

Events

Events are action controllers or event listeners:

1. **Action controllers** handle main form submission
 1. Fire *after* bean has been populated (click button)
 2. Fire *after* validation logic (JSF does validation but we have not enabled it yet)
 3. Return strings that directly affect page navigation
2. **Event listeners** handle UI events
 1. Often fire *before* bean has been populated
 2. Often bypass validation logic
 3. Never directly affect page navigation

Ajax

To update the entire page, use event listeners.

If you need to update only part of the page, use Ajax.

Types of Event Listeners

1. ActionListener

Fired by buttons, image maps, and hypertext links:

```
<h:commandButton value="..." .../>
<h:commandButton image="..." .../>
<h:commandLink .../>
```

Button in same h:form as input elements

```
<h:commandButton ... actionListener="#{testBean.method1( anything)}"
immediate="true"/>
```

```
public void method1(ActionEvent e) { ...}
```

The **immediate** attribute prevents the setter methods from firing for the input elements, and blocks validation

The **method1** format must follow the signature shown above.

We use e

```
<h:commandButton actionListener="..." .../>
```

We usually want this method1 to occur before beans are populated and especially before validation occurs so use “immediate” to designate that listener fires before validation is performed or beans are populated

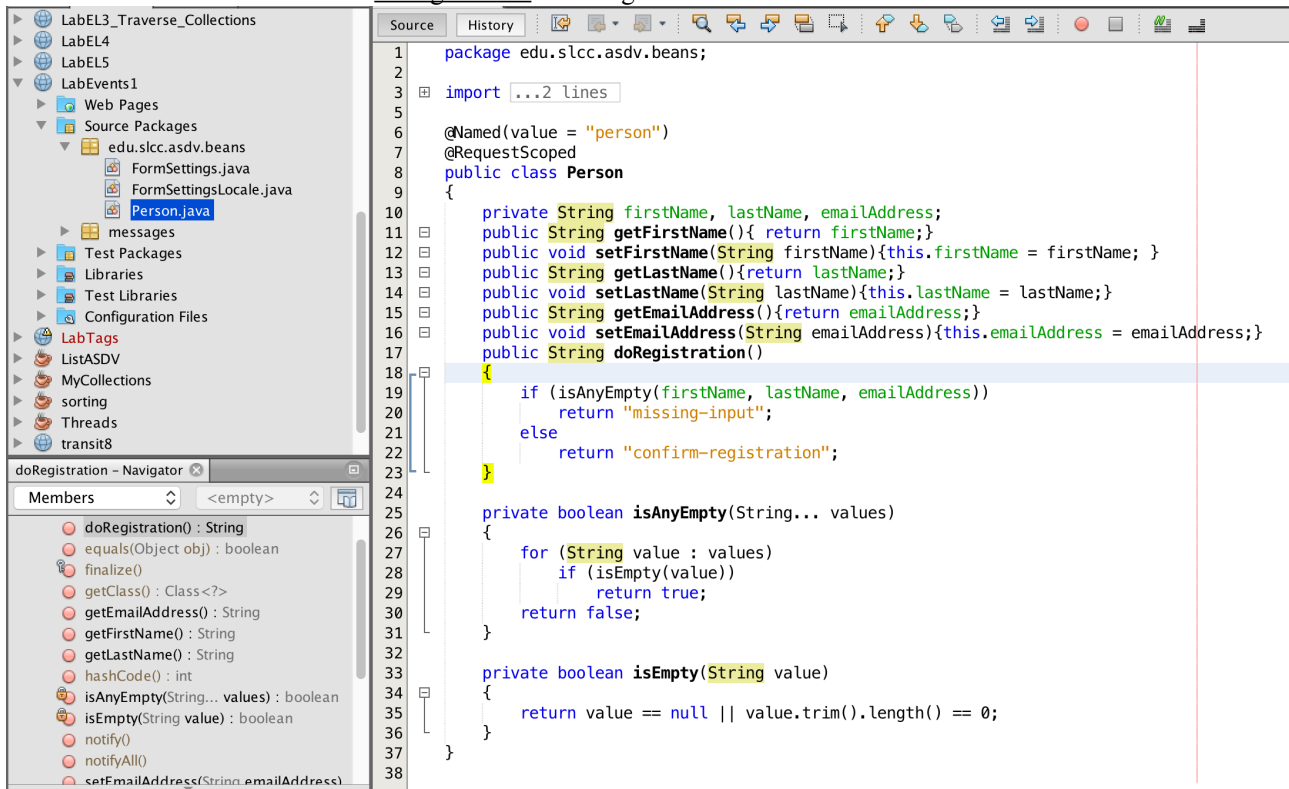
Button in separate h:form from **input elements**

```
<h:commandButton... action="#{testBean.navigation}"/>
```

The form has no input elements.

The navigation has normal action controller signature (zero args and returning String), and can just return null to tell JSF to redisplay original page after the method finishes.

1. Create Web App LabEvents1 and the request scope bean Person. Setter and getters for the 3 properties via Insert Code. The method doRegistration for navigation.



The screenshot shows an IDE with a project explorer on the left and a source code editor on the right. The project explorer shows a project named 'LabEvents1' with a package 'edu.slcc.asdv.beans' containing 'Person.java'. The source code editor shows the following code:

```
1 package edu.slcc.asdv.beans;
2
3 import ...2 lines
4
5
6 @Named(value = "person")
7 @RequestScoped
8 public class Person
9 {
10     private String firstName, lastName, emailAddress;
11     public String getFirstName(){ return firstName;}
12     public void setFirstName(String firstName){this.firstName = firstName; }
13     public String getLastName(){return lastName;}
14     public void setLastName(String lastName){this.lastName = lastName;}
15     public String getEmailAddress(){return emailAddress;}
16     public void setEmailAddress(String emailAddress){this.emailAddress = emailAddress;}
17     public String doRegistration()
18     {
19         if (isEmpty(firstName, lastName, emailAddress))
20             return "missing-input";
21         else
22             return "confirm-registration";
23     }
24
25     private boolean isEmpty(String... values)
26     {
27         for (String value : values)
28             if (isEmpty(value))
29                 return true;
30         return false;
31     }
32
33     private boolean isEmpty(String value)
34     {
35         return value == null || value.trim().length() == 0;
36     }
37 }
38
```

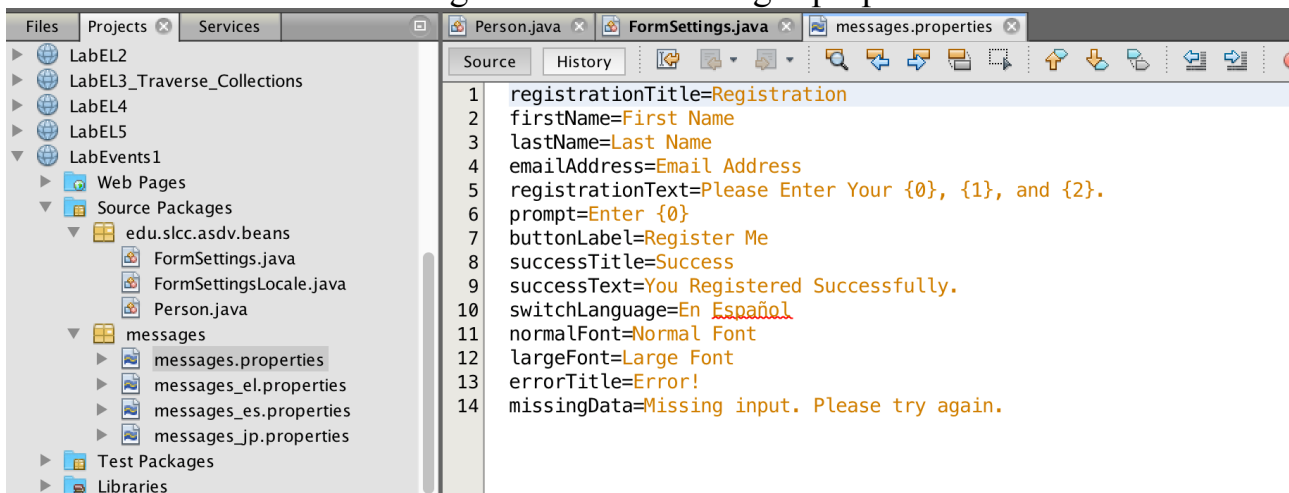
The 'doRegistration' method is highlighted in blue. Below the code editor, there is a 'doRegistration - Navigator' window showing the members of the class:

- doRegistration() : String
- equals(Object obj) : boolean
- finalize()
- getClass() : Class<?>
- getEmailAddress() : String
- getFirstName() : String
- getLastName() : String
- hashCode() : int
- isEmpty(String... values) : boolean
- isEmpty(String value) : boolean
- notify()
- notifyAll()
- setEmailAddress(String emailAddress)

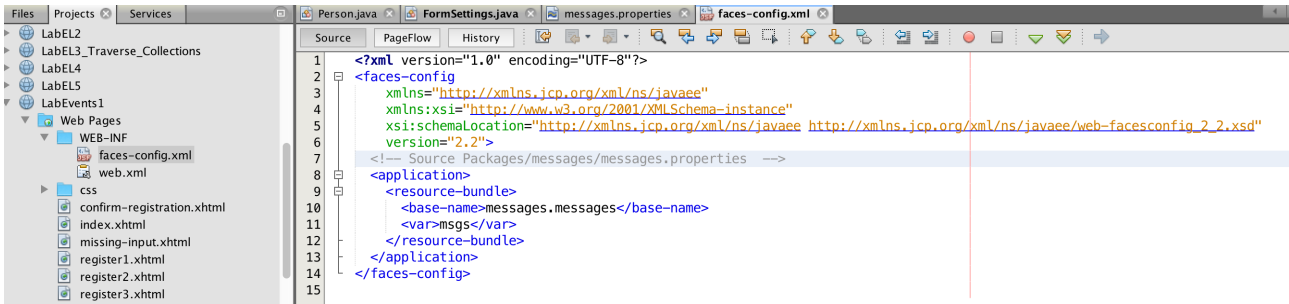
2. Create scoped session bean FormSettings

```
1 package edu.slcc.asdv.beans;
2
3 import javax.inject.Named;
4 import javax.enterprise.context.SessionScoped;
5 import java.io.Serializable;
6 import javax.faces.event.ActionEvent;
7
8 @Named(value = "formSettings")
9 @SessionScoped
10 public class FormSettings implements Serializable
11 {
12     private boolean isNormalSize = true;
13
14
15     public String getBodyStyleClass()
16     {
17         if (isNormalSize)
18         {
19             return ("normalSize");
20         }
21         else
22         {
23             return ("largeSize");
24         }
25     }
26
27     public void setNormalSize(ActionEvent event)
28     {
29         isNormalSize = true;
30     }
31
32     public void setLargeSize(ActionEvent event)
33     {
34         isNormalSize = false;
35     }
36 }
```

3. Under the folder messages create the messages.properties file



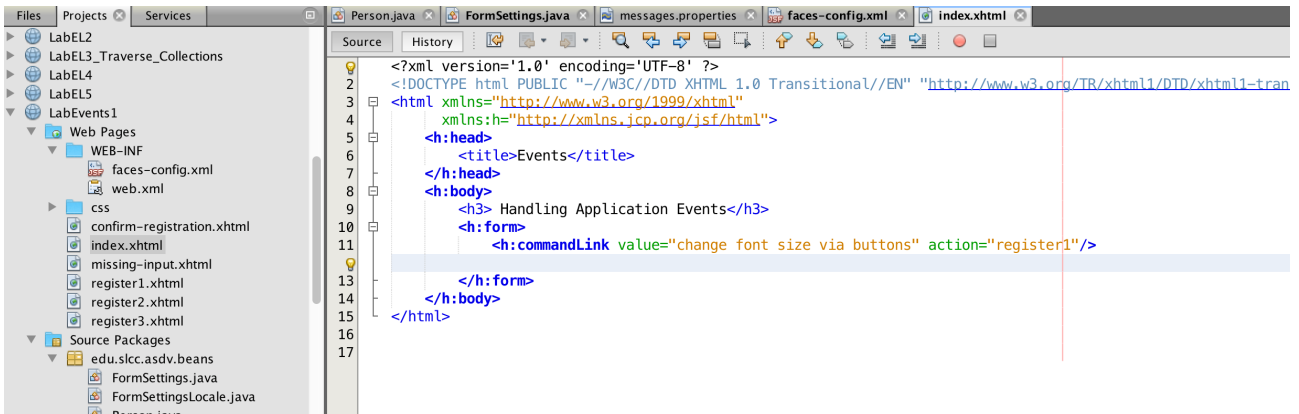
4. Create the config and put in the properties file



```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <faces-config
3   xmlns="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee"
4   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
5   xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee/web-facesconfig_2_2.xsd"
6   version="2.2">
7   <!-- Source Packages/messages/messages.properties -->
8
9   <application>
10    <resource-bundle>
11     <base-name>messages.messages</base-name>
12     <var>msgs</var>
13    </resource-bundle>
14  </application>
15 </faces-config>
```

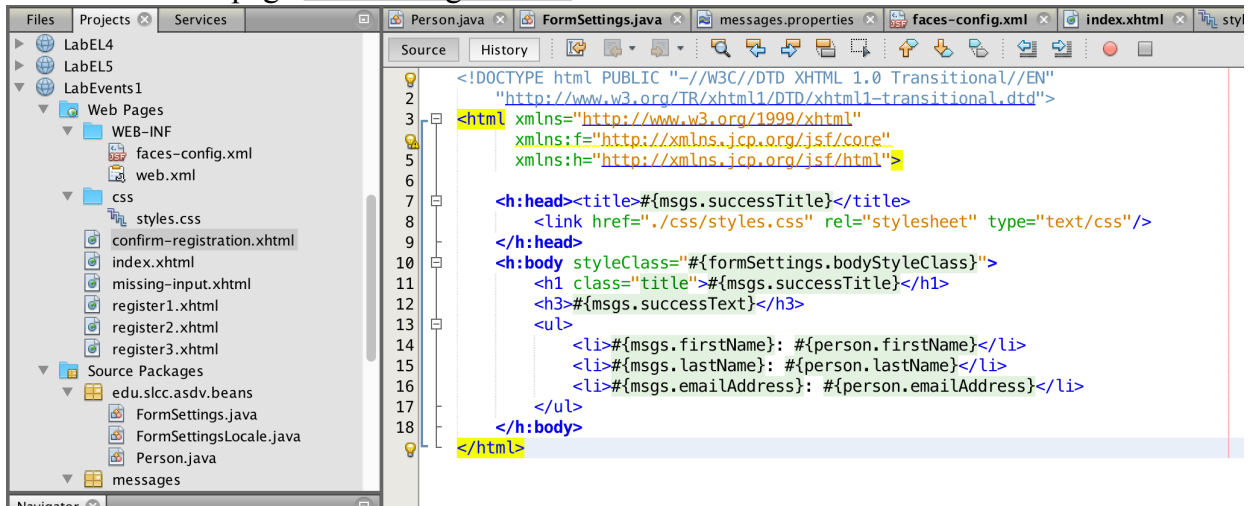
5. The css file is posted.

6. The index



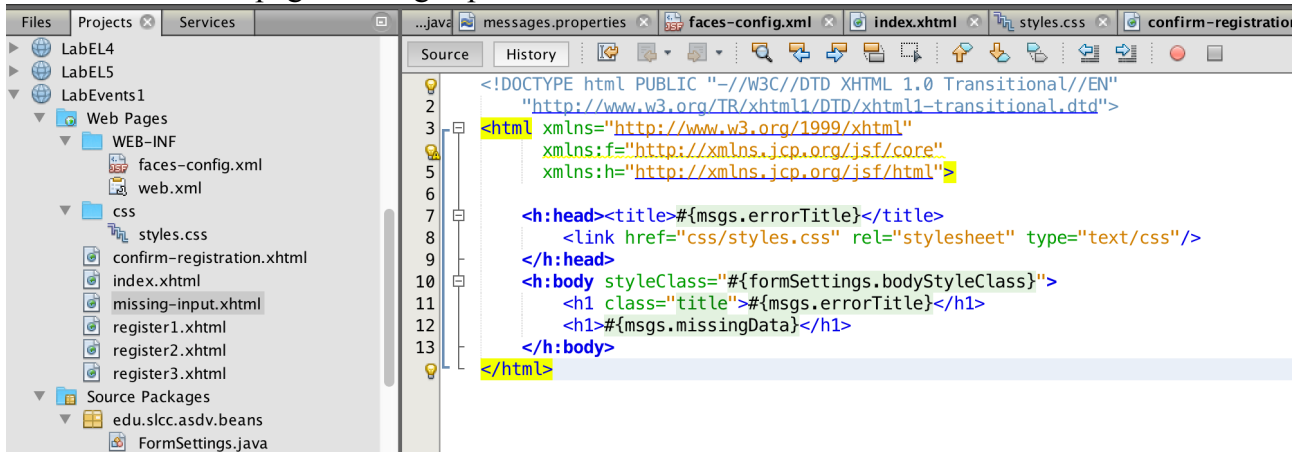
```
1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-tran
3 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
4   xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
5   <h:head>
6     <title>Events</title>
7   </h:head>
8   <h:body>
9     <h3> Handling Application Events</h3>
10    <h:form>
11      <h:commandLink value="change font size via buttons" action="register1"/>
12    </h:form>
13  </h:body>
14 </html>
```

7. Create JSF page confirm-registration



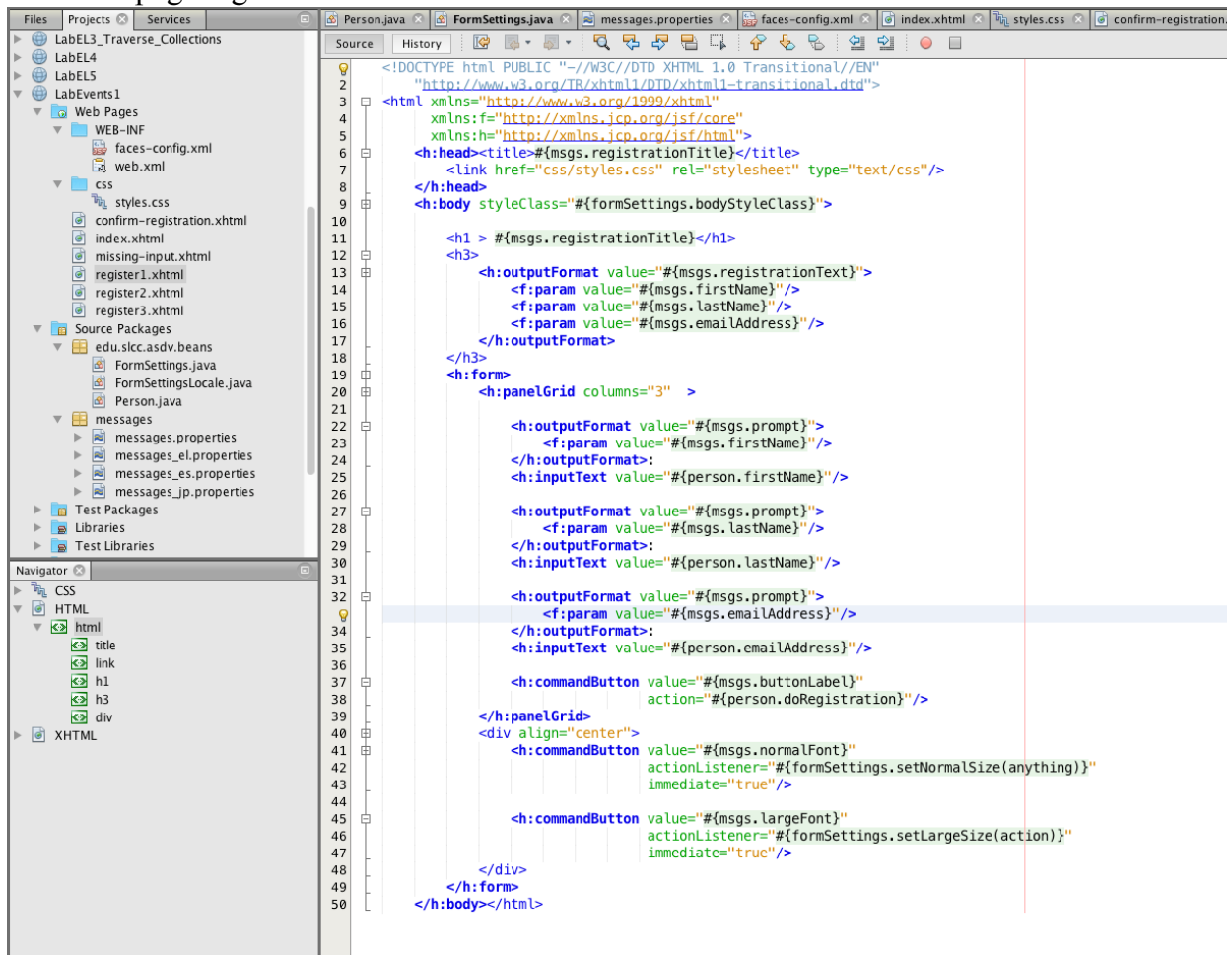
```
1 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
2 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
3 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
4   xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
5   xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6
7   <h:head><title>#{msgs.successTitle}</title>
8     <link href="./css/styles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
9   </h:head>
10  <h:body styleClass="#{formSettings.bodyStyleClass}">
11    <h1 class="title">#{msgs.successTitle}</h1>
12    <h3>#{msgs.successText}</h3>
13    <ul>
14      <li>#{msgs.firstName}: #{person.firstName}</li>
15      <li>#{msgs.lastName}: #{person.lastName}</li>
16      <li>#{msgs.emailAddress}: #{person.emailAddress}</li>
17    </ul>
18  </h:body>
19 </html>
```

8. Create JSF page missing-input



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
2 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
3 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
4       xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
5       xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6
7
8   <h:head><title>#{msgs.errorTitle}</title>
9   <link href="css/styles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
10 </h:head>
11 <h:body styleClass="#{formSettings.bodyStyleClass}">
12   <h1 class="title">#{msgs.errorTitle}</h1>
13   <h1>#{msgs.missingData}</h1>
14 </h:body>
15 </html>
```

9. JSF page register1



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
2 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
3 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
4       xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
5       xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html">
6
7   <h:head><title>#{msgs.registrationTitle}</title>
8   <link href="css/styles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
9 </h:head>
10 <h:body styleClass="#{formSettings.bodyStyleClass}">
11
12   <h1 > #{msgs.registrationTitle}</h1>
13   <h3>
14     <h:outputFormat value="#{msgs.registrationText}">
15       <f:param value="#{msgs.firstName}" />
16       <f:param value="#{msgs.lastName}" />
17       <f:param value="#{msgs.emailAddress}" />
18     </h:outputFormat>
19   </h3>
20   <h:form>
21     <h:panelGrid columns="3" >
22
23       <h:outputFormat value="#{msgs.prompt}">
24         <f:param value="#{msgs.firstName}" />
25       </h:outputFormat>
26       <h:inputText value="#{person.firstName}" />
27
28       <h:outputFormat value="#{msgs.prompt}">
29         <f:param value="#{msgs.lastName}" />
30       </h:outputFormat>
31       <h:inputText value="#{person.lastName}" />
32
33       <h:outputFormat value="#{msgs.prompt}">
34         <f:param value="#{msgs.emailAddress}" />
35       </h:outputFormat>
36       <h:inputText value="#{person.emailAddress}" />
37
38       <h:commandButton value="#{msgs.buttonLabel}"
39         action="#{person.doRegistration}" />
40     </h:panelGrid>
41     <div align="center">
42       <h:commandButton value="#{msgs.normalFont}"
43         actionListener="#{formSettings.setNormalSize(anything)}"
44         immediate="true" />
45
46       <h:commandButton value="#{msgs.largeFont}"
47         actionListener="#{formSettings.setLargeSize(action)}"
48         immediate="true" />
49     </div>
50 </h:form>
51 </h:body></html>
```

10. Clean and build, run.