RMI (Remote Method Invocation)

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RMI Introduction

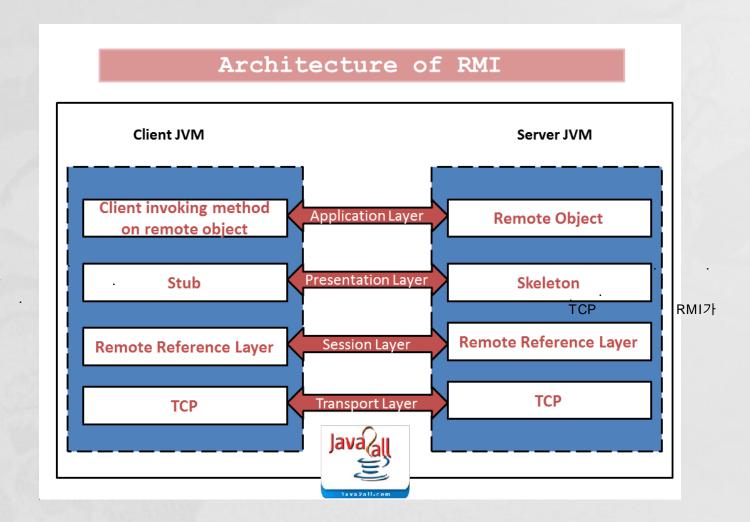
o RMI

- "Remote Method Invocation"
- communicating the object across the network.

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- allows an object running in one Java virtual machine (Client) to invoke methods on an object running in another Java virtual machine (Server).
- also called RMI Distributed Application.
- remote communication between programs written in the JAVA.

- The complete RMI system has a **FOUR** layer,
 - (1) Application Layer
 - (2) Proxy Layer
 - (3) Remote Reference Layer
 - (4) Transport Layer



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(1) Application Layer:

- Contains actual logic (implementation) of the client and server applications.
- Generally at the server side class contain implementation logic and also apply the reference to the appropriate object as per the requirement of the logic in application.

(2) Proxy Layer:

- o also called the "Stub/Skeleton layer".
- A Stub class is a client side proxy handles the remote objects which are getting from the reference.
- A Skeleton class is a server side proxy that set the reference to the objects which are communicates with the Stub.

(3) Remote Reference Layer (RRL):

- manage the references made by the client to the remote object on the server so it is available on both JVM (Client and Server).
- The Client side RRL
 - receives the request for methods from the Stub that is transferred into byte stream process called serialization (Marshaling) and then these data are send to the Server side RRL.
- The Server side RRL
 - doing reverse process and convert the binary data into object.
 - This process called deserialization or unmarshaling and then sent to the Skeleton class.

(4) Transport Layer:

TCP/IP

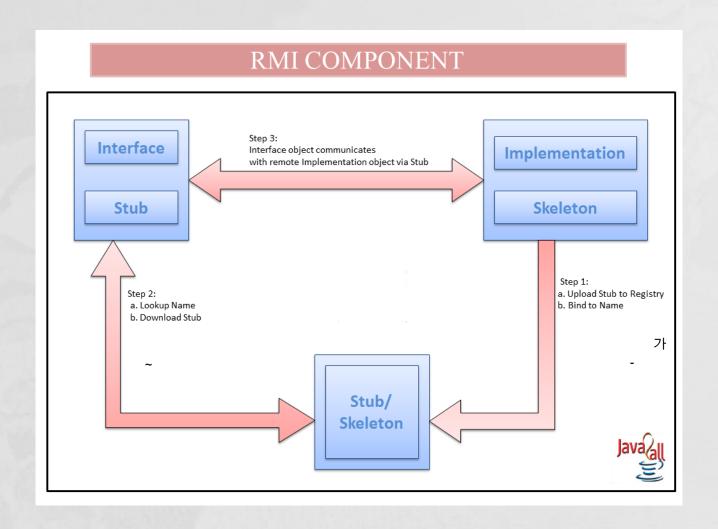
- also called the "Connection layer".
- managing the existing connection and also setting up new connections.
- a link between the RRL on the Client side and the RRL on the Server side.

RMI Components

• The RMI application contains the THREE components

- (1) RMI Server
- (2) RMI Client
- (3) RMI Registry

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(1) RMI Server:

- contains objects whose methods are to be called remotely.
- It creates remote objects and applies the reference to these objects in the Registry,
 - after that the Registry registers these objects who are going to be called by client remotely.

(2) RMI Client:

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- The RMI Client gets the reference of one or more remote objects from Registry with the help of object name.
- Once the client gets the reference of remote object, the methods in the remote object are invoked just like as the methods of a local object.

(3) RMI Registry:

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- In the Server side the reference of the object (which is invoked remotely) is applied and after that this reference is set in the RMI registry.
- When the Client call the method on this object,
 - first get the object from this reference which is available at RMI Registry
 - then calls the methods as per the requirement of logic in RMI application.

RMI Registry

- The RMI Registry is a naming service.
 - RMI server programs use this service to bind the remote java object with the names.

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- Clients executing on local or remote machines retrieve the remote objects by their name registered with the RMI registry and then execute methods on the objects.
- RMI creates a remote proxy for that object and sent it to clients.
- An object proxy contains the reference to an object.
- Command
 - > start rmiregistry

1099

- By default the port 1099 is used by RMI registry to look up the remote objects. After the RMI registry starts objects can bind to it.
- The next step
 - bind the remote object with the RMI registry, execute the server program.
 - execute the client program.

RMI Program Code

- First program is for declare a method in an interface.
- Second Program is for implementing this method and logic.
- Third program is for server side.
- And last one is for client side.

Build an Interface

o Calculator.java

```
import java.rmi.Remote;
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
public interface Calculator extends Remote
  public long add(long a,long b) throws
  RemoteException;
```

Implementing the methods

CalculatorImpl.java

```
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
import java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject;
public class CalculatorImpl extends UnicastRemoteObject implements
  Calculator
  protected CalculatorImpl() throws RemoteException
    super();
  public long add(long a, long b) throws RemoteException
    return a+b;
```

Server Side Program

```
CalculatorServer.java
import java.rmi.Naming;
public class CalculatorServer
  CalculatorServer()
    try
      Calculator c = new CalculatorImpl();
      Naming.rebind("rmi://127.0.0.1:1099/CalculatorService", c);
    catch (Exception e)
      e.printStackTrace();
  public static void main(String[] args)
    new CalculatorServer();
```

Client Side Program

CalculatorClient.java

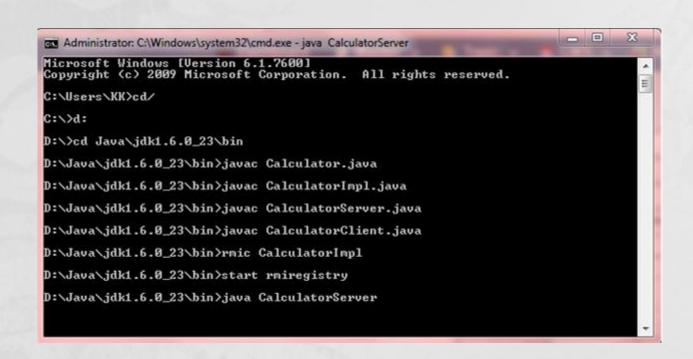
```
import java.rmi.Naming;
public class CalculatorClient
  public static void main(String[] args)
    try
      Calculator c = (Calculator) Naming.lookup("//127.0.0.1:1099/CalculatorService");
      System.out.println("addition: "+c.add(10, 15));
    catch (Exception e)
      System.out.println(e);
```

How to Run the example

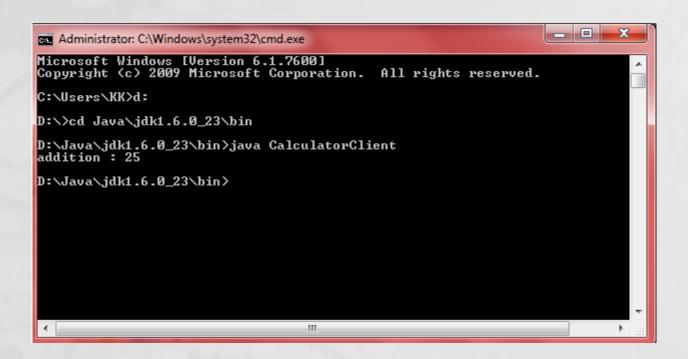
- javac Calculator.java
- javac CalculatorImpl.java
- javac CalculatorServer.java
- javac CalculatorClient.java
- > rmic CalculatorImpl
- > start rmiregistry rmi
- java CalculatorServer

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java CalculatorClient







More Java RMI Examples

- Interface File
 - The client uses the interface file.
 - At the Server and Client parts
 - Hello.java
- Interface Implementation file
 - At the Server part
 - HelloImpl.java
- Binding step
 - At the Server part
 - HelloBind.java
- Invocation from the client
 - At the Client part
 - Build an application
 - HelloTest.java

```
// Hello.java
import java.rmi.Remote;
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
public interface Hello extends Remote {
  public String sayWelcome() throws
  RemoteException;
  public String sayHello() throws RemoteException;
```

```
// HelloImpl.java
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
import java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject;
public class HelloImpl extends UnicastRemoteObject implements Hello {
  public HelloImpl() throws RemoteException {
    super();
  public String sayWelcome() {
    return "Welcome to the Obecjt Oriented Programming Application";
  public String sayHello() {
    return "Hello World, Buddy!";
```

```
// HelloBind.java
import java.net.MalformedURLException;
import java.rmi.Naming;
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
public class HelloBind {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
      HelloImpl hello = new HelloImpl();
      Naming.rebind("rmi://localhost:1099/hello", hello);
      System.out.println("HelloImpl이 등록되었습니다.");
    } catch (RemoteException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
    } catch (MalformedURLException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
```

```
// HelloTest.java
import java.net.MalformedURLException;
import java.rmi.Naming;
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import java.rmi.NotBoundException;
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
public class HelloTest {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
      Hello hello = (Hello) Naming.lookup("rmi://localhost:1099/hello");
      String msg = hello.sayWelcome();
      System.out.println("Call RMI method sayWelcome(): " + msg);
      msg = hello.sayHello();
      System.out.println("Call RMI method sayHello(): " + msg);
   } catch (MalformedURLException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
   } catch (RemoteException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
   } catch (NotBoundException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
```

Steps to activate the RMI example

- Apply registry
 - > start rmiregistry
- At the server
 - > javac HelloBind.java
 - > java HelloBind
- · At the client
 - > javac HelloTest.java
 - > java HelloTest

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