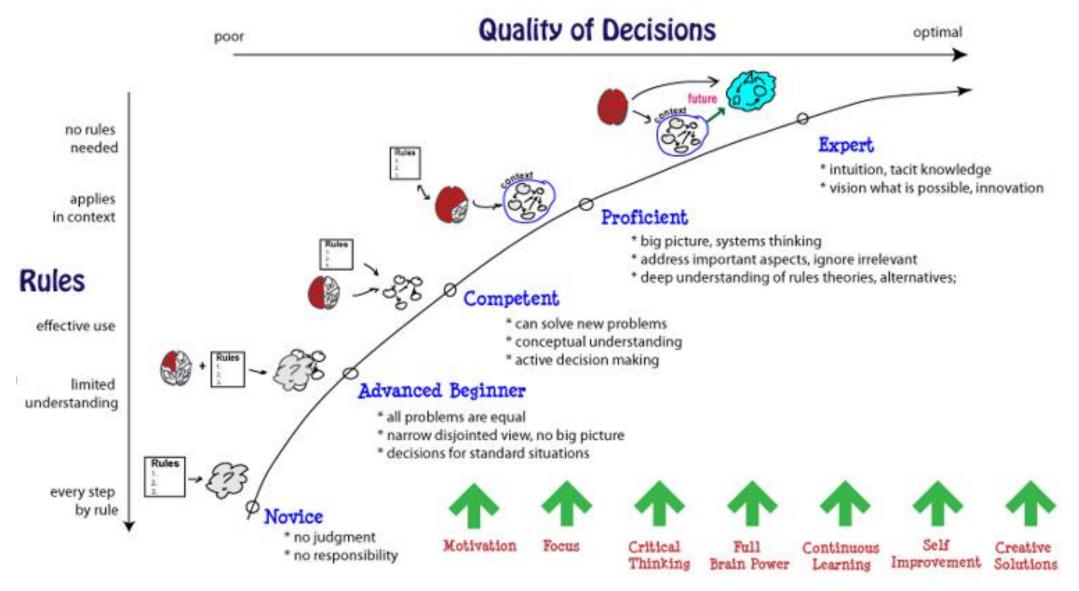
1 http://csis.pace.edu/~grossman/dcs/XR4-PromiscuousPairing.pdf

#### Dunning-Kruger Effect<sup>1</sup>

- The more you know, the LESS competent you think you are.
- The less you know, the MORE competent you think you are.
- People are terrible judges of their own expertise.

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#### **Genesis of The Expert**



#### Software as a rapidly evolving field

- Email becomes common communication method
- Internet becomes available
- Google search engine widely adopted
- Online purchases become possible
- Smart phones become ubiquitous
- Companies struggle over how best to use technology
- Hacking and security become major issues
- Languages and tools proliferate

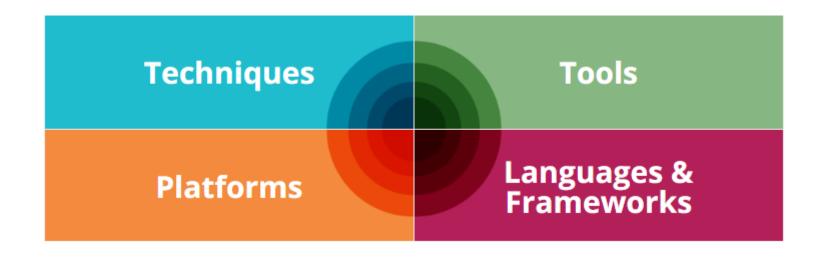
#### How best to navigate through the options?

- Remain/become aware of technology trends
- Know if you like to be 'cutting edge' or 'trailing edge'
- Find a employer match for your values and speed of change
- Always be learning.
- Always be on the lookout for your next growth areas.
- Listen to the experts when deciding what technologies are likely to endure (ThoughtWorks)

#### Thoughtworks Technology Radar

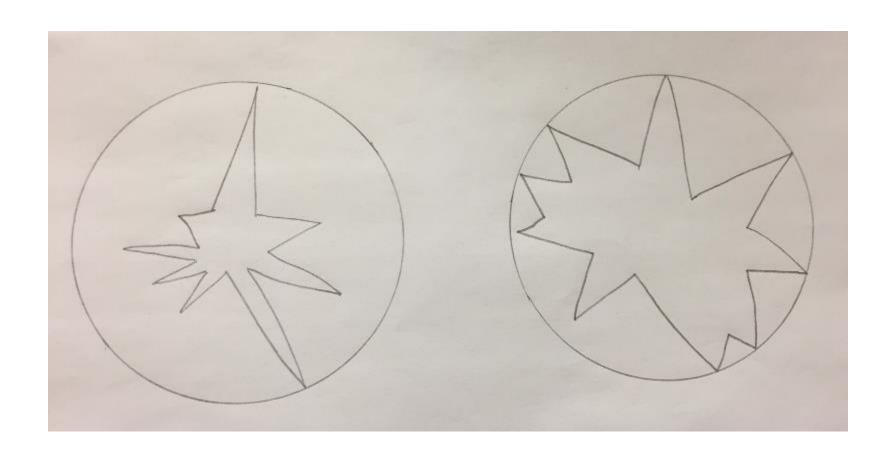
- Updated every six months, searchable by topic
- Rings:
  - Adopt
  - Trial
  - Assess
  - Hold
- Quadrants
  - Programming Languages and Frameworks
  - Tools
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  - Techniques

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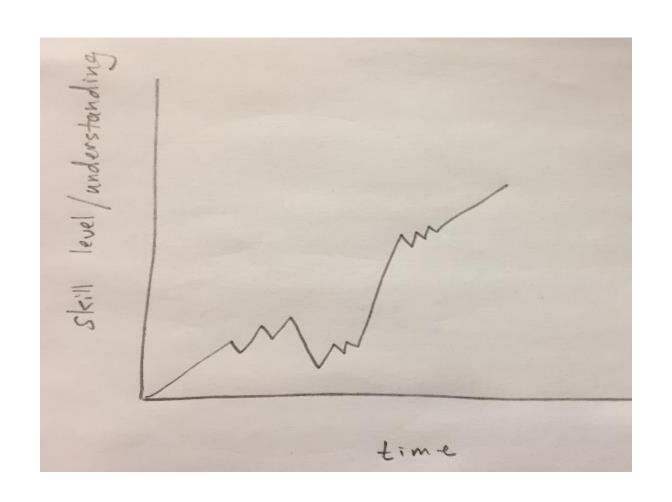


https://www.thoughtworks.com/radar

#### Create your own radar



#### Have patience with the learning process



# Writing software is great because...

There's always something to learn.

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"If you can create technology, you can change the world."

Susan Wojcicki, SVP, Google

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# Resources for continued learning (non-technical)

- Go: Put Your Strengths to Work by Marcus Buckingham
- Unlocking the Clubhouse by Allan Fisher and Jane Margolis
- Clean Code by Robert C. Martin
- The Clean Coder by Robert C. Martin
- The Passionate Programmer by Chad Fowler
- Books on becoming a better software developer:

https://dbader.org/blog/my-favourite-books-about-programming

# Resources for continued learning (technical)

- http://www.w3schools.com/
- https://www.learnenough.com/
- http://exercism.io/
- http://www.mkyong.com/

#### Links to download tools

- MySql: <a href="https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/">https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/</a>
  - mysql-installer-web-community
- IntelliJ (not free): <a href="https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/download/">https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/download/</a>
- Eclipse: <a href="https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/">https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/</a>?
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- Apache Tomcat: <a href="https://tomcat.apache.org/download-80.cg">https://tomcat.apache.org/download-80.cg</a>
- Git: <a href="https://git-scm.com/downloads">https://git-scm.com/downloads</a>
- Bootstrap (just use CDN links): <a href="http://getbootstrap.com/getting-started/">http://getbootstrap.com/getting-started/</a>
- Hibernate (include in POM file): <a href="http://hibernate.org/orm/downloads/">http://hibernate.org/orm/downloads/</a>

## Thank you

...for your time and attention