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Steps for survival

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THE ENTERPRISE JAVA WILDERNESS



STEP 1: COME PREPARED



What do I need to know to be an **Enterprise** Java developer?

KNOWLEDGE (1)

Solid understanding of core Java & some specifics:

- garbage collection strategies
- class loading specifics
- debugging (thread & heap dumps)

Some experience with databases and middleware

KNOWLEDGE (2)

Knowledge in OOP concepts and design patterns

• Singleton, Dependency Injection, Factory, MVC ...

Core Java EE specs like Servlets, JPA & Components

Basic Linux command line skills

KNOWLEDGE IMPROVEMENT

Write code

Collaborate with experienced people and learn from them

Join an open-source project

Code reviews are a great way to learn

STEP 2: BRING GEAR



What tools should I be experienced in?

IDES & TOOLS



BE LAZY & AUTOMATE

Builds & Tests (via Maven, Jenkins, etc.)

Administrative tasks (via Scripts, custom tools)

Environment setup (Vagrant, Docker)

APPLICATION GENERATION

Books						+ Create a new B	
ID ¢	Title \$	Description \$	Publication Date \$	Price \$	Author \$		
2	Inferno	Inferno is a 2013 mystery thriller novel by American author Dan Brown and the fourth book in his Robert Langdon series, following Angels & Demons, The Da Vinci Code and The Lost Symbol.	May 14, 2013	45	Dan Brown	◆ View	
4	King Lear	King Lear is a tragedy written by William Shakespeare. It depicts the gradual descent into madness of the title character.	Dec 30, 1604	10	William Shakespeare		
5	Gulliver's Travels	It is Swift's best known full-length work, and a classic of English literature.	Oct 26, 1726	15	Jonathan Swift		

STEP 3: GET ORIENTED



SPRING VS JAVA EE



CLIENT REQUIREMENTS



KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS



PROJECT REQUIREMENTS



INNOVATORS

POPULAR JAVA EE SPECIFICATIONS



ZeroTurnaround's survey of ~1700 developers

AND NOW WHAT?



STEP 4: BUILD SHELTER

How do I setup the project?



BASIC SETUP (1)



BASIC SETUP (2)





ADVANCED SETUP

- 1. Static code analysis
 Sonar / IDE-based
- 2. DB schema management
 Flyway / Liquibase
- 3. In-memory DB for development
- 4. Easy to setup local environment
- 5. Stable staging environment
- 6. Continuous Delivery

UNIT TESTING!

Via:

- JUnit & Mockito / Powermock / EasyMock
- Groovy & Spock

Caveats:

- one-off short-term projects
- tests treated as second class code

UNIT TESTING ISSUES – USELESS TESTS

```
def "invite calls the service"() {
    setup:
    def form = Mock(SomeInputForm)
    def actor = Mock(Actor)
```

```
when:
```

```
underTest.invite(actor, form)
```

then:

```
1 * service.invite(actor, form)
```

UNIT TESTING ISSUES – BRITTLE TESTS

```
def "smart test name"() {
    setup:
    def customer = PETYO
    def device = SMART_DEVICE
    ...
    when:
    def result = underTest.execute(taskData)
```

```
then:
```

1 * deviceService.findByCustomer(customer) >> serviceResultA

```
0 * anotherService._
```

```
result == expected result
```

STEP 5: FIND WATER

How do I implement the project?







APPLICATION DESIGN

Consider modules & package structure

Review component interfaces

Beware of excessive Dependency Injection

Principles of Domain Driven Design

SHOULD I USE AN ORM?





WHAT PROBLEMS CAN I EXPECT?

"Magic" powers i.e. hidden learning curve

Reduced control over DB

Loss of DB specific capabilities

Difficulty fetching necessary data

HOW TO DESIGN REST API-S?

- Follow the REST principles
 & look at the APIs of large companies
- Use proper HTTP verbs (GET, PUT, POST, PATCH...)
 - GET /movie/1/booking
- Use proper HTTP status codes
 - 418 I'm a teapot

HOW TO DESIGN REST API-S? (2)

- Medium grained resources
 - up to two levels of nesting
- Security:
 - HTTPS
 - OAuth2
 - BasicAuth

HOW TO DESIGN REST API-S? (3)

- Proper URLs using plural nouns
 - GET /movies vs GET /getAllMovies
- Spinal-case in URLs and camelCase / snake_case for parameters
 - http://www.penisland.net/
 - GET /order-item/1?orderNumber=2

HOW TO DESIGN REST API-S? (4)

- Consider versioning early on:
 - only major version
 - aim to have no more than 2 versions in parallel
 - /v1/movies,/v2/movies
- Filters & sorting via URL parameters
 - ?sort=rating,budget&director=nolan

HOW TO DESIGN REST API-S? (5)

- I18n of data:
 - **via** Accept-Language: bg_BG
- Handling of operations (i.e. non-resources)
 - POST /email/12/send
 - consider JSON-RPC

STEP 6: FIND FOOD



WHAT PROBLEMS SHOULD I EXPECT?

- Infrastructure issues (available resources, unreliability, latency)
- External system communication (synchronous calls, no timeouts, faulty integrations)
- Lack of middleware tuning (thread & connection pools, clusters)
- Garbage collection (limits, strategies)
- Bugs (synchronization issues, memory leaks)

HOW TO IMPROVE PERSISTENCE?

- 1. Monitor query performance
- 2. Review native SQL of sensitive queries
 - mark/optimize slow queries
- 3. Use caching offered by ORM
- 4. Beware of many-to-many relations & fetch types
- 5. Run updates/deletes in bulk (beware of cascading)
- 6. Paging & query projection
- 7. Move logic to DB

HOW TO IMPROVE FRONT END?

- 1. Track time for processing each REST request
- 2. Use gzip
- 3. Partial request & responses (?fields + HTTP PATCH)
- 4. Cache friendly results (etag, last-modified)
- 5. Paging

STEP 7: STAY IN ONE PLACE vs SCOUT THE AREA



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

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