**Web server vs application server:**

Web server supports only web related technologies

Application server supports any kind of technologies. App server is superior

Web server supports servlets, JSPs, HTML etc…

Application server can support EJBS, JMS etc along with the above technologies as well.

Every application server contains web server inbuilt to support web related technologies.

**Jar vs war vs ear:**

Jar means java archive. It is a group of .class files.

War means war archive. So, in this is we want to build a web application that contains servlets, jsps, html and css, js, xml as well. Then we can add all these into a single archive called war file.

If we use this, then the application delivery, deployment and transportation will be easy.

Ear represents enterprise archiver.

War file, we can use for web applications (web related technologies) but in ear we can use anything from java J2EE like servlets, JSPs, EJRS, JMS etc.