

# Introduction to Java EE (J2EE)



### **Session Objectives**

- Understanding the value propositions of J2EE
- Getting a big picture of J2EE architecture and platform
- Getting high-level exposure of APIs and Technologies that constitute J2EE
  - You don't have to understand the details
- Understanding why J2EE is a great platform for development and deployment of web services

### **Agenda**

- What is J2EE?
- Evolution of Enterprise Application Development Frameworks
- Why J2EE?
- J2EE Platform Architecture
- J2EE APIs and Technologies
- Standard Impl (J2EE 1.4), Compatibility Test Suite (CTS)
- BluePrints
- J2EE and Web Services
- How to get started



### What is J2EE?



### **Enterprise Computing**

#### Challenges

Portability

Diverse

Environments

Time-to-market

Core Competence

Assembly

Integration

#### Key Technologies

J2SE™

J2EE™

JMS

Servlet

JSP

Connector

**XML** 

Data Binding

**XSLT** 

#### **Products**

**App Servers** 

Web Servers

Components

**Databases** 

Object to DB tools

### Legacy Systems

Databases

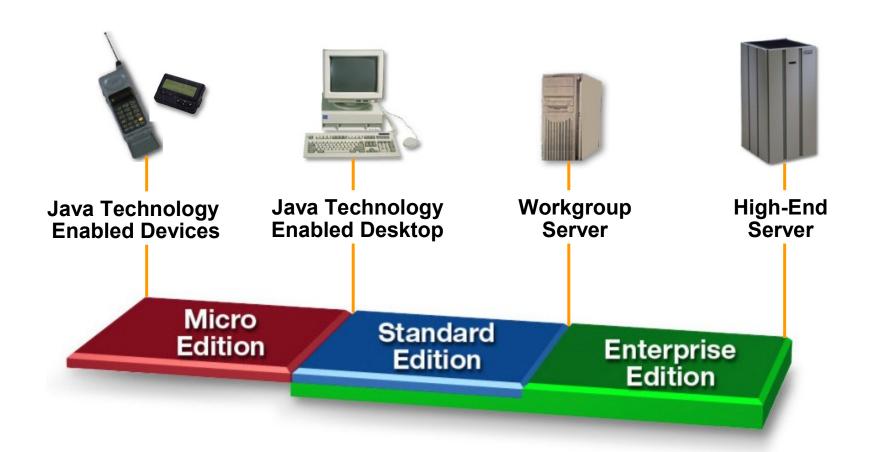
**TP Monitors** 

**EIS Systems** 

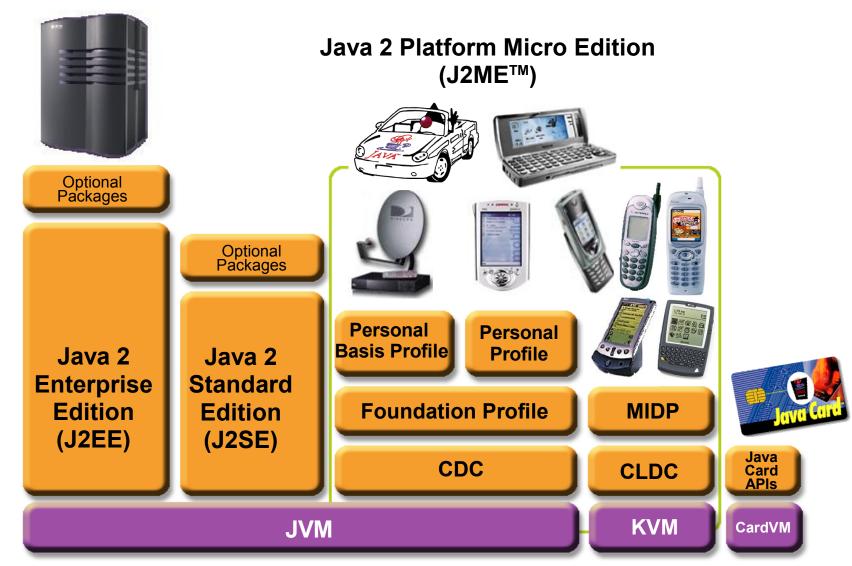
### What Is the J2EE?

- Open and standard based platform for
- developing, deploying and managing
- n-tier, Web-enabled, server-centric, and component-based enterprise applications

### The Java™ Platform



### The Java<sup>™</sup> Platform



### What Makes Up J2EE?

- API and Technology specifications
- Development and Deployment Platform
- Standard and production-quality implementation
- Compatibility Test Suite (CTS)
- J2EE brand
- J2EE Blueprints
- Sample codes



# Evolution of Enterprise Application Frameworks



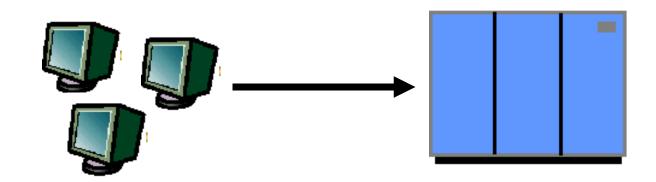
### **Evolution of Enterprise Application Framework**

- Single tier
- Two tier
- Three tier
  - RPC based
  - Remote object based
- Three tier (HTML browser and Web server)
- Proprietary application server
- Standard application server

### **About Enterprise Applications**

- Things that make up an enterprise application
  - Presentation logic
  - Business logic
  - Data access logic (and data model)
  - System services
- The evolution of enterprise application framework reflects
  - How flexibly you want to make changes
  - Where the system services are coming from

### Single Tier (Mainframe-based)



- Dumb terminals are directly connected to mainframe
- Centralized model (as opposed distributed model)
- Presentation, business logic, and data access are intertwined in one monolithic mainframe application

### Single-Tier: Pros & Cons

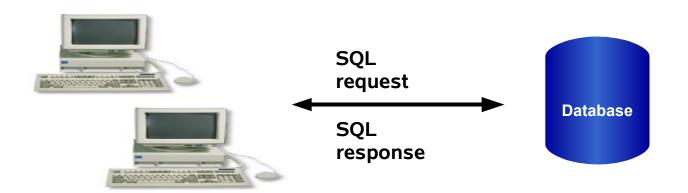
### Pros:

- No client side management is required
- Data consistency is easy to achieve

### Cons:

 Functionality (presentation, data model, business logic) intertwined, difficult for updates and maintenance and code reuse

### **Two-Tier**



- Fat clients talking to back end database
  - SQL queries sent, raw data returned
- Presentation, Business logic and Data Model processing logic in client application

### **Two-Tier**

### • Pro:

DB product independence (compared to single-tier model)

### Cons:

- Presentation, data model, business logic are intertwined (at client side), difficult for updates and maintenance
- Data Model is "tightly coupled" to every client: If DB Schema changes, all clients break
- Updates have to be deployed to all clients making System maintenance nightmare
- DB connection for every client, thus difficult to scale
- Raw data transferred to client for processing causes high network traffic

### Three-Tier (RPC based)



- Thinner client: business & data model separated from presentation
  - Business logic and data access logic reside in middle tier server while client handles presentation
- Middle tier server is now required to handle system services
  - Concurrency control, threading, transaction, security, persistence, multiplexing, performance, etc.

### Three-tier (RPC based): Pros & Cons

### • Pro:

- Business logic can change more flexibly than 2tier model
  - Most business logic reside in the middle-tier server

### Cons:

- Complexity is introduced in the middle-tier server
- Client and middle-tier server is more tightlycoupled (than the three-tier object based model)
- Code is not really reusable (compared to object model based)

### Three-Tier (Remote Object based)



- Business logic and data model captured in objects
  - Business logic and data model are now described in "abstraction" (interface language)
- Object models used: CORBA, RMI, DCOM
  - Interface language in CORBA is IDL
  - Interface language in RMI is Java interface

### Three-tier (Remote Object based): Pros & Cons

### • Pro:

- More loosely coupled than RPC model
- Code could be more reusable

### Cons:

Complexity in the middle-tier still need to be addressed

### Three-Tier (Web Server)



- Browser handles presentation logic
- Browser talks Web server via HTTP protocol
- Business logic and data model are handled by "dynamic contents generation" technologies (CGI, Servlet/JSP, ASP)

### Three-tier (Web Server based): Pros & Cons

### • Pro:

- Ubiquitous client types
- Zero client management
- Support various client devices
  - J2ME-enabled cell-phones

### Cons:

Complexity in the middle-tier still need to be addressed

### **Trends**

- Moving from single-tier or two-tier to multitier architecture
- Moving from monolithic model to objectbased application model
- Moving from application-based client to HTML-based client

### Single-tier vs. Multi-tier

### Single tier

- No separation among presentation, business logic, database
- Hard to maintain

### Multi-tier

- Separation among presentation, business logic, database
- More flexible to change, i.e. presentation can change without affecting other tiers

### Monolithic vs. Object-based

### Monolithic

- 1 Binary file
- Recompiled, relinked, redeployed every time there is a change

### Object-based

- Pluggable parts
- Reusable
- Enables better design
- Easier update
- Implementation can be separated from interface
- Only interface is published

### **Outstanding Issues & Solution**

- Complexity at the middle tier server still remains
- Duplicate system services still need to be provided for the majority of enterprise applications
  - Concurrency control, Transactions
  - Load-balancing, Security
  - Resource management, Connection pooling
- How to solve this problem?
  - Commonly shared container that handles the above system services
  - Proprietary versus Open-standard based

### **Proprietary Solution**

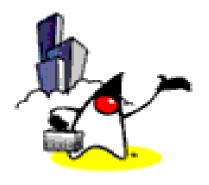
- Use "component and container" model
  - Components captures business logic
  - Container provides system services
- The contract between components and container is defined in a well-defined but with proprietary manner
- Problem of proprietary solution: Vendor lock-in
- Example: Tuxedo, .NET

### **Open and Standard Solution**

- Use "component and container" model in which container provides system services in a well-defined and as industry standard
- J2EE is that standard that also provides portability of code because it is based on Java technology and standard-based Java programming APIs



### Why J2EE?



### Platform Value to Developers

- Can use any J2EE implementation for development and deployment
  - Use production-quality standard implementation which is free for development/deployment
  - Use high-end commercial J2EE products for scalability and fault-tolerance
- Vast amount of J2EE community resources
  - Many J2EE related books, articles, tutorials, quality code you can use, best practice guidelines, design patterns etc.
- Can use off-the-shelf 3rd-party business components

### Platform Value to Vendors

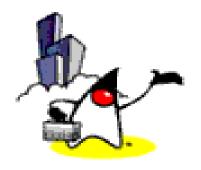
- Vendors work together on specifications and then compete in implementations
  - In the areas of Scalability, Performance, Reliability, Availability, Management and development tools, and so on
- Freedom to innovate while maintaining the portability of applications
- Do not have create/maintain their own proprietary APIs

### Platform Value to Business Customers

- Application portability
- Many implementation choices are possible based on various requirements
  - Price (free to high-end), scalability (single CPU to clustered model), reliability, performance, tools, and more
  - Best of breed of applications and platforms
- Large developer pool



## J2EE APIs & Technologies



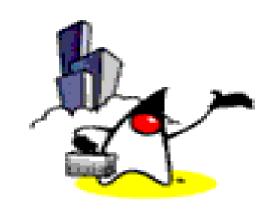
### J2EE 1.4 APIs and Technologies

- J2SE 1.4 (improved)
- JAX-RPC (new)
- Web Service for J2EE
- J2EE Management
- J2EE Deployment
- JMX 1.1
- JMS 1.1
- JTA 1.0

- Servlet 2.4
- JSP 2.0
- EJB 2.1
- JAXR
- Connector 1.5
- JACC
- JAXP 1.2
- JavaMail 1.3
- JAF 1.0

### Java EE 5

- JAX-WS 2.0 & JSR 181
  - Java Persistence
- EJB 3.0
- JAXB 2.0
- JavaSever Faces 1.2 new to Platform
- JSP 2.1 Unification w/ JSF 1.2
- StAX Pull Parser new to Platform

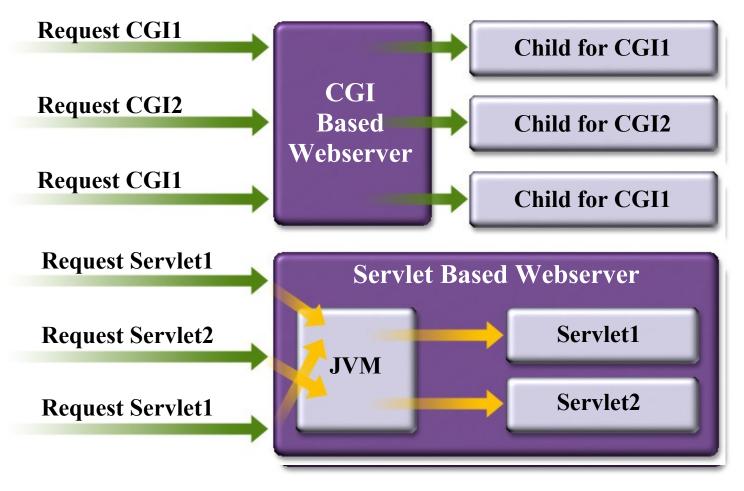


## Servlet & JSP (JavaServer Pages)

#### What is a Servlet?

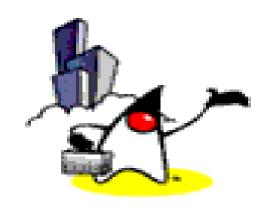
- Java<sup>™</sup> objects which extend the functionality of a HTTP server
- Dynamic contents generation
- Better alternative to CGI, NSAPI, ISAPI, etc.
  - Efficient
  - Platform and server independent
  - Session management
  - Java-based

#### Servlet vs. CGI



#### What is JSP Technology?

- Enables separation of business logic from presentation
  - Presentation is in the form of HTML or XML/XSLT
  - Business logic is implemented as Java Beans or custom tags
  - Better maintainability, reusability
- Extensible via custom tags
- Builds on Servlet technology



## EJB (Enterprise Java Beans)

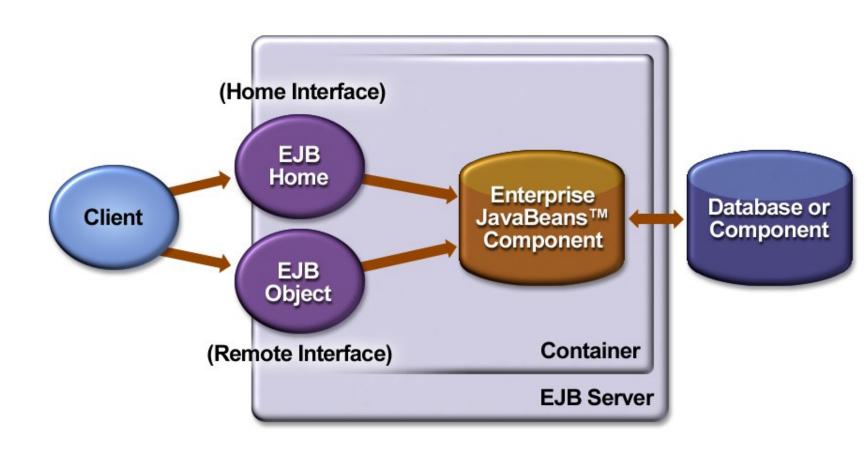
#### What is EJB Technology?

- A server-side component technology
- Easy development and deployment of Java technology-based application that are:
  - Transactional, distributed, multi-tier, portable, scalable, secure, ...

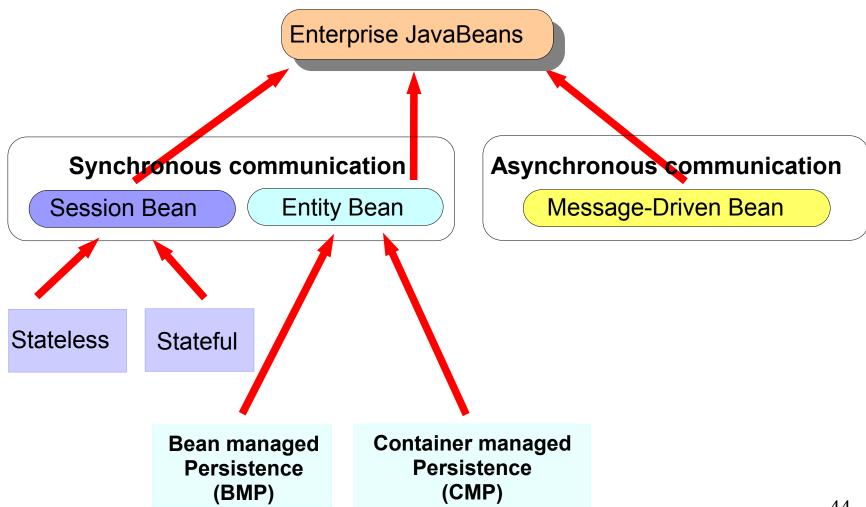
#### Why EJB Technology?

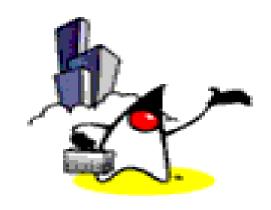
- Leverages the benefits of component-model on the server side
- Separates business logic from system code
  - Container provides system services
- Provides framework for portable components
  - Over different J2EE-compliant servers
  - Over different operational environments
- Enables deployment-time configuration
  - Deployment descriptor

#### **EJB Architecture**



#### **Enterprise JavaBeans**

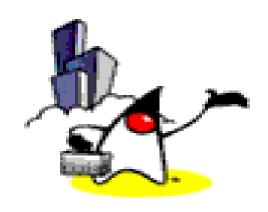




# JMS (Java Message Service)

#### Java Message Service (JMS)

- Messaging systems (MOM) provide
  - De-coupled communication
  - Asynchronous communication
  - Plays a role of centralized post office
- Benefits of Messaging systems
  - Flexible, Reliable, Scalable communication systems
- Point-to-Point, Publish and Subscribe
- JMS defines standard Java APIs to messaging systems

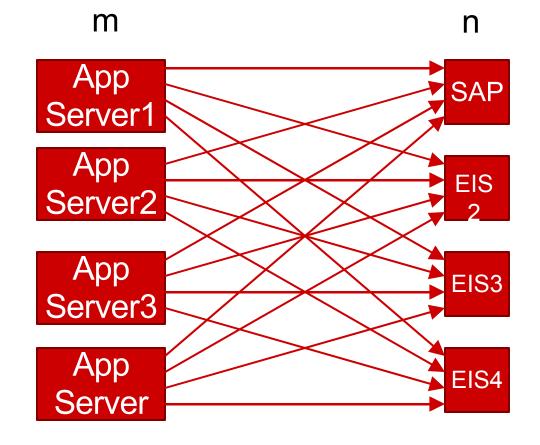


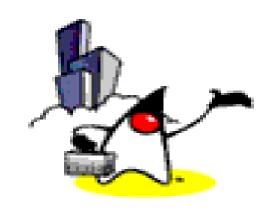
### Connector Architecture

#### **Connector Architecture**

- Defines standard API for integrating J2EE technology with EIS systems
  - CICS, SAP, PeopleSoft, etc.
- Before Connector architecture, each App server has to provide an proprietary adaptor for each EIS system
  - m (# of App servers) x n (# of EIS's) Adaptors
- With Connector architecture, same adaptor works with all J2EE compliant containers
  - 1 (common to all App servers) x n (# of EIS's)
     Adaptors

## m x n Problem Before Connector Architecture



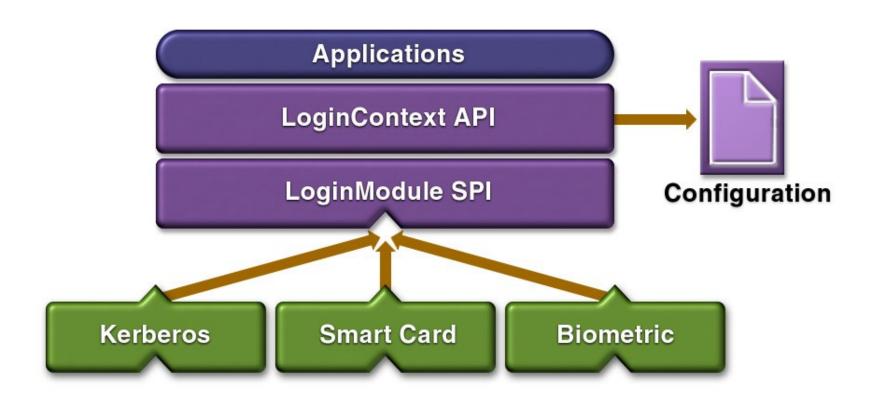


## JAAS (Part of J2SE 1.4) (Java Authentication & Authorization Service)

#### **JAAS: Authentication**

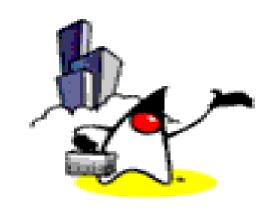
- Pluggable authentication framework
  - Userid/password
  - Smartcard
  - Kerberos
  - Biometric
- Application portability regardless of authentication schemes underneath
  - JAAS provides authentication scheme independent API
  - Authentication schemes are specified Login configuration file, which will be read by JAAS

#### **JAAS Pluggable Authentication**



#### **JAAS: Authorization**

- Without JAAS, Java platform security are based on
  - Where the code originated
  - Who signed the code
- The JAAS API augments this with
  - Who's running the code
- User-based authorization is now possible



## Other J2EE APIs & Technologies

#### **JNDI**

- Java Naming and Directory Interface
- Utilized by J2EE applications to locate resources and objects in portable fashion
  - Applications use symbolic names to find object references to resources via JNDI
  - The symbolic names and object references have to be configured by system administrator when the application is deployed.

#### **JDBC**

- Provides standard Java programming API to relational database
  - Uses SQL
- Vendors provide JDBC compliant driver which can be invoked via standard Java programming API

#### J2EE Management (JSR-77)

- Management applications should be able to discover and interpret the managed data of any J2EE platform
- Single management platform can manage multiple J2EE servers from different vendors
- Management protocol specifications ensure a uniform view by SNMP and WBEM management stations
- Leverages JMX

#### J2EE Deployment (JSR-88) - J2EE 1.4

Tools

IDEs

Standard
Deployment API
(Universal Remote)

J2EE Platforms





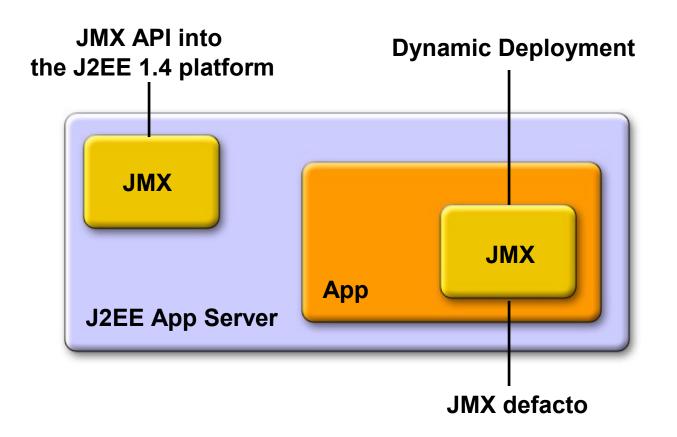








#### **JMX**



A single technology for the J2EE platform

## JACC (Java Authorization Contract for Containers) - J2EE 1.4

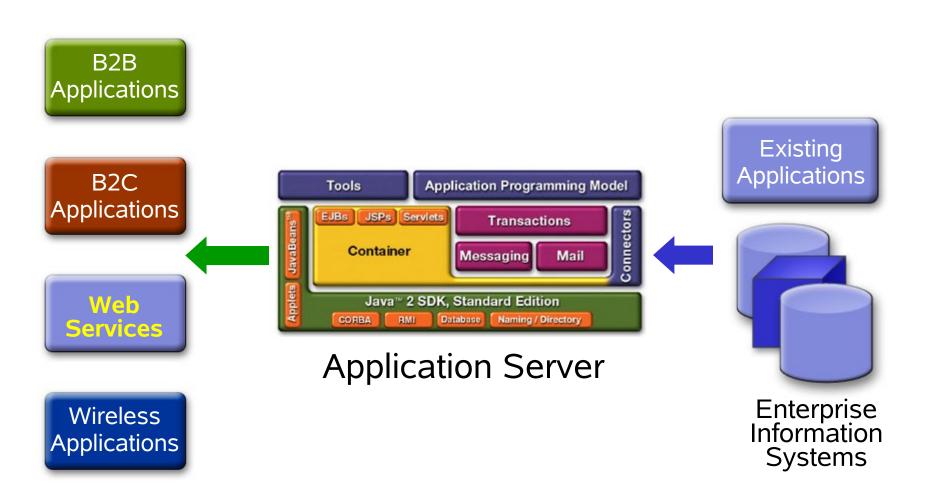
- Defines contract between J2EE containers and authorization policy modules
  - Provider configuration subcontract
  - Policy configuration subcontract
  - Policy enforcement subcontract
- Enable application servers to integrate with enterprise user registries and authorization policy infrastructure



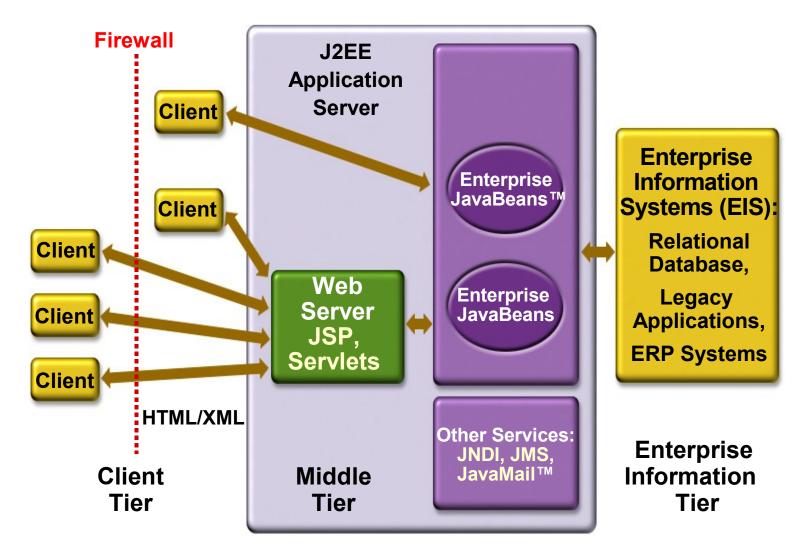
### J2EE is an End-to-End Architecture



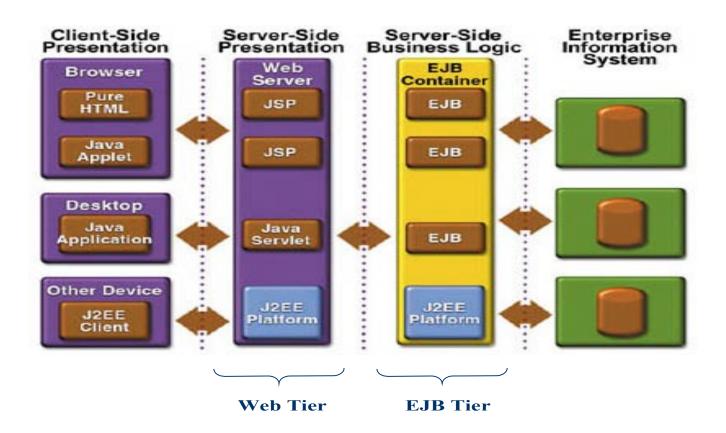
#### The J2EE Platform Architecture



#### J2EE is End-to-End Solution

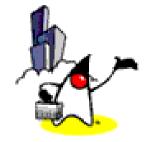


#### **N-tier J2EE Architecture**

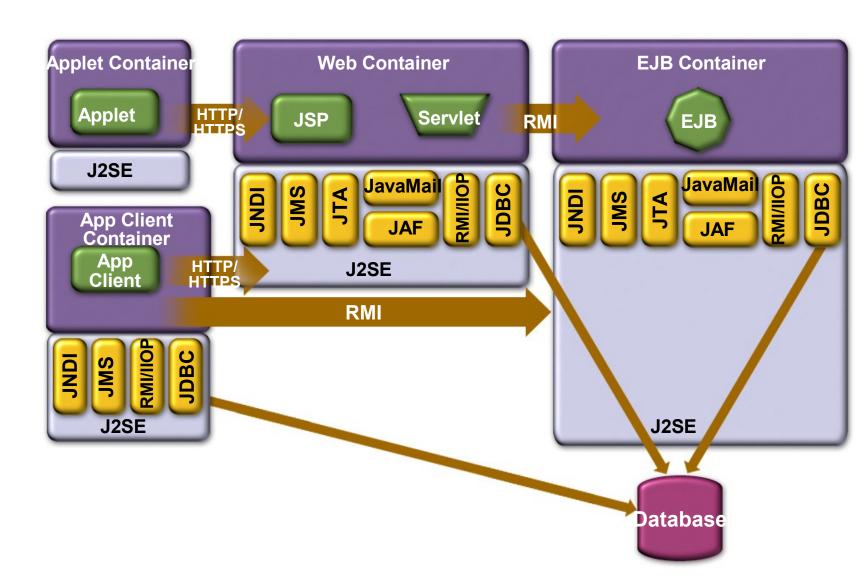




## J2EE Component & Container Architecture



#### **J2EE Containers & Components**



#### **Containers and Components**

### Containers Handle

- Concurrency
- Security
- Availability
- Scalability
- Persistence
- Transaction
- Life-cycle management
- Management

### Components Handle

- Presentation
- Business Logic

#### **Containers & Components**

- Containers do their work invisibly
  - No complicated APIs
  - They control by interposition
- Containers implement J2EE
  - Look the same to components
  - Vendors making the containers have great freedom to innovate



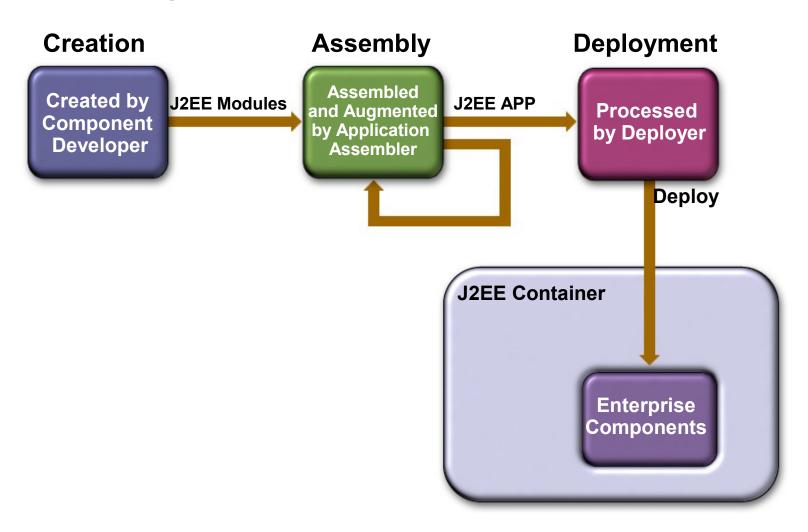
## J2EE Application Development & Deployment Life Cycle



## J2EE Application Development Lifecycle

- Write and compile component code
  - Servlet, JSP, EJB
- Write deployment descriptors for components
  - From Java EE 5, you can use annotations
- Assemble components into ready-todeployable package
- Deploy the package on a server

#### Life-cycle Illustration



#### **J2EE Development Roles**

- Component provider
  - Bean provider
- Application assembler
- Deployer
- Platform provider
  - Container provider
- Tools provider
- System administrator

#### **The Deployment Descriptor**

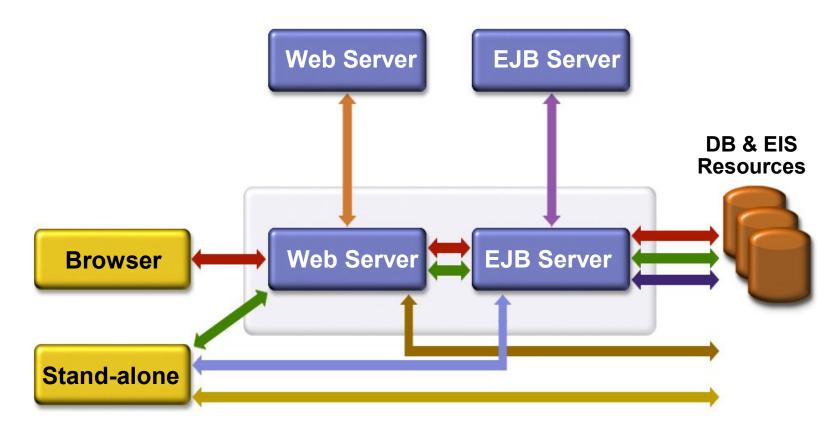
- Gives the container instructions on how to manage and control behaviors of the J2EE components
  - Transaction
  - Security
  - Persistence
- Allows declarative customization (as opposed to programming customization)
  - XML file
- Enables portability of code



## J2EE Application Anatomies



### Possible J2EE Application Anatomies



#### **J2EE Application Anatomies**

- 4-tier J2EE applications
  - HTML client, JSP/Servlets, EJB, JDBC/Connector
- 3-tier J2EE applications
  - HTML client, JSP/Servlets, JDBC
- 3-tier J2EE applications
  - EJB standalone applications, EJB, JDBC/Connector
- B2B Enterprise applications
  - J2EE platform to J2EE platform through the exchange of JMS or XML-based messages

#### Which One to Use?

- Depends on several factors
  - Requirements of applications
  - Availability of EJB tier
  - Availability of developer resource



# J2EE 1.4 Standard Implementation, Compatibility Suite, Brand



#### Standard Implementation

- Under J2EE 1.4 SDK, it is Sun Java Application Server Platform Edition 8
- Production-quality J2EE 1.4 compliant app server
- Free to develop and free to deploy
- Seamless upgrade path to Sun Java Application Server Enterprise Edition

#### **Compatibility Test Suite (CTS)**

- Ultimate Java<sup>™</sup> technology mission:
  - Write Once, Run Anywhere™
  - My Java-based application runs on any compatible Java virtual machines
  - My J2EE based technology-based application will run on any J2EE based Compatible platforms

### J2EE Application Verification Kit (J2EE AVK)

- How can I test my J2EE application portability?
  - Obtain the J2EE RI 1.3.1 and the J2EE Application Verification Kit (J2EE AVK)
- Self verification of application
  - Static verification
  - Dynamic verification
- Obtain the tests results, verify that all criteria are met

### Compatible Products for the J2EE Platform (Brand)

**ATG** 

Bea Systems

**Borland** 

Computer

**Associates** 

**Fujitsu** 

Hitachi

HP

 $\mathsf{IBM}$ 

IONA

**iPlanet** 

Macromedia

NEC

Oracle

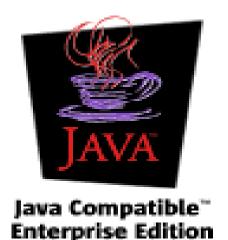
Pramati

SilverStream

Sybase

**Talarian** 

Trifork



### The J2EE Platform "Ecosystem," Application Servers and...

#### Tools

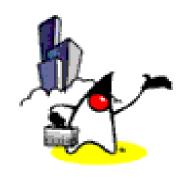
- IDE's: Borland JBuilder Enterprise, WebGain
   Visual Cafe', IBM Visual Age for Java™, Forte™
   for Java™, Oracle JDeveloper, Macromedia Kawa
- Modeling, Performance, Testing, etc.
- Enterprise Integration: Connectors,
   Java Message Service (JMS) API, XML
- Components
- Frameworks
- Applications

### Major Investment in Compatibility by the Industry

- Sun has spent scores of engineer years developing tests
- Licensees have spent scores of engineer years passing the tests
- Testing investment on top of specification investment, implementation investment, business investments
- In total, tens of millions of dollars invested in J2EE platform compatibility by the industry



## J2EE Blueprint & Pet Store Application

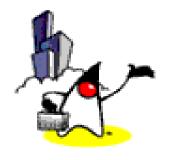


#### **J2EE Blueprint**

- Best practice guidelines, design patterns and design principles
  - MVC pattern
- Covers all tiers
  - Client tier
  - Web tier
  - Business logic (EJB) tier
  - Database access tier
- Sample codes come with J2EE 1.4 SDK
  - Java Pet Store, Adventure builder



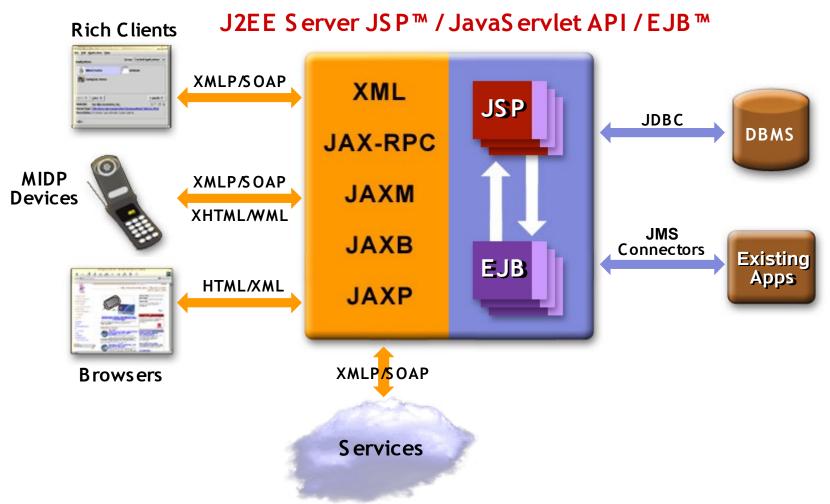
## Why J2EE for Web Services?



#### Why J2EE for Web Services?

- Web services is just one of many service delivery channels of J2EE
  - No architectural change is required
  - Existing J2EE components can be easily exposed as Web services
- Many benefits of J2EE are preserved for Web services
  - Portability, Scalability, Reliability
  - No single-vendor lock-in

#### Web Services Model Over J2EE



#### Where Are We Now?

- Java APIs for Web Services are being developed very rapidly
  - Web services support on WUST (WSDL, UDDI, SOAP) ready now
  - Next layer Web services work in progress
- Tools are available now for exposing existing J2EE components as Web services
- J2EE community has defined overall framework for Web Services (J2EE 1.4, Web services for J2EE)

### Design Goals J2EE 1.4 Web Services Framework

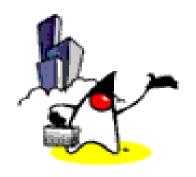
- Portability of Web services component
  - Over different vendor platform
  - Over different operational environment
- Leveraging existing J2EE programming models for service implementation
- Easy to program and deploy
  - High-level Java APIs
  - Use existing deployment model

#### **J2EE 1.4 Web Services Framework**

- J2EE 1.4 (JSR 151)
- Web services for J2EE (JSR 109)
- JAX-RPC (JSR 101)
- JAXR (Java API for XML Registries)
- SAAJ (SOAP with Attachments API for Java)
- EJB 2.1



#### How to Get Started



### Step1: For Beginners and Intermediate J2EE Programmers

- Follow along with this course
- Start using J2EE IDE of your choice
- Try open source IDE's
  - NetBeans IDE 5.0 (netbeans.org)
    - Excellent out of the box J2EE support
    - We will use NetBeans IDE 5.0 or NetBeans IDE 5.5 as our default IDE in this course
    - Lots of tutorials
  - Eclipse

### Step2: Next Step (For Advanced J2EE Programmers)

- Learn practical open-source solutions
  - Spring framework (for light-weight framework)
  - Hibernate (for O/R mapping)
  - JDO (for transparent persistence)
  - Struts, WebWork, Tapestry (for Web-tier frameworks)
  - JUnit (for unit testing)
  - Log4j (for logging)
  - Many more

### Step3: Next Step (For Advanced J2EE Programmers)

- There is no shortage of quality J2EE online resources
  - java.sun.com/j2ee
  - www.theserverside.com
  - www.javapassion.com/j2ee/J2EEresources.html#J2 EEResourceSites



## Summary & Resources



#### **Summary**

- J2EE is the platform of choice for development and deployment of n-tier, web-based, transactional, componentbased enterprise applications
- J2EE is standard-based architecture
- J2EE is all about community
- J2EE evolves according to the needs of the industry

#### Resources

- J2EE Home page
  - java.sun.com/j2ee
- J2EE 1.4 SDK
  - java.sun.com/j2ee/1.4/download.html#appserv
- J2EE 1.4 Tutorial
  - java.sun.com/j2ee/1.4/download.html#appserv
- J2EE Blueprints
  - java.sun.com/blueprints/enterprise/index.html

#### **NetBeans Resources**

- NetBeans IDE Homesite
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  - http://www.javapassion.com/netbeans /masterindex.html



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