Netscape, Mountain View  
Wednesday, November 5\textsuperscript{th}  
6:30-9:30pm

This first half hour is a time to network with your peers. This meeting is co-hosted by the Struts User BOF, the Silicon Valley Java User Group (SVJUG) and the Java SIG of the East Bay I.T. Group (eBIG). Special thanks goes to SVJUG President Venki Seshadri for arranging the meeting space at Netscape.

**Struts and JavaServer Faces:**  
**Competition or Coexistence?**

The Struts Framework is an open source framework for building web applications based on Model-View-Controller (MVC) design principles. Available for over three years, it is a popular de facto standard with widespread adoption, lots of learning resources, and a supportive and helpful user community. JavaServer Faces, an upcoming API for building web application user interface components, is being developed under the Java Community Process as JSR-127. It is currently in public draft and is moving towards the next phases of the process as we speak. As was already clear at last summer’s JavaOne keynotes, JavaServer Faces will have rich support for a wide variety of development tools shortly after it goes final.

At first glance, there is substantial functional overlap between Struts and JavaServer Faces, to the degree that many Struts users are wondering what the future holds for Struts. To help us better understand, we will briefly examine the key features both technologies and look at a simple web application—the canonical struts-example application from Struts 1.1—implemented in three different ways:

- As a pure Struts based application.
- As a Struts-based application that leverages the struts-faces integration library (available in prerelease).
- As a pure JavaServer Faces based application.

The presentation will last approximately one hour. We'll wrap up with brief highlights of what's coming soon for both technologies. There will be plenty of time for questions at the end of the presentation.

**Craig McClanahan** is a senior staff engineer for Sun Microsystems with primary responsibility for the evolution of the web tier portion of the J2EE platform. Craig is uniquely qualified to give this talk, because he is both the original creator of the Struts Framework and co-specification lead for JavaServer Faces (JSR-127).

http://www.baychi.org/bof/struts/20031105a/
Formed in April 2003, the Silicon Valley Struts User Group is for anyone interested in learning more about the Struts web application framework. BayCHI, the San Francisco Bay Area local chapter of SIGCHI, provides web hosting for us as a Struts User Birds-Of-a-Feather (BOF) group here:

http://www.baychi.org/bof/struts

We meet each month in the south bay on the first or second Wednesday of the month. Some of our meetings are joint meetings with the Silicon Valley Java User Group (SVJUG) on the second Wednesday of the month at Netscape in Mountain View. Our meetings independent of SVJUG, held at various locations in the south bay, are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month so as not to conflict with SVJUG.

Subscribe to the Email List

To receive announcements of upcoming meetings and other discussions relevant to this local group within the larger Struts User community, you can join the Silicon Valley Struts User Group email list here:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/struts-silicon-valley/join

If you have a general Struts usage question, please direct your question to the Apache Jakarta Project’s STRUTS-USER Mailing List (see http://jakarta.apache.org/struts/using.html#Lists).

Join the Java User Group (JUG)

As a special interest sub-group of the Silicon Valley JUG, the Silicon Valley Struts User Group has its own JUG listing with Sun. Subscribing to the email list and joining the JUG must be done separately. You can join the JUG here:

http://servlejava.sun.com/jugs/north_america/usa/california/silicon_valley

NOTE: JUG membership requires a free Java Developer Connection (JDC) account. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to create one.