

Day 1 of Mashup Training: A Beginner's Guide to Enterprise Mashups

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Audience Questions and Answers

Q: Can I get a copy of the slides?

A: A copy of today's presentation along with a recording of the webcast will be available on www.jackbe.com tomorrow.

Q: How do you mashup services that have access controls in place such as userid and password? Can JackBe pass userid and password to systems for the user or prompt the user for the information?

A: Excellent question! JackBe's mashup solution, Presto, is architected to support all of the common authentication/authorization/policy paradigms including single sign-on (LDAP, Active Directory) as well as X.509 certificates and, of course, basic auth.

Q: A conceptual question. Is Mashup a content-sensitive data mining?

A: No. 'Context sensitivity' is not programmatic but up to the creator of the mashup, which is something we discuss in detail tomorrow.

Q: I am assuming that you have a trial version of your software that can be deployed and includes this demonstration. Is that correct?

A: Absolutely. Our Trial Edition is under 'Resources' on jackbe.com.

Q: Great. Another question. So Jackbe can mashup both data and application services?

A: 'So Jackbe can mashup both data and application services?'. Yes. I think the demos today include both.

Q: Does it include these demos?

A: It does not. But post a request in our Forums and we'll get them to you, if appropriate.

Q: Can the widgets developed in JackBe be embedded into standard portal solutions like Sun or do then need to be accessed via the JackBe UI?

A: Yes! Our mashup widgets (we call them 'mashlets') are JSR-168 compliant, and work with all common portals including IBM, Oracle/BEA, and Sun.

Q: In terms of ease of use, could a CEO or his assistant create the mashup just shown with respect to the "competitor's stock prices?"

A: This is a question addressed in tomorrow's presentation. We discuss the types of mashup makers and their roles.

Q: It is not clear to me "how" we make a mashup. Will the demos clarify this?

A: Actually, making mashups is the topic of tomorrow's topic. We wanted to give it all the attention it deserves.

Q: Do you have a mobile version for Blackberries, Windows Mobile Devices, etc of your solution that has been optimized for the smaller viewing space?

A: 'Making Mashups Mobile' is the topic of Day 3 Training.

Q: We have a RSS Feed server in our environment, is it possible to bring these feeds into mashups?

A: Yes, RSS/Atom is one of the data source types JackBe can mash. We also support mashing of WSDL, SQL (JDBC-compliant databases), REST, and even spreadsheets.

Q: Do you only license developer licenses or user licenses or both? For example, we may only have a few developers wanting to create mashups and many viewers of the mashup.

A: Our licensing model is CPU-based. There is no charge for individual developer seats. The CPU license does not impose a limit on # of creators or # of consumers. Instead, you are subject to the performance limits of the server you have installed our software on.