

#### Session Bean





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#### Agenda

- What is a Session bean?
- When to use Session beans?
- Types of Session beans
  - stateless
  - stateful
- Programming APIs
- Steps for creating stateless session bean
- Steps for creating stateful session bean





## What is Session Bean?



#### **Types of Beans**

- Session Beans
  - Stateful session beans
  - Stateless session beans
- Entity Beans
  - Bean Managed Persistence (BMP)
  - Container Managed Persistence (CMP)
- Message Driven Beans
  - JMS (Java Message Service)
  - JAXM (Java API for XML Messaging), SMTP

#### **Session Beans**

- Does work on behalf of a single client
  - life typically is that of its client
- Is not persistent and hence relatively short lived
  - Is gone when the EJB<sup>™</sup> server crashes
- Does not represent data in data store, although can access/update such data
- Can be transaction aware
  - Can perform transaction demarcation





## When to use Session Bean?

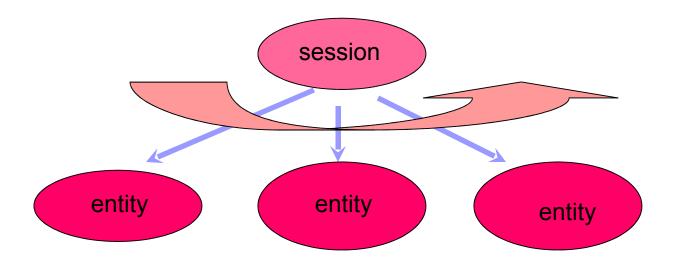


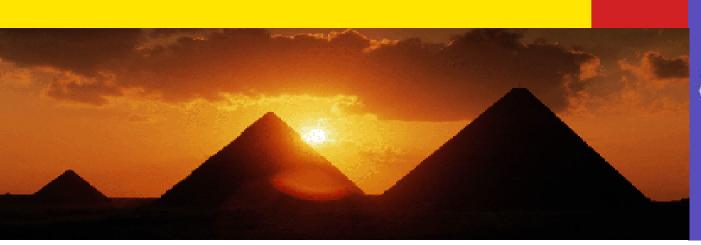
### When to Use Session Beans?

- To model workflow, processes or tasks, manage activities (make reservation, purchase...).
  - To move business application logic from client to the server Side
- Specific to a particular client
- To coordinate processes among entity beans

#### When to use Session Beans?

 Session beans are typically used for business process or control logic that spans multiple entity beans





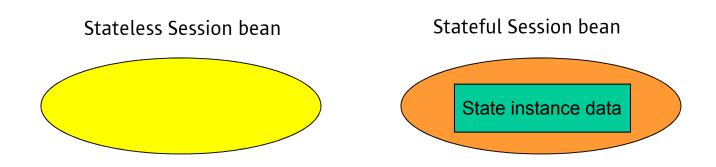


# Types of Session Bean: Stateful & Stateless



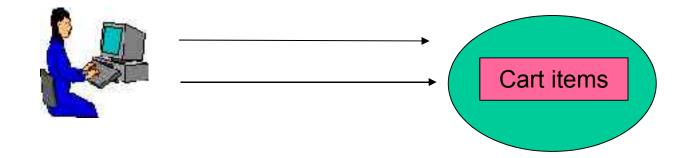
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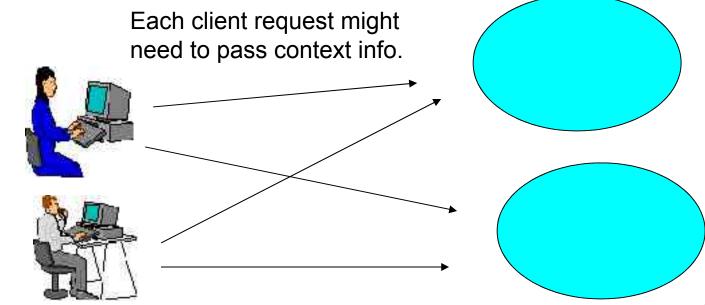
- Stateless: execute a request and return a result without saving any client specific state information
  - transient
  - temporary piece of business logic needed by a specific client for a limited time span
- Stateful: maintains client specific state



#### Stateful versus Stateless

Stateful





Stateless

### **Examples of Stateless Session Bean**

- Catalog
  - No client specific state needs to be preserved
  - Common catalog data for all clients
    - The data can be retrieved from database the first time it is accessed
- Interest calculator
  - No client specific state needs to be preserved
  - Common business logic for all clients

### **Examples of Stateful Session Bean**

- Shopping cart
  - Client specific state needs to be preserved for each client
    - Items that a user wants to buy
  - State will be lost when the server crashes
- Travel ticket purchasing
  - Client specific state needs to be preserved for each client
    - Tickets to purchase and then confirm/cancel



## Stateless Session Bean



### What is Stateless Session Bean?

- Does not retain client specific state from one method invocation to the next
  - Bean instance can be reassigned to serve a method invocation from another client once current method invocation is done
  - Value of instance variables of a bean instance is not preserved between calls

#### Reusability of Stateless Session Bean Instances

- Container transparently reuses bean instances to serve different clients
  - Pool of bean instances are created by container at appropriate time (ex: at the time of system boot or when the size of pool becomes too small)
  - Bean instances are then recycled
  - Smaller number of bean instances (pool of bean instances) can serve larger number of clients at a single time Improves scalability of the system
    - clients can be idle between calls

#### Resource usage of Stateless Session Beans

- Load-balancing & Failover (between EJB servers) is easier since no state needs to be preserved
  - Any bean instance in any EJB server can serve any client call
- High scalability since a client call can be served by any EJB server in a clustered architecture
  - In order to handle increased number of clients, just add more memory or more EJB servers

### **Usage Model of Stateless Session Bean**

- Use it when no client specific state needs to be preserved between calls
- If stateless session bean has to deal with client specific request
  - Client then has to pass any needed information as parameters to the business methods
  - But may require the client to maintain state inform ation on the client side which can mean more com plex client code



#### Stateful Session Bean



### What is Stateful Session Bean?

- Does retain client specific state (session state) from one method invocation to the next
  - Value of instance variables of a bean instance is preserved between calls from same client
- Bean instances are created on demand for client, and removed afterwards
- Bean instances are to be maintained for each client
  - A client can be in active or inactive state
  - Not as scalable as stateless session bean

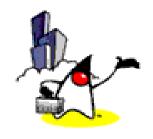
### Failover of Stateful Session Bean

- State is not preserved when a server crashes
- High-end commercial servers can maintain session state even at the time of server failure by
  - maintaining server state in persistent storage
  - maintaining the same state in multiple servers





#### Quick Comparison between Stateless and Stateful Session Beans



#### Stateless and Stateful

#### Stateless

- a pool of bean instances serve all clients
- client calls can be served by different bean instances
- a client cannot set instance variables on a per-client basis since as the client call can be handled by different bean instance possibly on a different server

#### Stateful

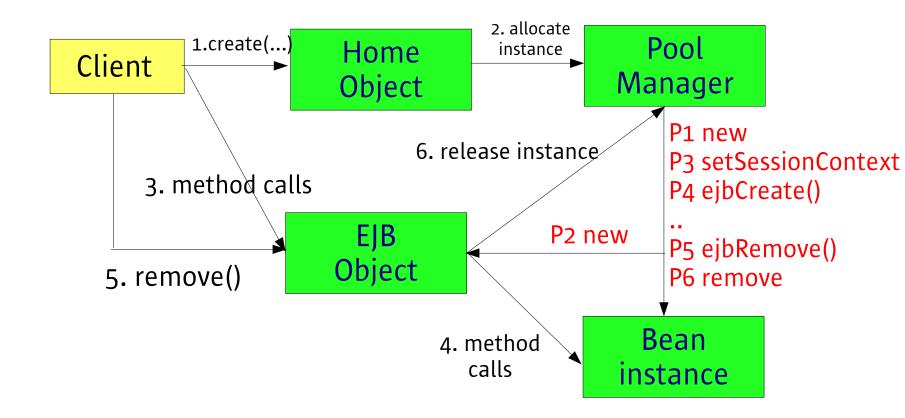
- a bean instance is allocated to a particilar client
- method calls from a same client is always served by the same bean instance
- methods can set instance variables and they remain valid for the client



# Sequence of Operations in the usage of Stateless Session Bean



### Interaction between Client, Bean instance, Container for Stateless Session Bean



### Sequence of Operations initiated by Client

- Client calls a create() method on the home object
- 2. Home object requests a bean instance from a pool, home object returns EJB object to client
- 3. Client calls business methods on EJB object
- 4. EJb object passes the call to Bean instance
- 5. Client calls remove() on the EJB object
- 6. EJB object releases bean instance

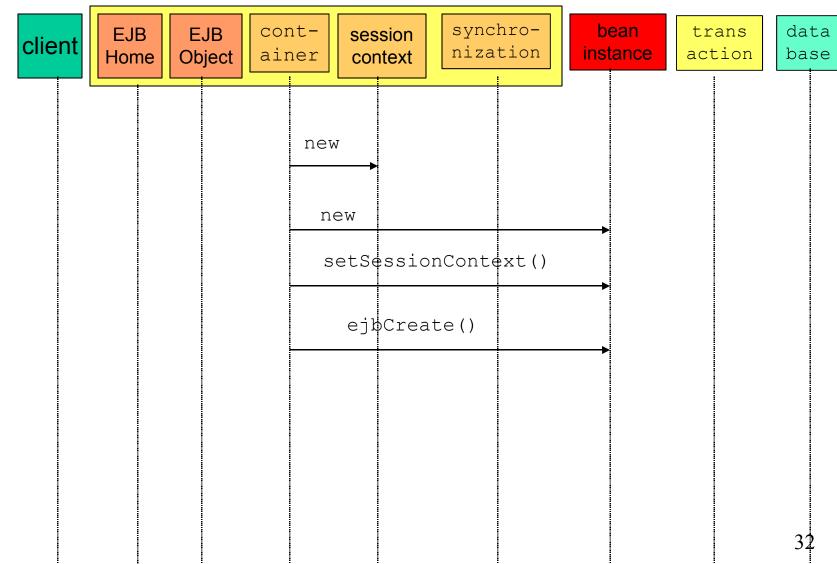
# Sequence of Operations initiated by Container (independent from Client action)

- 1. Create Bean instance
- Container calls setSessionContext() of the bean
- 3. Container calls ejbCreate() of the bean
- 4. Container calls ejbRemove() of a bean
- 5. remove

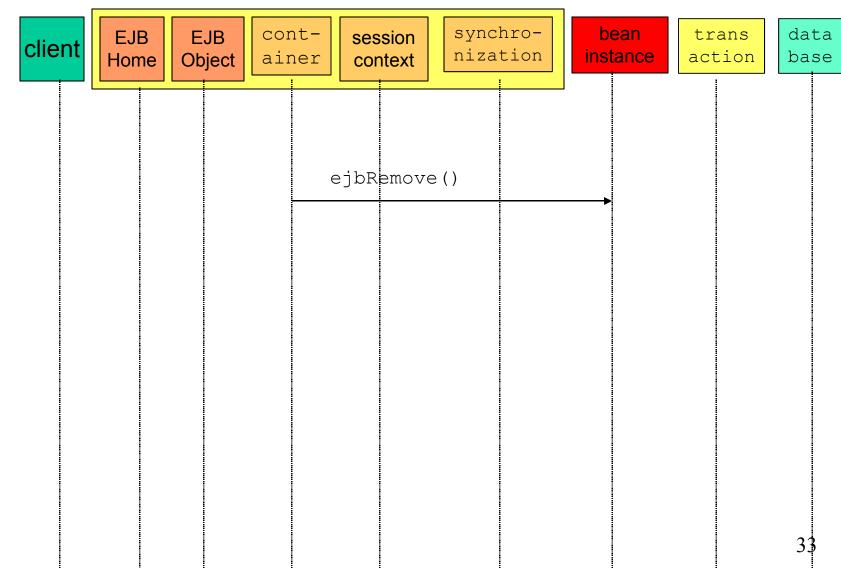
#### Life Cycle of a Stateless Session Bean Instance



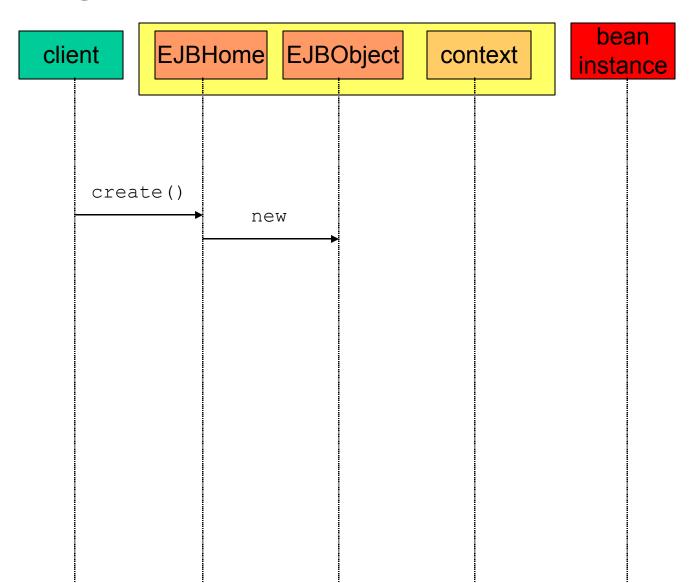
### Adding Instance of Stateless Session Bean to a Method-ready Pool



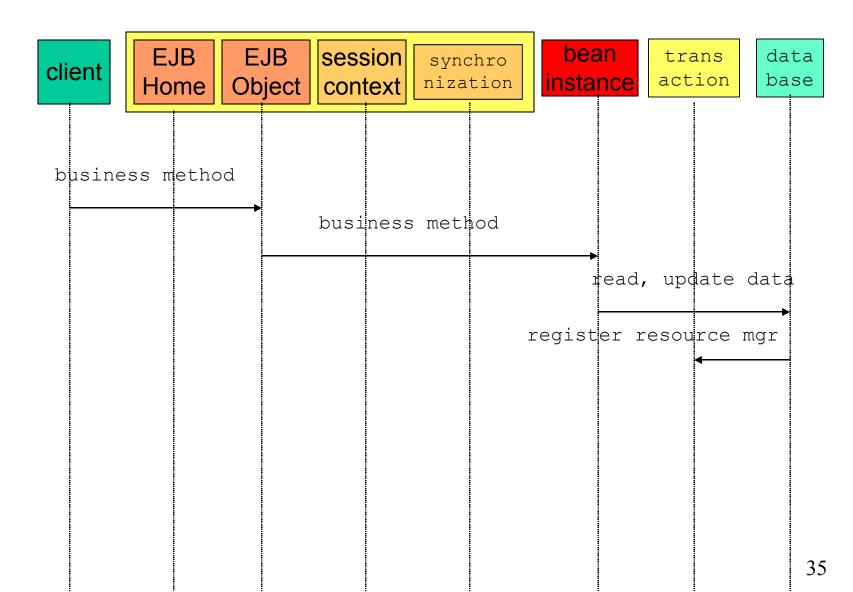
#### Removing Instance of Stateless Session Bea n From Ready Pool



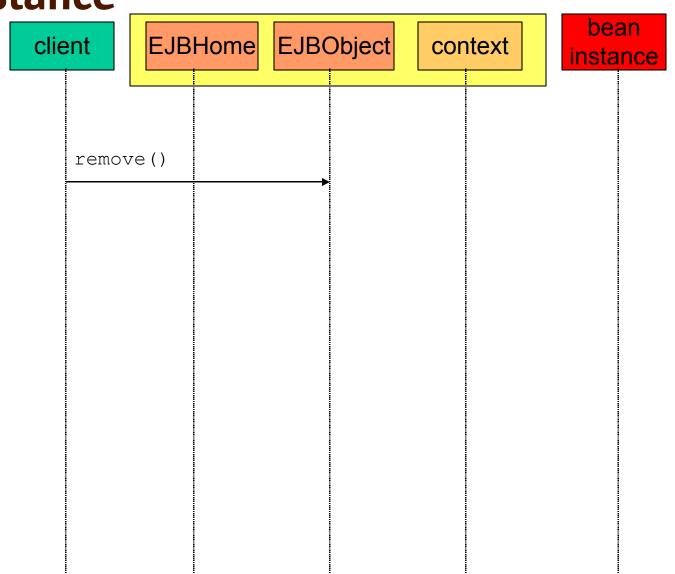
#### **Creating a Stateless Session Bean Instance**



#### **Invocation of a Business Method**



### Removal of a Stateless Session Bean I nstance

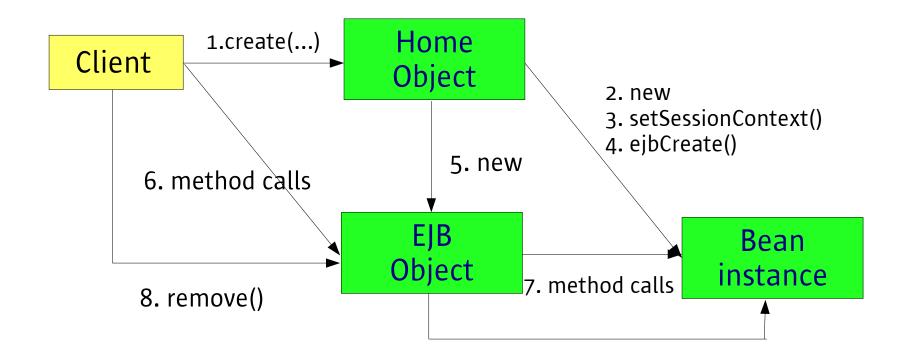




# Sequence of Operations in the usage of Stateful Session Bean



# Interaction between Client, Bean instance, Container for Stateful Session Bean



#### Sequence of Operations (Page 1)

- Client calls a create(...) method on the hom e object
- The home object or container instantiates bean instance
- 3. The home object or container creates a Session Context object, and passes it to the instance in a setSessionContext() call
  - SessionContext object contains information on runt ime context

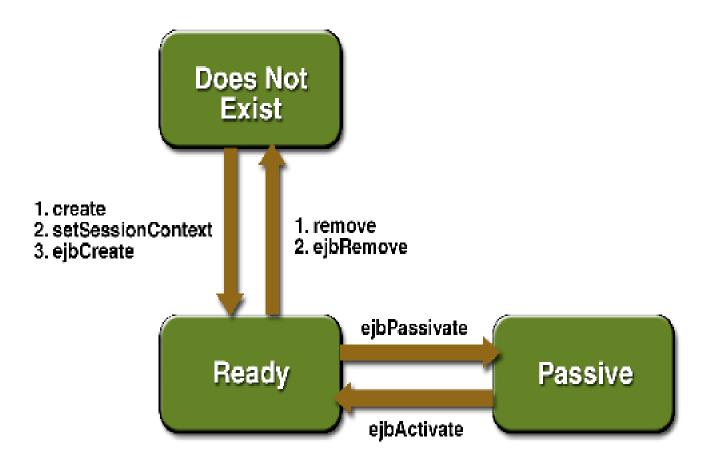
#### **Sequence of Operations (Page 2)**

- 4. The home object or container calls ejbCreat e(...) method whose arguments match the create(...) call on the home interface
  - Bean instance initializes itself and is ready for use
- 5. The home object or container instantiates a n EJB object for the bean instance
  - There is typically a one-to-one relationship between clients, EJB objects, and bean instances for stateful session beans

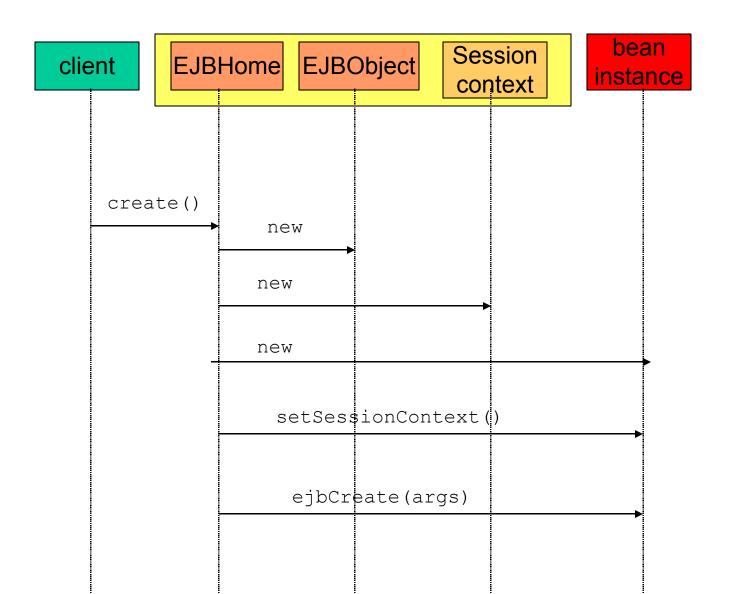
### **Sequence of Operations**

- 6. The client calls whatever business methods it n eeds on the EJB object
- 7. EJB object handles system operations
- 8. EJB object passes these calls on to the bean inst ance
- 9. Client calls remove() on the EJB object
- 10.EJB object or container calls ejbRemove() on the e bean instance

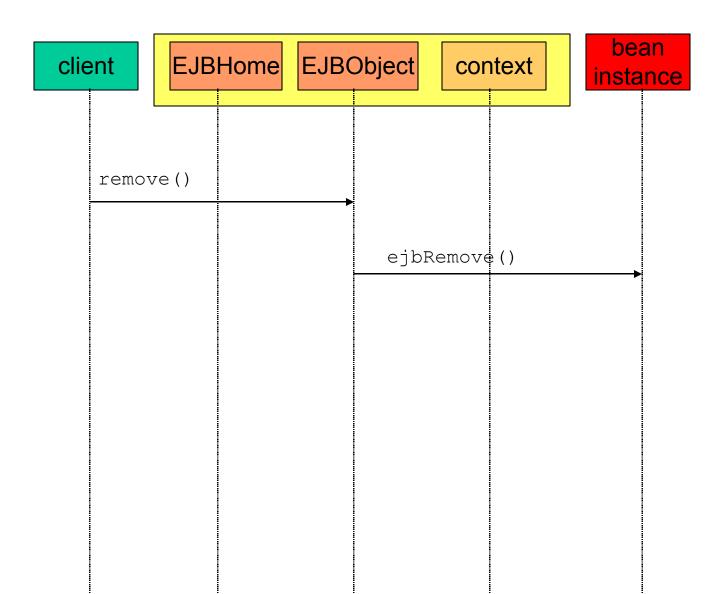
# Life Cycle of a Stateful Session Bean Instance



# Creating a Stateful Session



#### Removal of a Stateful Session Object





# Codes Bean Developer writes in implementing Stateful Session Bean



# Things Bean developer is responsible

- Home interface
  - create(…) methods
- Logic interface (Remote interface)
  - business methods
- Bean class
  - ejbCreate(...) methods and others
  - implementation of business methods
- Deployment descriptor

#### **Bean Class Methods**

- ejbCreate(...) methods
- setSessionContext(SessionContext sc)
- ejbRemove()
- ejbActivate()
- ejbPassivate()
- implementation of business methods

### ejbCreate(...) Methods

- Implement as many overloaded variants as r equired (at least one) with appropriate argu ments to initialize the bean instance
- In a failure, throw CreateException

#### setSessionContext(SessionContext sc)

- As a minimum, store SessionContext object in an instance variable for later use
- Look up data resource and other EJB's

## ejbRemove()

- Implement, if desired, to clean up
- You can't rely on this method ever being cal led by EJB container
- In a failure, throw RemoveException

# ejbActivate()

Implement, if necessary, to recover from passivation

## ejbPassivate()

Implement, if necessary, to prepare for passi vation



# Passivation & Activation in Stateful Session Bean



#### **Need for Passivation & Timeout**

- Container has to maintain session state for each has to maintain session session state for each has to maintain session sessi
- Some clients hang on to their EJB references lo nger than they need them
  - Servlet and JSP web-tier EJB clients which in turn se rve their own browser clients
- Clients may fail (e.g., crash) without calling re move()
- Increasing server resources is not always possible

#### **Activation & Passivation**

- Stateful Session Bean Clients aren't always active
- A server can only handle a limited number of client
- Therefore a method is needed to store and retrieve Stateful Session Beans
- Stateful Session Beans are automatically stored an d retrieved by the container
- Housekeeping needs to be handled by the program mer before a Stateful Session been is stored (passi vated) or restored (activated) by the containter

#### **Passivation**

- Before a Stateful Session Bean is stored non-serializable data/resources must be reconciled
  - Database, URL, and Java TCP/IP connections must be closed
  - Transient fields must be dealt with
- The EJB specification provides the ejbpassivate() method which is called before the EJB is stored

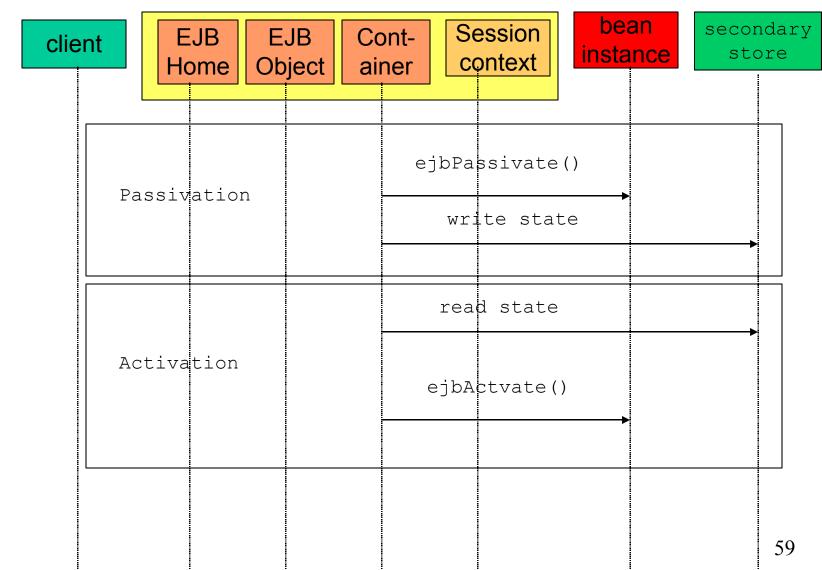
#### **Activation**

- After a Stateful Session Bean has been restored non-serializable data/resources must be reconciled
  - Database, URL, and Java TCP/IP connections must be opened
  - Transient fields must be dealt with
- The EJB specification provides the ejbactivate() method which is called after the EJB is restored

#### **Activation/Passivation Example**

```
Public class EJBBean {
     Connection conn = null;
     DataSource dataSource;
     public void ejbCreate() {
            ds =
           conn = ds.getConnection();
     public void ejbActivate() {
            connection = ds.getConnection();
     public void ejbPassivate() {
            conn.close();
            conn = null;
```

# Passivation and Activation of a Stateful Session Object

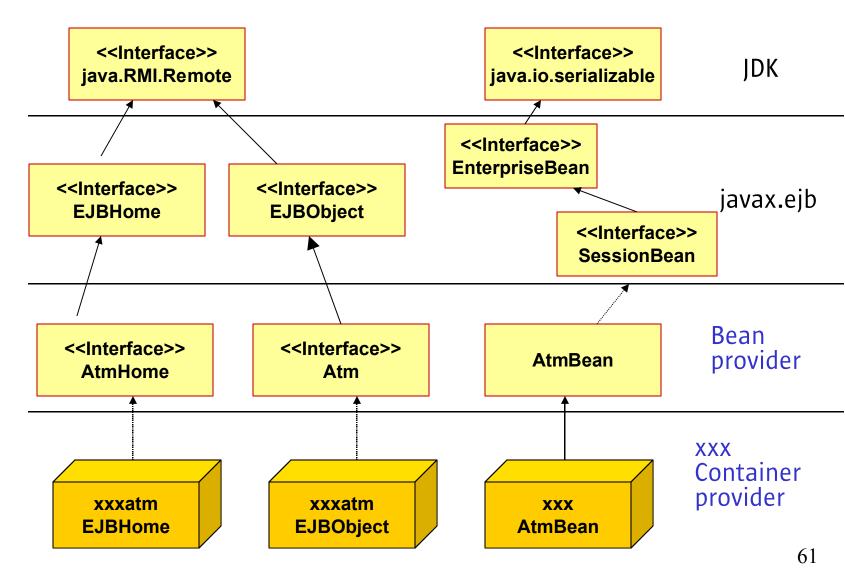




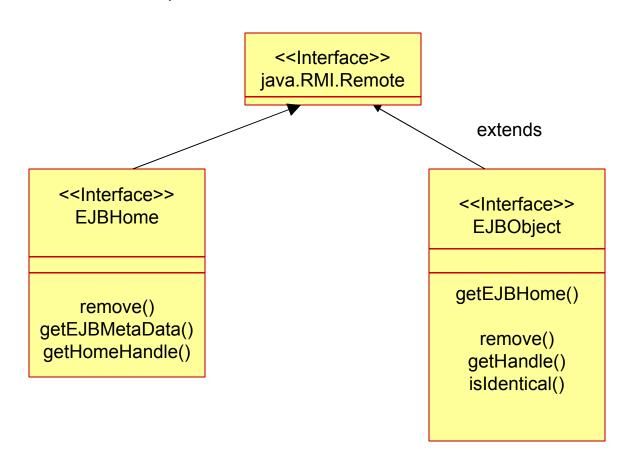
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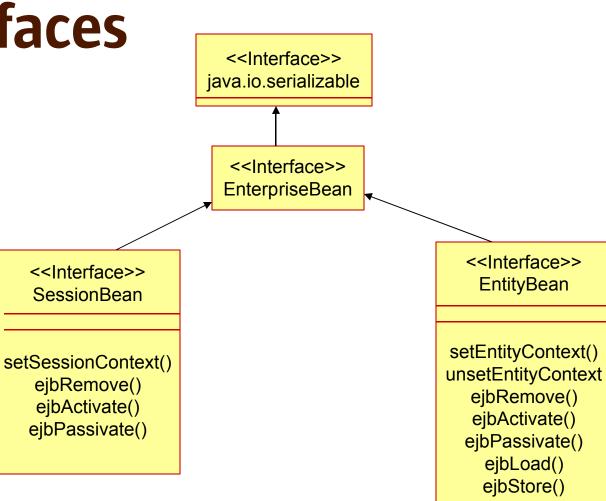
# **EJB™ Programming API**



### javax.EJB™ Client Interfaces



javax.EJB<sup>™</sup> Server Interfaces



javax.EJB™ Server Interfaces Cont. <<Interface>>

getEJBHome()
getEnvironment()
getCallerIdentity()
isCallerInRole()
getUserTransaction()
setRollBackOnly()

**EJBContext** 

<<Interface>>
SessionContext

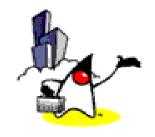
getEJBObject()

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EntityContext

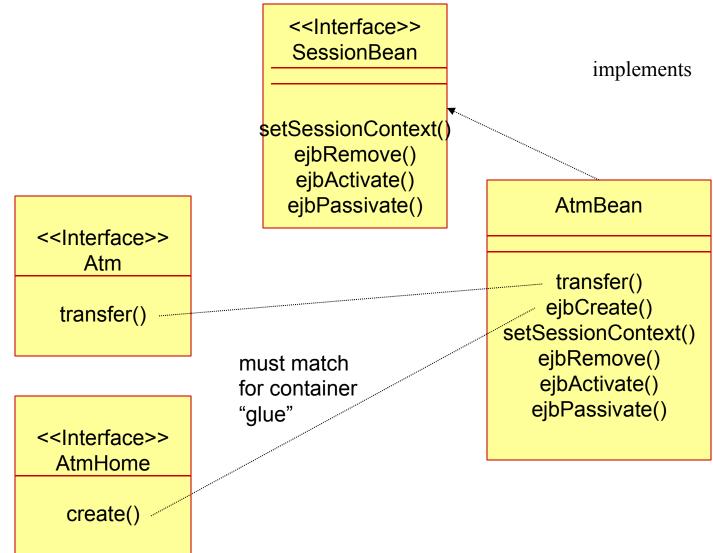
getEJBObject()
getPrimaryKey()



#### Method Relationship Among Home interface, Remote interface, Bean class



# 3) AtmBean Implementation





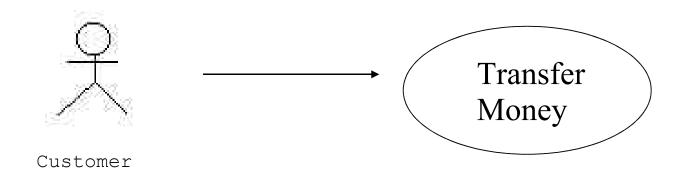
# **Example Stateless Session Bean**



### Implementing a Session Bean

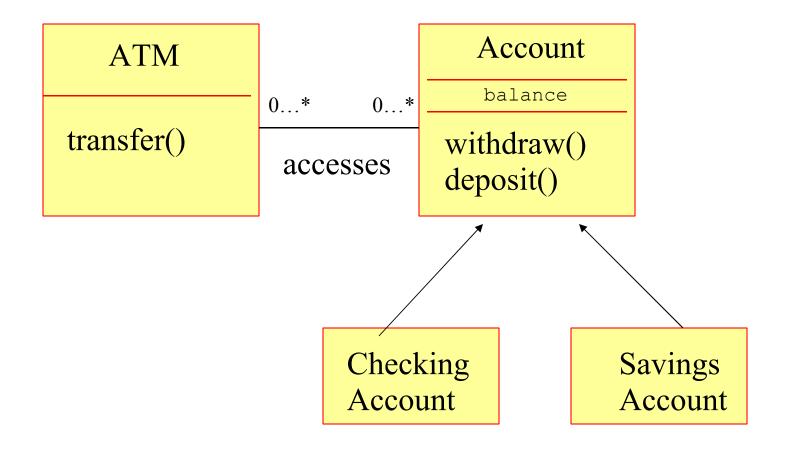
- In this session we will discuss an example stateless session bean, we will discuss stateful in a later session.
- As an example we will use the ATM session bean from the bank account transfer scenario.

### **Example Scenario: Use Case**

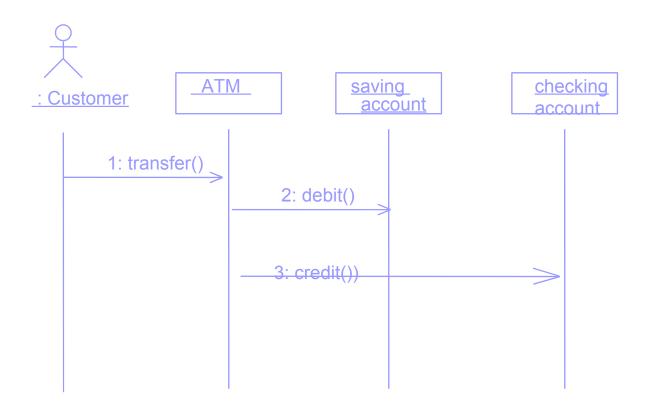


Use Case: ATM customer transfers money from checking to savings account

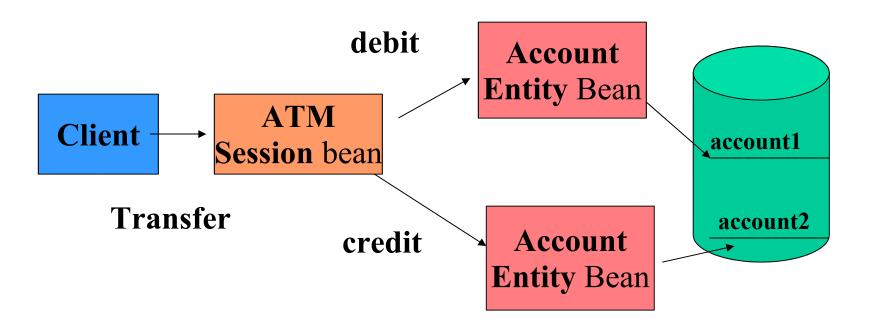
### **Example Scenario: Classes**



# **Example Scenario: Sequence Diagram**



### Example Scenario: EJB



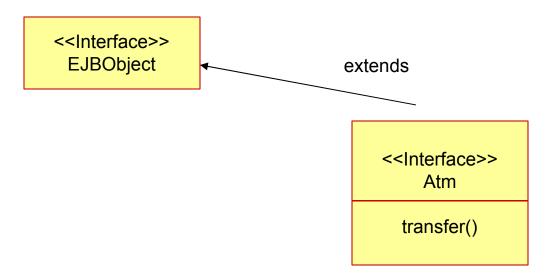


## Steps for Creating Stateless Session Bean



- 1. Create the logic interface for the bean.
- 2. Create the bean's home interface.
- 3. Create the bean's implementation class.
- 4. Compile the remote interface, home interface, and implementation class.
- 5. Create a deployment descriptor.
- 6. Package in an ejb-jar file.
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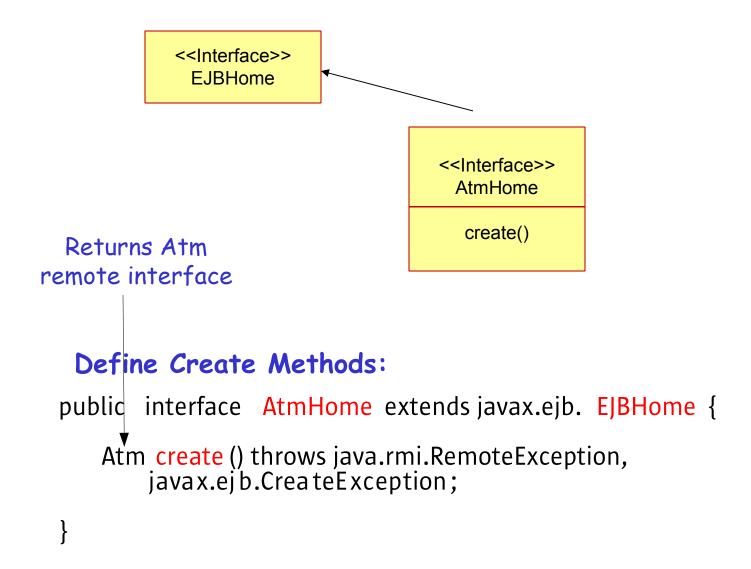
#### 1) Create the Remote Interface



#### **Define Business Methods:**

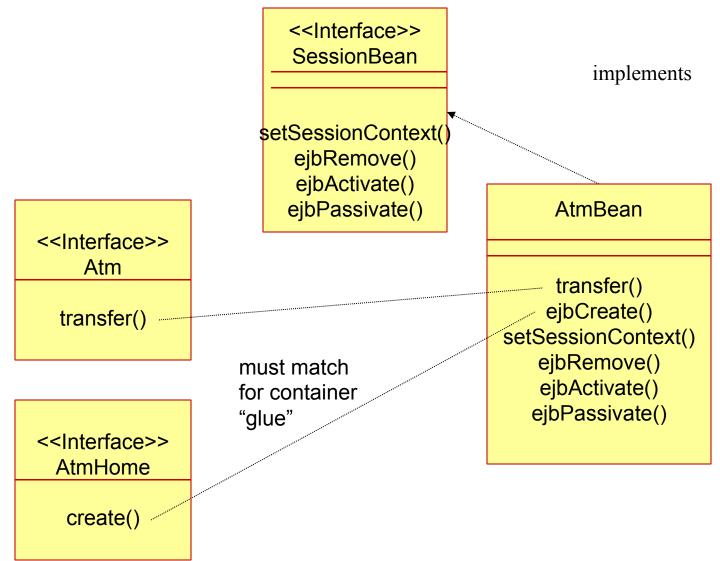
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# 3) AtmBean Implementation



# 3) AtmBean: Implement Atm Interface Business Methods

```
public class AtmBean implements SessionBean {
 // implement atm interface business methods
 public void transfer (int fromAcctId, int toAcctId, double amount)
   throws InsufficientFundsException, FinderException {
   try {
    fromAccount = accountHome. findByPrimaryKey( new Integer(fromAcctId));
   } catch(FinderException ex) {
      throw new FinderException("Couldnt find account"+fromAcctId);
  try {
      toAccount = accountHome. findByPrimaryKe y(new Integer(toAcctId));
   } catch(FinderException ex) {
    throw new FinderException("Couldnt find account");
  try {
     fromAccount.withdraw(amount);
     toAccount.deposit(amount);
   } catch(InsufficientFundsException ex) {
      throw new InsufficientFundsException("Insufficient funds " + fromAcctId);
```

## 3) AtmBean: Implement Home Interface Create Method

# 3) AtmBean: Implement Session Interface Container Callback Methods

```
// save the session context in an instance variable
public void setSessionContext(SessionContext sc) {
        this.context= sc;
// release resources allocated in ejbCreate
public void ejbRemove() throws RemoveException {
        accountHome = null;
// Stateless Session Beans are not activated/passivated
// so these methods are always empty
public void ejbActivate() {
public void ejbPassivate() {
```

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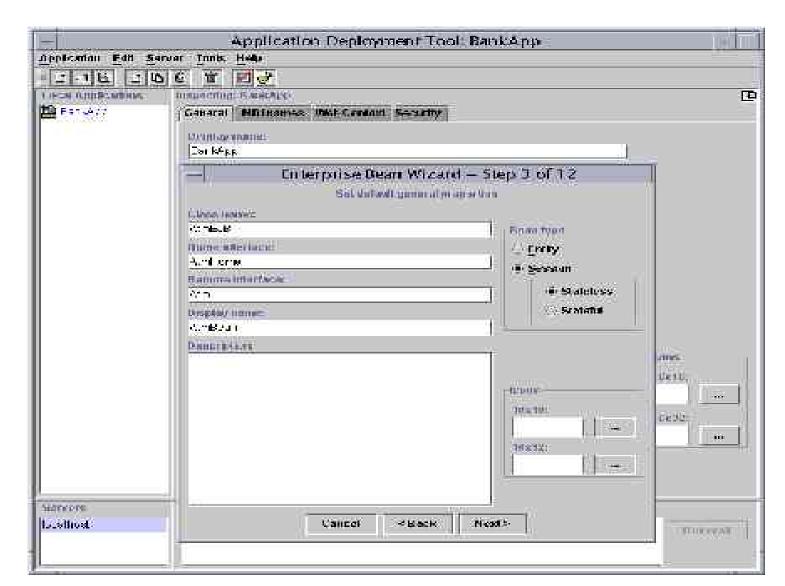
# 4) Compile the Remote & Home Interfaces and Implementation Class.

javac –classpath \$J2EE\_HOME/lib/j2ee.jar Atm.java AtmHome.java AtmEJB.java

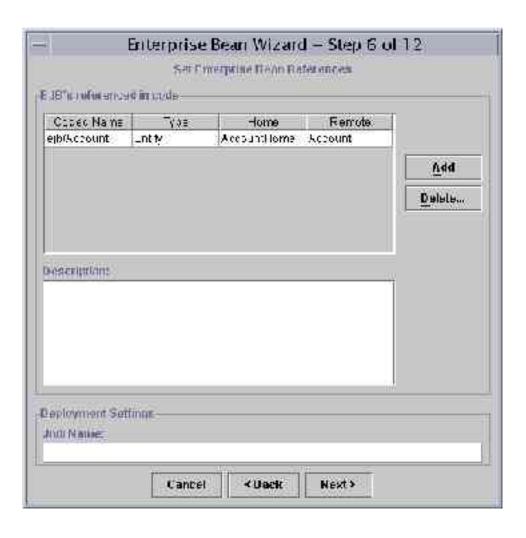
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## EJB descriptor composition

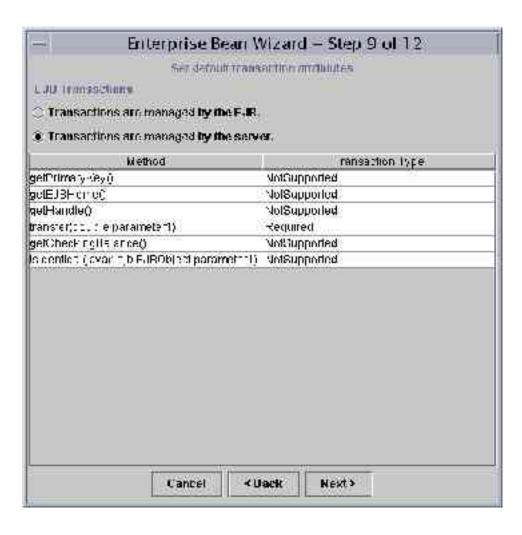
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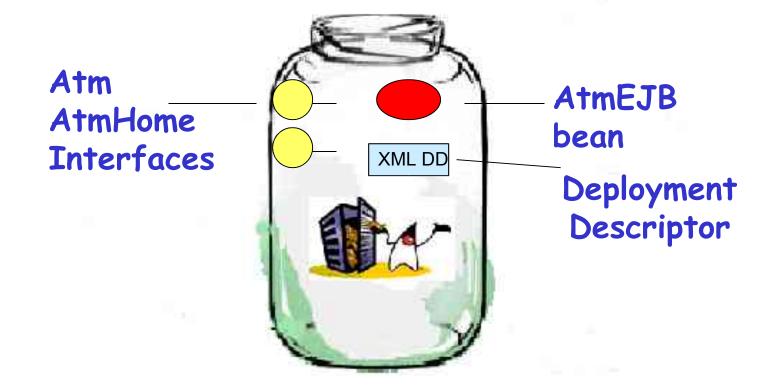
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<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE ejb-jar PUBLIC '-//Sun Microsystems Inc.//DTD.. . >
<eib-iar>
  <description>no description</description>
 <display-name>Atm</display-name>
 <enterprise-beans>
   <session>
     <description>no description</description>
     <display-name>AtmBean</display-name>
      <ejb-name>AtmBean</ejb-name>
     <home>AtmHome</home>
     <remote>Atm</remote>
     <ejb-class>AtmEJB</ejb-class>
     <session-type>Stateless</session-type>
     <transaction-type>Container
     <ejb-ref>
       <description>no description</description>
       <ejb-ref-name>ejb/Account</ejb-ref-name>
       <ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>
       <home>AccountHome</home>
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   </session>
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#### 5) Create DD Cont.

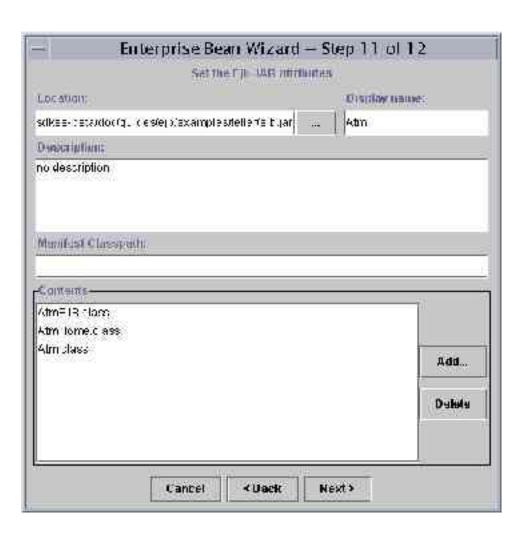
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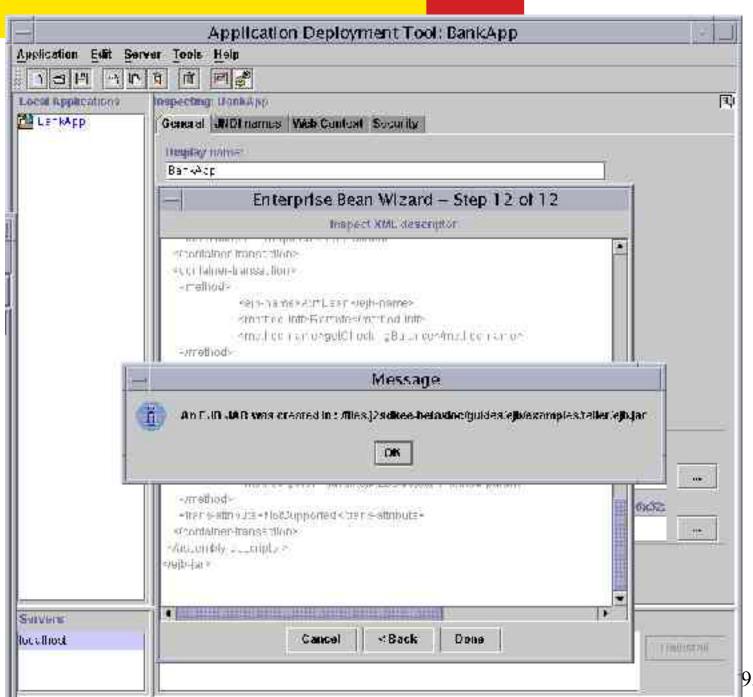
## 6) Package in an ejb-jar File.

packager –ejbJar Atm.class:AtmEJB.class:AtmHome.class Atm-ejb-jar.xml Atm.jar



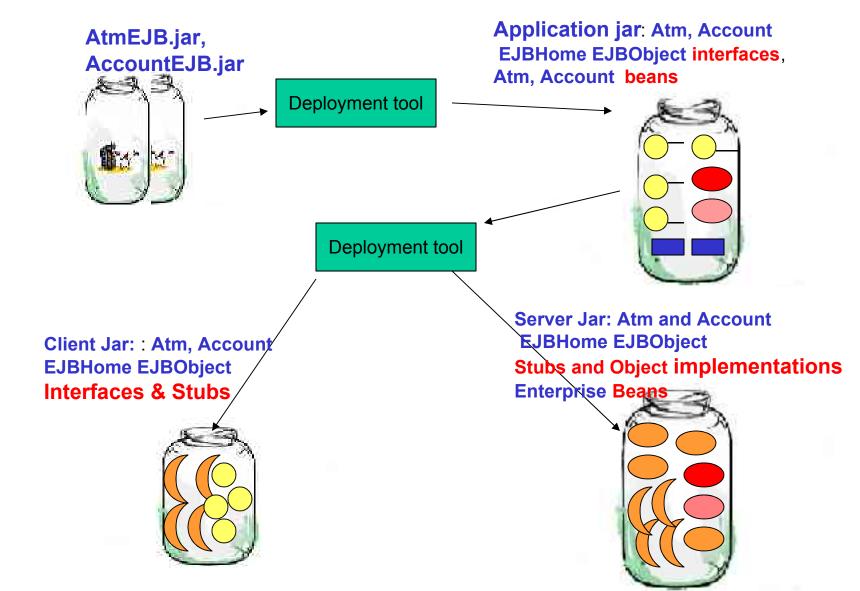
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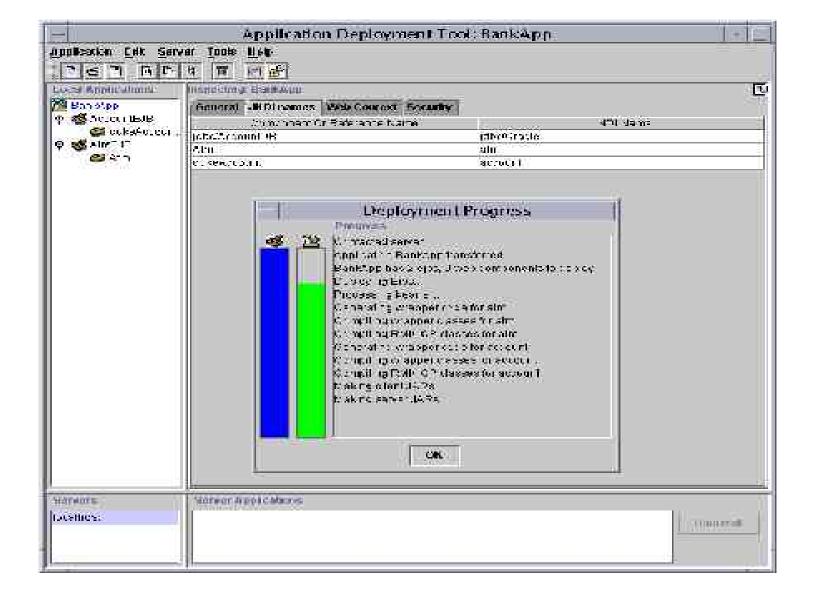




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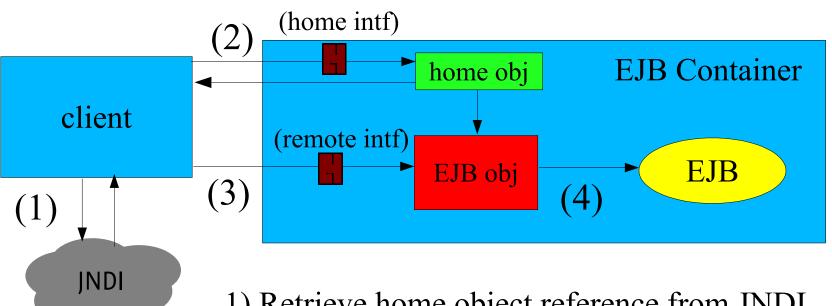


#### Create a Client

- 1. Use JNDI to lookup EJB's home interface.
- 2. Call home's create method to get the EJB™ remote object interface.
- 3. Call bean's business methods thru remote interface.

## Accessing a bean

DB

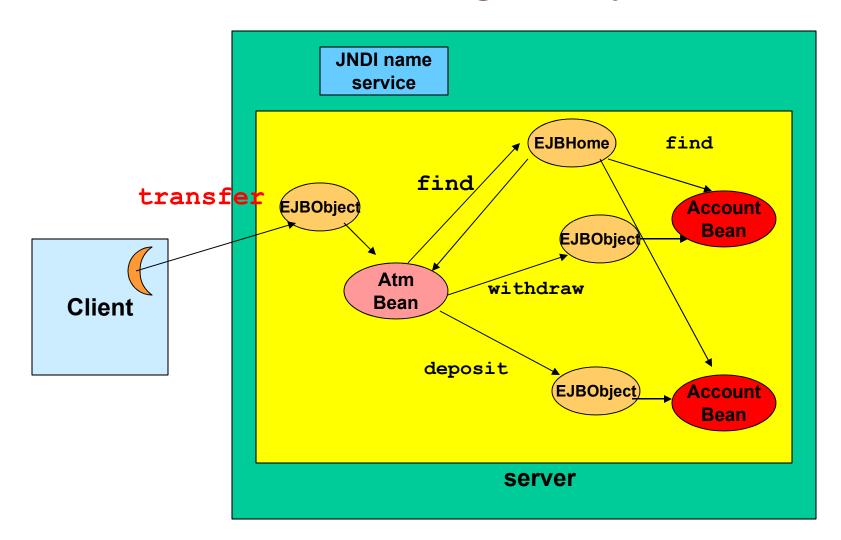


- 1) Retrieve home object reference from JNDI
- 2) Client requests creation of a new EJB object
- 3) The client invokes a business method
- 4) The request is delegated to the EJB

#### **ATM Client Code**

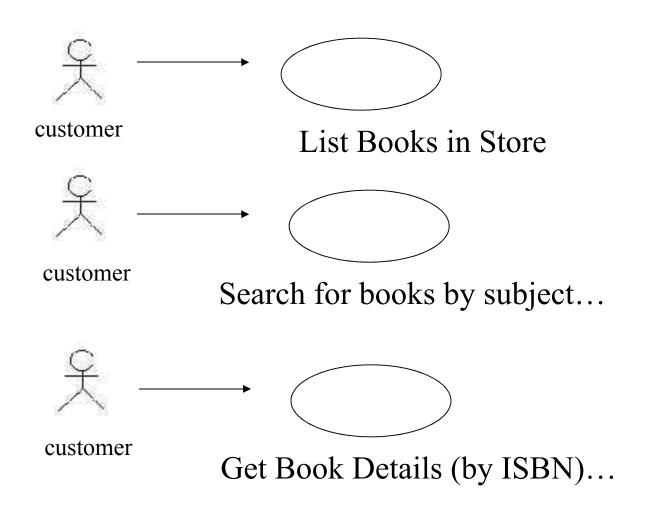
```
// create an initial context (starting point in name tree)
javax.naming.Context ic = new javax.naming.InitialContext();
// lookup jndi name (set by deployer in deployment
descriptor)
java.lang.Object objref = ic.lookup("Atm");
AtmHome home = (AtmHome)PortableRemoteObject.narrow(
      objref, AtmHome.class);
//call AtmHome Create method to get Atm interface
Atm atm = home.create();
// call Atm business methods
atm.transfer(41476633, 4443332121, 100000);
```

#### **Session Bean Accessing Entity Bean**



# **Exercise: Design and I**mplement Catalog Stateless Session Bean

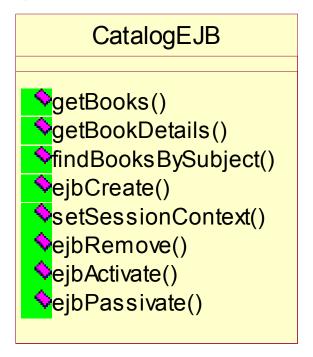
#### **Use Case Scenarios**



# Stateless Services: Catalog Session EJB

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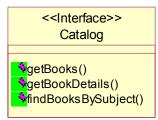
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A Catalog object represents different products and provides

browsing and searching services to its clients. Both of the primary functions of the catalog, browsing and searching, are generic services which are not tied to any particular client. Also, the catalog object reads multiple rows in the database at the same time and provides a shared view of the data.

## CatalogEJB



<<Interface>>
CatalogHome

create()

# CatalogEJB GetBooks() GetBookDetails() GindBooksBySubject() GejbCreate() SetSessionContext() GejbRemove() GejbActivate() GejbPassivate()





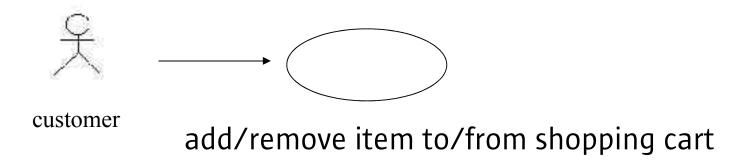
# **Example Stateful Session Bean**

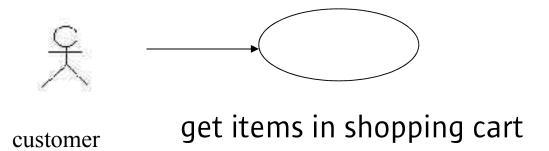


# Implementing a Stateful Session Bean

 A typical example of a Stateful session bean is an online shopping cart

#### **Example Scenario: Use Cases**





#### **Example: Shopping Cart Class**

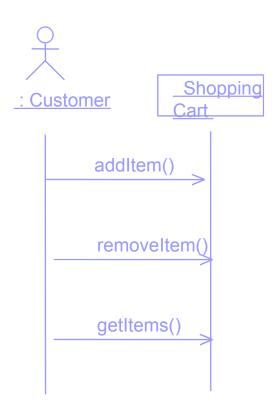
ShoppingCart

Hashtable cartItems

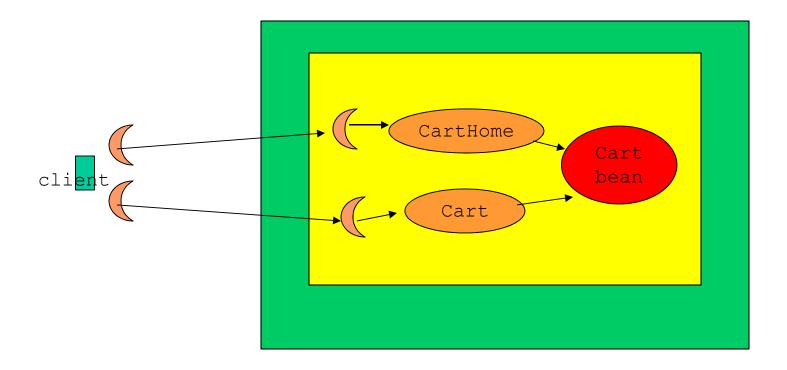
addItem()
removeItem()
getItems()

State:
Client
Specific
Instance
variable

# **Example Scenario: Sequence Diagram**



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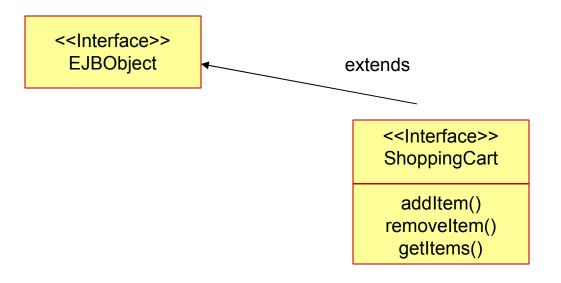


### Steps for Creating Stateful Session Bean



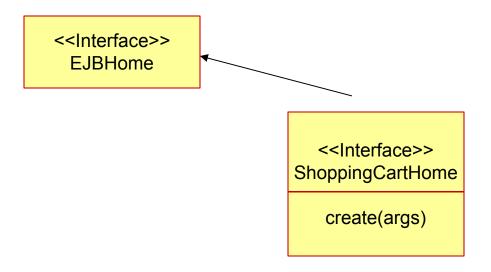
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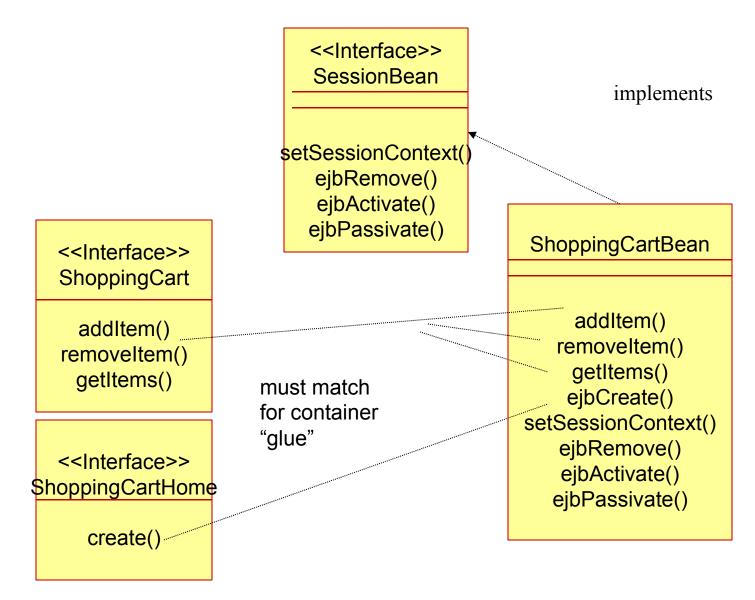
#### 2) Create the Home Interface



```
public interface ShoppingCartHome extends javax.ejb. EJBHome {
   Cart create (String custId) throws java.rmi.RemoteException,
        javax.ejb.CreateException;
}
```

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#### 3) ShoppingCartBean Implementation



## 3) ShoppingCartBean: Implement Shopping Cart Interface Business Methods

```
public class ShoppingCartBean implements SessionBean {
// instance variables
 private Hashtable cart=null;
 int customerId:
 private SessionContext sessionContext=null;
// implement ShoppingCart interface business methods
 public void addItem (String itemId,int qty) {
  cart.put(itemId,new Integer(qty));
 public void removeItem (String itemId, int qty){
   cart.remove(itemId);
 public Hashtable getItems () {
   return cart;
```

## 3) ShoppingCartBean: Implement Home Interface Create Method

//create/store Client specific state (instance variables

public void ejbCreate(int customerId) {
 this.cart = new Hashtable();
 this.customerId= customerId;
}

### 3) ShoppingCartBean: Implement Session Interface Container Callback Methods

```
//associate a session bean instance with its context maintained by
the container.
public void setSessionContext (SessionContext sc){
  this.sessionContext=sc;
// signals the instance it has just been reactivated.
// open any needed resources
public void ejbActivate () {}
// signals the intent of the container to passivate the instance
// close any open resources
public void ejbPassivate () {}
```

## 3) ShoppingCartBean: Implement Session Interface Container Callback Methods

```
// signals that the instance is in the process of being removed
by // the container, release resources
public void ejbRemove () {
         this.ca rt = null;
         this.customerId= null;
}
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## 4) Compile the Remote & Home Interfaces and Implementation Class.

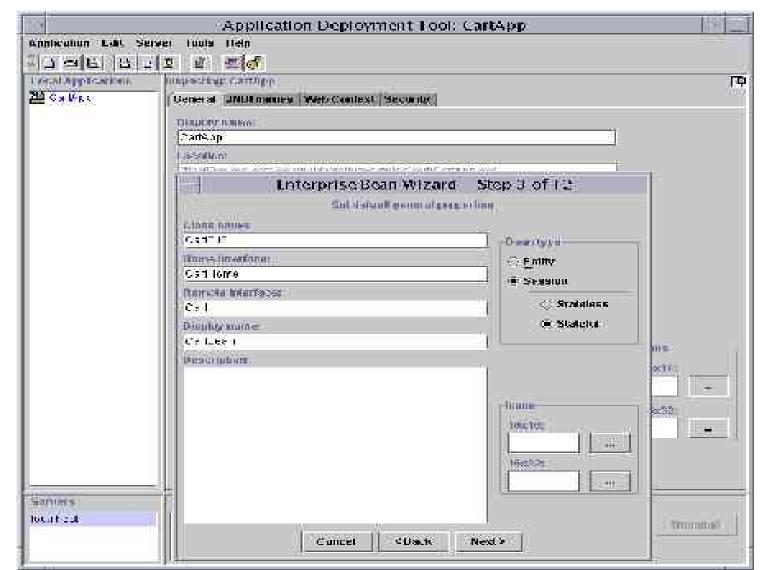
```
javac –classpath $J2EE_HOME/lib/j2ee.jar
ShoppingCart.java
ShoppingCartHome.java
ShoppingCartEJB.java
```

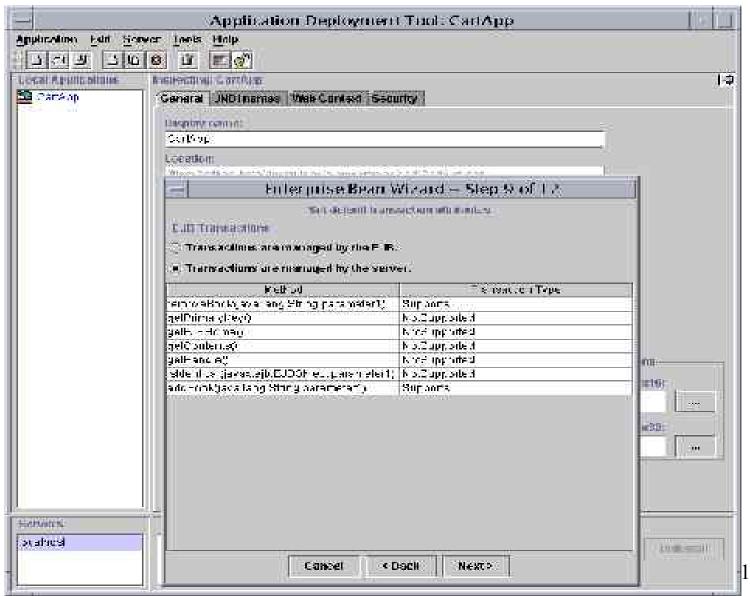
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#### 5) Create Deployment Descriptor

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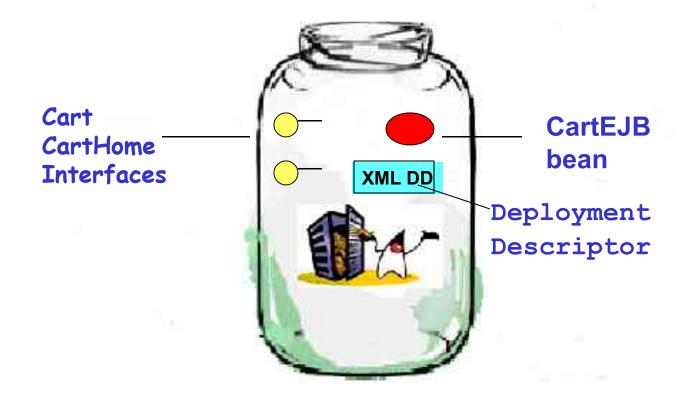
```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE ejb-jar PUBLIC '-//Sun Microsystems Inc.//DTD</pre>
Enterprise JavaBeans 1.2//EN' 'http://java.sun.com/j2ee/dtds/ejb-
jar 1 2.dtd'>
<ejb-jar>
  <description>no description</description>
  <display-name>CartEjb</display-name>
  <enterprise-beans>
   <session>
     <description>no description</description>
     <display-name>CartBean</display-name>
     <ejb-name>CartBean</ejb-name>
     <home>CartHome
     <remote>Cart</remote>
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     <transaction-type>Container
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  </enterprise-beans>
```

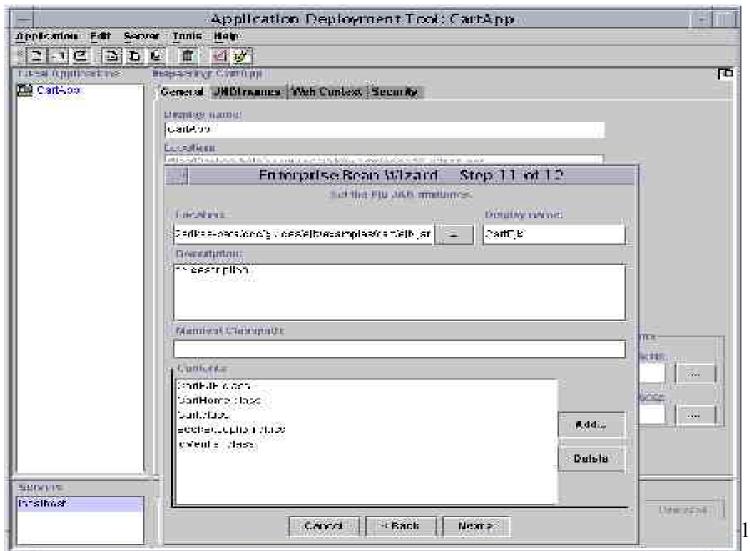
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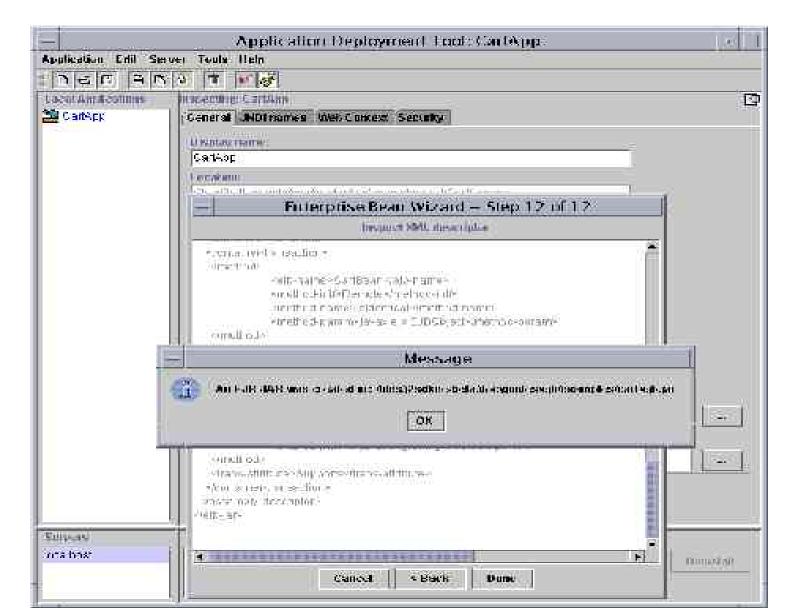
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#### 6) Package in an ejb-jar File.

packager –ejbJar Cart.class CartEJB.class CartHome.class ejb-jar.xml



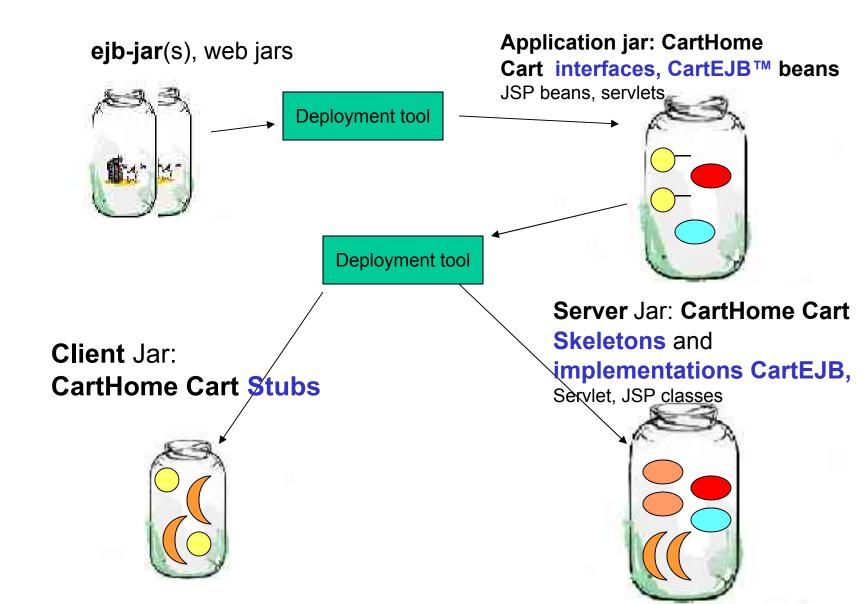


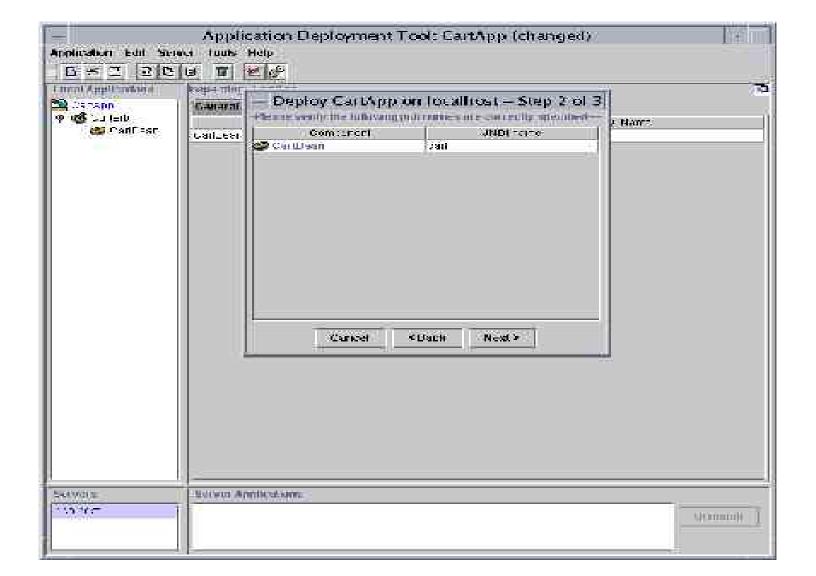


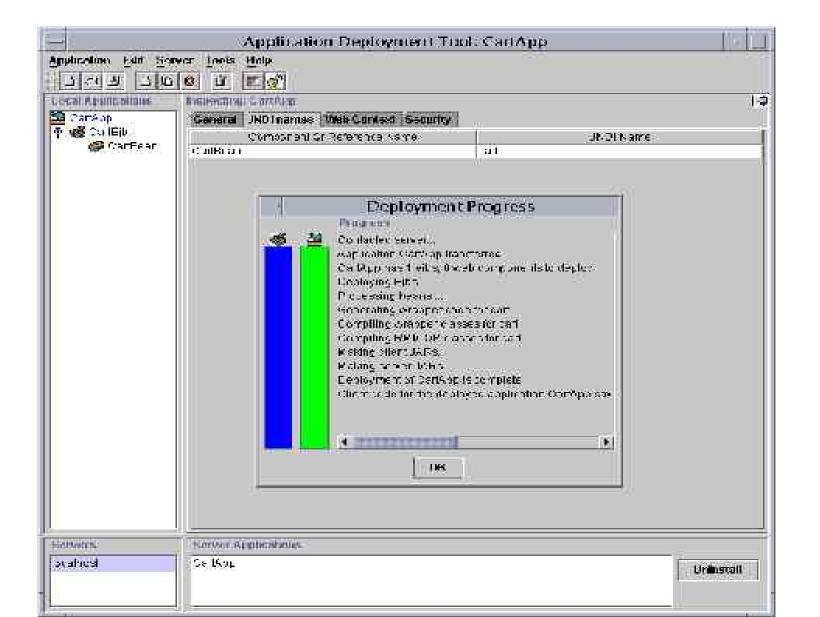
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#### 7) Deploy the Enterprise Application







#### Create a Client

- 1. Use JNDI to lookup CartHome.
- 2. Call CartHome's create methods to get the Cart interface.
- 3. Call business methods thru Cart remote interface.

#### **Cart Client Code**

```
//Create an InitialContext (starting point)
javax.naming.Context ic = new javax.naming.InitialContext();
// lookup the EJBHome interface using the JNDI name
// given in deployment descriptor
String indiName = "ShoppingCart";
java.lang.Object objref = ic.lookup(jndiName);
CartHome cartHome = (CartHome)
PortableRemoteObject.narrow(objref,CartHome.class);
Cart cart = cartHome.create(41476633);
// call business methods
cart.addltem( 111222, 1);
```



#### Resources



#### Resources

- Applied Enterprise JavaBeans Technology written by Kevin Boone (Sun Microsystems, Inc.), published by Prentice Hall
   [1]
- J2EE Tutorial in java.sun.com [2]



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