Enteprise archive
(.ear)

Web module
(.war)

Presentation tier components
Servlets that call EJBs, JSPs

EJB module
(.jar)

Business service (e.g.
customer management)

EJB module
(.jar)

Business service (e.g.
inventory management)

EJB module
(.jar)

Business service (e.g.
order management)

Application
server 1

Application
server 2

Application
server 3

Cluster of application servers