

Java and J2EE Internationalization

■ Overview

The Java and J2EE Internationalization workshop provides attendees with a broad understanding of internationalization processes, issues and pitfalls. Specific features of Java versions 6, 5.0 and 1.4 are presented.

This workshop shows how Java and J2EE deal with: character sets and Unicode (including surrogates, UTF encodings, normalization forms and transcoding), locales and locale models for client-server applications, resources and resource maintenance, sorting & searching, date & time processing, formatting of numbers and currency, text processing functions, etc.

Attendees will leave with a clear understanding of how to correctly and efficiently internationalize their Java-based applications.

■ Target Audience

This course is intended for software developers, software architects, software technical project managers and team leaders. It is highly recommended that attendees have a working knowledge of Java (and have taken the pre-requisite "All About Internationalization" workshop).

■ Benefits

This workshop provides software professionals with a solid foundation on software internationalization and a practical, extensive coverage of Java internationalization techniques.

■ Duration

The agenda described below is for a one day session (there is also a two-day version of this workshop that does not have any pre-requisites).

■ Pre-requisites

This one-day version of the workshop presumes that attendees have already taken the "All About Internationalization" workshop.

■ Agenda

1. Internationalization with Java and J2EE

- Java platforms: J2SE and J2EE
- JSP and JSTL
- Internationalization features of Java SE 6, J2SE 5.0 and Java 1.4
- books and useful resources

2. Java and Unicode

- Java versions vs. Unicode versions; supplementary character support
- Characters vs. Code Points; Character and code-point interfaces
- What needs to change for full Unicode support
- Unicode normalization in Java
- Basic transcoding for Files and Strings
- Reliable transcoding with the CharSet class
- Character sets for JSP and the Web
- Java SE 6 support for IDN and IRL (international domain names and URL)

3. Java Locales

- Identification, ISO 639, ISO 3166
- Enumeration
- Selection: install, start-up, run-time
- Locale-aware functions
- Locale hierarchies: resource container selection
- new locales in Java SE 6
- User-defined locales
- Locales with JSP and JSTL

4. Java Resources

- Resource bundles
- GetBundle search order
- GetLocale and GetString

- ListResourceBundle
- PropertyResourceBundle
- Non-text resources
- New in Java SE 6: ResourceBundle.Control (with many examples)
- JSP resources
- Performance caveats, subclassing pitfalls

5. Formatting & Parsing

- Formatting & parsing numbers and currency; format customization
- Formatting & parsing date and time; format customization
- Working with calendars
- Formatting messages with Java Formatter and Java MessageFormat
- How to handle plural agreement in messages

6. Text Processing

- Searching and sorting text
- Collation and collation-based processes
- Collation rules and collation performance
- Word and character boundaries
- Line and sentence boundaries
- Case conversion
- Character properties

7. Text Input and Output

- Input methods and the Java IMF (Input Method Framework)
- Input method types: host input method support vs. built-in input methods
- When do you need to use input method APIs ?
- Text rendering and GUI layout
- The ComponentOrientation property
- Logical and physical fonts
- The new Java 5.0 font mechanism
- Three options for fonts: logical fonts, platform fonts or embedded fonts

■ Handouts

Each attendee will receive a 200+ page booklet, one slide per page, with ample room to take notes, complete with table of contents. The booklet is designed to serve as a practical useable reference document for on-going use during an internationalization project.

■ About our Instructor – Pierre Cadieux

Pierre Cadieux is a veteran with over 20 years experience in internationalization of software, Web sites and embedded systems. He teaches internationalization at the University of Montreal. Pierre has been technology editor for the LISA newsletter, VP Technology at ALIS and director of technology at Bowne Global Solutions.

At ALIS, Pierre pioneered the transparent handling of Arabic and Hebrew languages and created the core bi-directional technology licensed by Microsoft.

As Director of Localization Technology at Bowne Global Solutions, he carried out research and analysis on multilingual Web sites and published the first generic model of Globalization Management Systems.

Additionally, Pierre holds a B. Sc. and M. Sc. in Computer Science.