ACCESSING AN ENTERPRISE BEAN

Assignment 4: implement a simple enterprise bean using WildFly

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Introduction:

This project is an implementation of a simple stateless java enterprise bean.

The *Server* module consists of a class *TimestampBean* which implements the *Timestamp* interface placed in the *Common* module. Such enterprise bean is deployed on WildFly so that a client is able to retrieve a remote instance and interact with such class.

The client once an instance of *Timestamp* has been acquired it asks 2 times for the current time.

Implementation:

The project is composed of 3 java modules: *Client, Server* and *Common*.

The *Common* module contains the definition of the shared interface between *Client* and *Server*: the *Timestamp* class. This interface extends *Serializable*. It provides the signature of a method that returns a String representation of the current time.

The *Client* module contains the *Client* class which first sets some parameters required to create the proper *InitialContext*. The client tries to connect to the server asking for an instance of an object implementing the *Timestamp* interface. The name used to get the instance is the one where WildFly places the enterprise beam defined by the *Server* module. In conclusion the *Client* call 2 times the *qetTimestamp()* method on the retrieved object, between the 2 calls it waits 1 second.

The *Server* module contains the class *TimestampBean* which is a stateless implementation of the *Timestamp* interface. The annotations: *Stateless* and *Remote(Timestamp.class)* tell WildFly that this class provides a stateless implementation of the *Timestamp* interface, so that it can process in creating a binding between the bean and a name.

Deployment:

In oder to deploy the enterprise bean on *WildFly* I have used the facilities of the Intellij IDE which is able to take care of the creation of the java archive and starting *WildFly* in standalone mode, given the *JBOSS HOME* path.

Note:

This image shows the log of the *WildFly* server. In particular the JNDI bindings can be seen.

The following image shows a single run of the *Client* class. The last 2 lines show the log on standard output of the 2 timestaps acquired from the enterprise bean.