

.JA00 **TODAY**

Tuesday, September 21



Today's Focus Tracks

.NET Whidbey

Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition

Domain Driven Development

Test Driven Development



(Monday night out-of-focus)



Interviews



JAOO Today caught up with Thomas Jørgensen and Lars Borup Jensen from the Danish consulting company Atira.

What did you see today?

Thomas: I went to the SOA track most of the day, and there were several good talks. I enjoyed both the introduction by Ivo Totev as well as Steve Vinoski's talk very much. Ivo's talk taking patterns of human behaviour as a starting point was very interesting.

How do you like the fact that JAOO now has .NET/Microsoft content?

Thomas: I think it is a good thing. Usually we would not take the time to actually learn something new about what Microsoft is doing - and Anders' talk this morning was very good; making one realize that there actually are some people over there that do think (smile).

JAOO Today stopped by the Oracle booth.

Has Monday been a good day at JAOO?

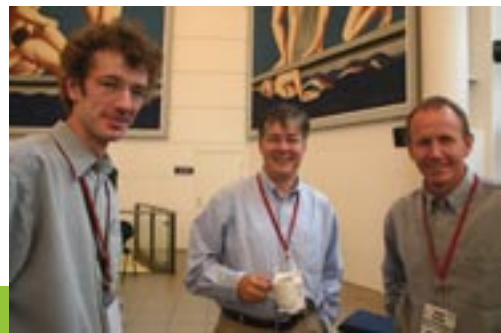
Yes. I went to see the talk on "Securing ASP.NET Applications" by Dino Esposito. All the security vulnerabilities in ASP.NET were clearly exposed, which was amusing, but it was actually a good talk, and I enjoyed it. I also went to see Ingo Rammer, and that was a good presentation too on various aspects of distributed application programming and remoting of enterprise services.

But Oracle is a Java Shop – why did you go to these .NET-related talks then?

Well, it's always good to know your competition (smile).

What are you seeing Tuesday?

Well, why did you put all the good stuff on Tuesday? There are so many talks we want to go to: J2EE, TDD, and DDD; and of course Oracle has a talk – it's difficult to choose what not to go to.





Commentary

Frank Buschmann

First day of JA OO — my big question: will it be as agile and refreshing as ever? This is my 5th JA OO, so what can be there that I don't know or that provides a new perspective on a familiar subject? A new format got introduced, yes, focused tracks — all you want to know about a subject in one day — but ... the subjects themselves have been around at JA OO for a while: agile development, SOA, J2EE, Web Services, Persistence. So what's new? Even many speakers were here before. So what news can they tell me?

The opening keynote — Anders Hejlsberg on the Design and Evolution of C#. Even the title of this talk sounded familiar, wasn't there another famous Danish programming language designer who wrote a book with an almost identical title? Anders simply replaced the last two letters with a compressed, single-letter variant! At least this "reuse" raised some expectations about the talk's content and quality. I was a bit uncertain, but Anders did a great job, meeting my high expectations. It neither was a C# feature-hopping nor Java bashing. Anders greatly explained the motivation and rationale behind core design decisions for C# and allowed the audience to take a sneak preview into its future, thus shedding a new and different light on the language. I, at least, had not yet thought about C# this way. And Anders presented everything in a very appealing style, mixed technical issues with personal perspectives and lessons learned.

It was good to see the face and voice behind C#, the language personified for me within a single hour. A very good start into JA OO 2004!

After the keynote another familiar JA OO game: what talks should I attend? There were so many talks that sounded interesting to me, unfortunately they were all running in parallel. I decided for the SOA track, the topic was too tempting. As a real-world software architect building real-world software systems I was disappointed by most SOA talks I listened to in the past. SOA praising is probably the last thing a software professional needs. Speakers too simply neglect reality, overselling SOA as the solution to the software crises — a cure all to your ineffective IT. I was eager to hear what JA OO speakers have to say ... To my real pleasure, all speakers knew about the stuff they were talking about. I found all core areas of SOA to be addressed, ranging from the fundamental mindset over technical challenges to misconceptions. Also the core message in all those talks was just right: yes, SOA has its place in this world, but beware, it is difficult, SOAs are not created on the fly, many technical challenges must be addressed explicitly, and, hey, there are also limitations to take into account. That was the message I wanted to hear: where can I go to with a SOA and what paths should I better not take.

At the end of the day I learned many new things, and many things I know got reinforced and discussed from other angles than I normally do. I could also discuss these topics with minds thinking like me and others who have different opinions. Listening to talks is one thing, digesting them another. Yes, JA OO is still agile and refreshing — but that is actually no news! It has been so in the past and it is good to see that it is still so. From that perspective JA OO 2004 is no different than its predecessors. And that makes me feel good, looking forward to the closing keynote of today, the famous JA OO party, and the upcoming days.

Updates & more

Tuesday, September 21

JAOO IT-Run

Bowerman JAOO IT-Run, tonight at 18.30t!

If you have registered for the IT-Run, please pick up your IT-Run T-shirt at the IT-Run registration table inside the conference area:

Tuesday 9.00 - 12.00

If you haven't registered yet, you still have a chance to sign up for the IT-Run at the IT-Run registration table — it's free for JAOO participants!

Refreshment

The City of Aarhus welcomes JAOO participants at the Art museum ARoS after the IT-Run.

There will be live jazz music by the EOS JavaJive trio.

Location: Next to conference area

Estrid Brandorff, EOS JavaJive



Corrections in the printed programme

Frank Buschmann & Kevlin Henney
Friday: 09:00 - 16:00. Full day

Linda Rising:
Friday 13:00 - 16:00. Half day

Book Signing

Martin Fowler, Frank Buschmann, Jutta Eckstein and more will be signing books today at respectively 12:30 and 15:15 next to the book store.



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