

Google Web Toolkit (GWT) allows Java developers to create Web 2.0-ready Ajax front ends. GWT compiles these Java artifacts into optimized JavaScript for all major browsers. This intensive, hands-on course explores advanced GWT features from user interface widgets to client-server integration. First, students will learn how to create and use GWT modules. From there, they will explore many advanced user interface widgets and panels. Then they will learn how to apply styles to GWT widgets with CSS. Next, students will learn to create their own composite widgets. JUnit testing is the focus of the next chapter, followed by a chapter on the GWT Java Emulator. Students will then learn about various connectivity and integration features of GWT as well as how to invoke native JSNI methods. Finally, the course ends with a chapter on GWT best practices.

Course Objectives:

- Create and use modules in GWT.
- Design user interfaces with more advanced GWT widgets including the ToggleButton, Tree, SuggestBox, and RichTextArea.
- Style GWT widgets with CSS.
- Create your own composite widgets.
- Develop and execute GWT unit tests with JUnit
- Discover the GWT's Java Emulator, its capabilities and limitations.
- Learn to use GWT's DOM management.
- Describe advanced connectivity mechanisms, polling and related concepts.
- Use the various integration options to work with servers, including XML, JSON and GWT-RPC.
- Declare and invoke native JSNI methods.
- Describe some best practices on performance and avoiding pit falls.

Audience: Java developers who wish to quickly create Ajax application with the Google Web Toolkit.

Prerequisites: GWT and Java programming experience is required. Basic knowledge of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript is recommended. Previous experience doing widget-based Form development using events as well as HTTP exposure is beneficial.

Number of Days: 2 days

1 Using Modules in GWT

GWT Modules

Using External Modules

Modularizing an Application

Deferred Binding

Multiple-Module Applications

Code Splitting

2 More on GWT User Interfaces

ToggleButton and PushButton

DecoratorPanel

AbsolutePanel

HTMLPanel

FocusPanel

StackPanel

TabPanel

The DeckPanel

The DisclosurePanel

Using Menus via a MenuBar

Using a Tree Widget

Using SuggestBox

GWT RichTextArea Editing

FormPanel



Using DeferredCommand

3 GWT UiBinder and SafeHtml

What is UiBinder

UiBinder Types

UiBinder Benefits

Binder XML Files and Java Files

Creating Widget-Based UiBinder

Templates

Creating a UiBinder in Eclipse

Passing Values to Binders via Tag

Attributes

Handling Events in HTML-Based

UiBinder Templates

Providing Instances for UiFields

Using SafeHtml

4 Styling with CSS in GWT

Styling with CSS

GWT Visual Themes

Associating CSS Files with a Module

Styling Widgets in GWT

Complex GWT Styles

Dependent Styles in Widgets

More ClientBundle Elements: CSS

Resources, Data Resources, and

External Resources

5 Creating Composite GWT Widgets

Custom GWT Widgets

Composite GWT Widgets

Developing Composite Widgets

Manipulating Contained Widgets

The initWidget() Method

Event Handlers

Styling Composites

6 Testing and Debugging GWT Modules

Unit Testing Concepts

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The JUnit Test Framework

Writing a JUnit Test Case

GWT Unit Testing with GWTTestCase

Creating and Running Tests

Testing Asynchronous Code

GWT System Testing

GWT User Interface Testing

7 Model-View-Presenter and Dependency Injection

Introduction to Model-View-Presenter

The Event Bus

Managing Asynchronous Data in MVP

Applications

Unit Testing MVP with Mock UI

Elements

Dependency Injection

Unit Testing with Dependency Injection

8 More Server Integration Options in GWT

Using HTTP Requests

Posting Data Parameters

Manipulating in XML DOM

XML Support in GWT

Generating XML Documents in GWT

Integrating Using JSON

GWT Support for JSON

Generating JSON on the Server

9 GWT JavaScript Native Interface

Defining JSNI Methods

Sharing Data Between JavaScript and

Java

Talking to the Browser via JSNI

Using External JavaScript

Using a JavaScriptObject in GWT

Using JSNI with JSON

Java Callbacks from External JavaScript

Using External Libraries

10 Advanced GWT Connectivity

Stateful and Stateless Servers

The Model-View Presenter Approach

Using Stateful Servers

The Request Factory

Using Editors

11 Client-Side RPC Architecture in

GWT

Client-Side Polling

Server Push

Implementing Server Push

Server Push

Polling Protocols



12 **GWT Best Practices**

General Coding Practices Avoid Native JavaScript Code Security Issues Handling Long Processing The GWT IncrementalCommand Class Internationalization in GWT **GWT** Pitfalls and Issues Large Projects Merging with HTML **GWT Styling** Testing Practices for GWT **Unit Testing Principles** Bandwidth-Sensitive Applications Reduced Theme Downloads Minimize Server State Requirements Dependency Injection