How did you discover XRebel Local?

I first saw XRebel Local at last year’s (2015) Java One conference and after the conference we had one of our team meetings. I had brought it up and did a quick presentation on generally what it does. It turned out a couple developers were familiar with an earlier version of XRebel Local but not the version shown at JavaOne.

Why do you use XRebel Local?

I’ve primarily used it to capture SQL requests to the database. One of the big issues that we’ve had - and it’s probably not any different from any other organization - is when we’re going through and looking at a REST service, at the UI or at a report, we don’t necessarily know is the type of data that ultimately gets passed into a SQL call.

Company overview

Industries
Multi-level marketing, Direct Selling

Size of development team: 8

Technologies in use
Eclipse, WebSphere 7, EJB3, Jersey for REST services

Team Composition
One principal developer and the rest are senior developers
What benefits of XRebel Local have you experienced?

With XRebel Local, I'm able to track down the data that was used and copy it over into SQL developer and run it to see the actual result. It'll show you the number of rows returned and the amount of time it took but I can actually snag real data based on what XRebel Local profiled. I think that in itself saved me a significant amount of time.

Alternatively, what I've done in the past in those situations is I basically had to go down and set a breakpoint in the code and see what was passed into a data access class and then compare that to the SQL that is dynamically being built, what the final SQL statement is, and then insert the passed in data. All that takes time but with XRebel Local, I was able to get all that and know exactly what's going in.

To grab that data, it would have taken me an hour, maybe more. Other times, it would have taken me a minute or less. It does truly vary, but I can assure you that the times where I sit back going “I'm glad I have this” are the times I'm looking at complex logic and I can easily snag what is being requested off the database. I think that's been the biggest benefit.

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What benefits of XRebel Local have you experienced? (cont.)

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Do you use any other profilers or performance tools besides XRebel Local?

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