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What is a Naming Service?

- A service that relates human-friendly names to computer resources
- Name must adhere to a naming convention for that resource
- The name is bound to the actual resource or a resource reference
- Examples:

Resource Type	Name	Binding
Internet host	www.ibm.com	129.42.16.991
Windows file	C:\WINNT\java	Actual file handle
JDBC DataSource	jdbc\Library	Reference to DataSource object

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Some Naming Service Terms

- Context
  - A grouping of name – resource mappings (bindings)
  - A starting point for searching for the resource
  - Follows a naming convention
  - Provides services for adding, searching, removing bindings
- Naming system
  - Definition of:
    - A grouping of related contexts (all follow the same naming convention)
    - Services to manage and manipulate the bindings
- Naming Service
  - Actual code/product that implements the naming system
  - Examples are DNS and the Windows file system

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What is a Directory Service?

- Extension of a naming service
- Allows attributes for a resource
- Resources are organized in a hierarchical model
- Optimized for READ access
- Examples:
  - A user resource has userid and password attributes
  - A printer resource would have network address and printer option attributes
- Example directory products:
  - IBM Directory Server
  - Novell Directory Services
  - iPlanet Directory Server

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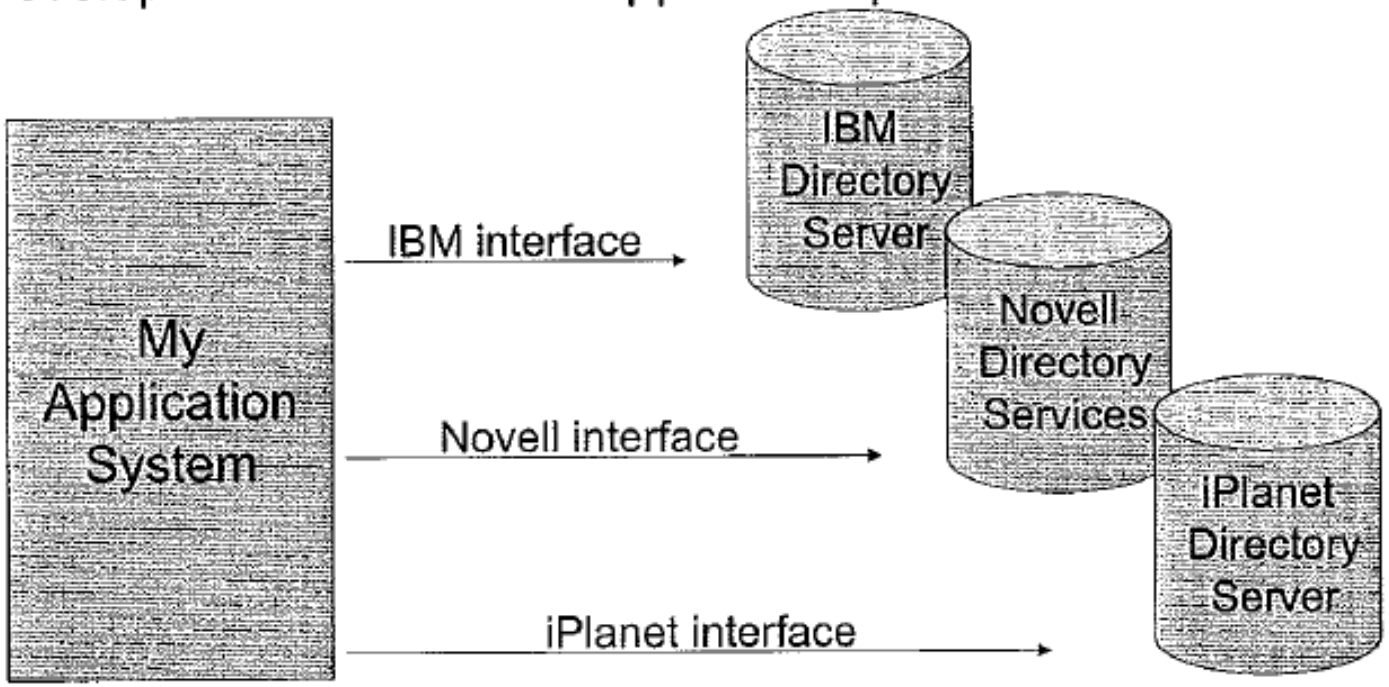
A Critical Issue with Directory Services

- Each directory has its own interface
- A company may use different directories for different resources
- Developers have to learn/support multiple interfaces



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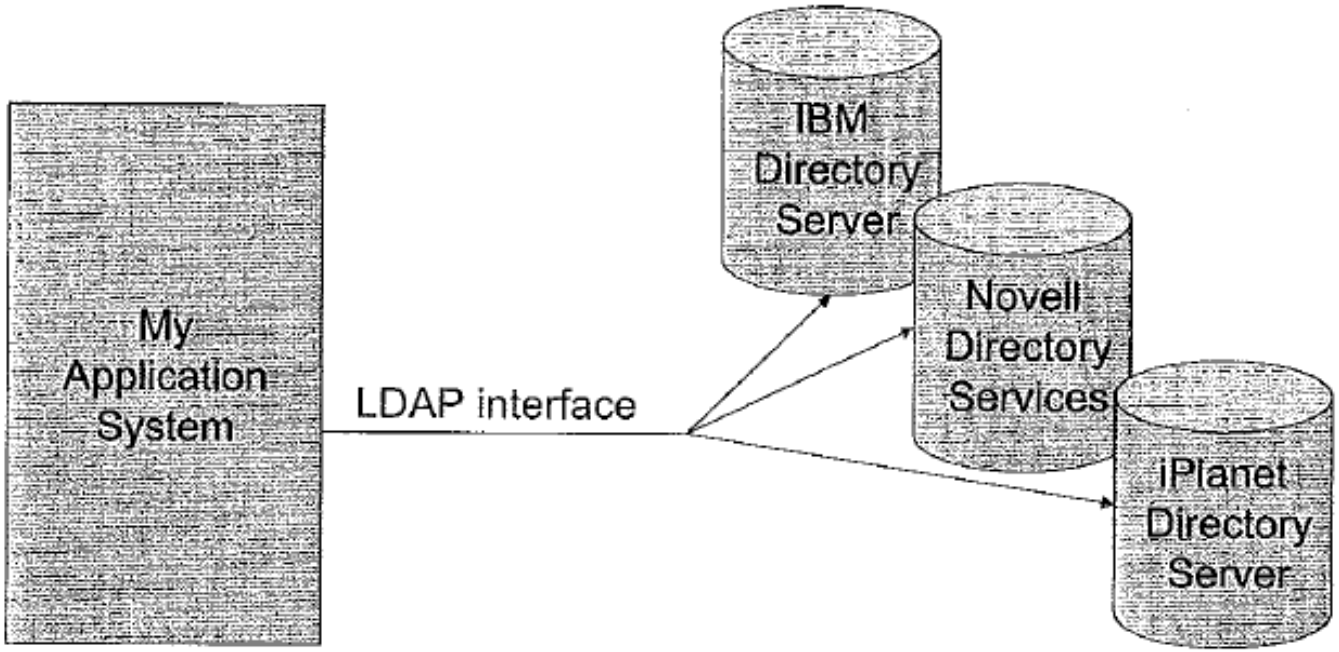
LDAP to the Rescue

- Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
  - IETF RFC 2251 (LDAP v3)
- Lightweight implementation of Directory Access Protocol (DAP) to access X.500-based directories
- Many directory services also provide an LDAP interface



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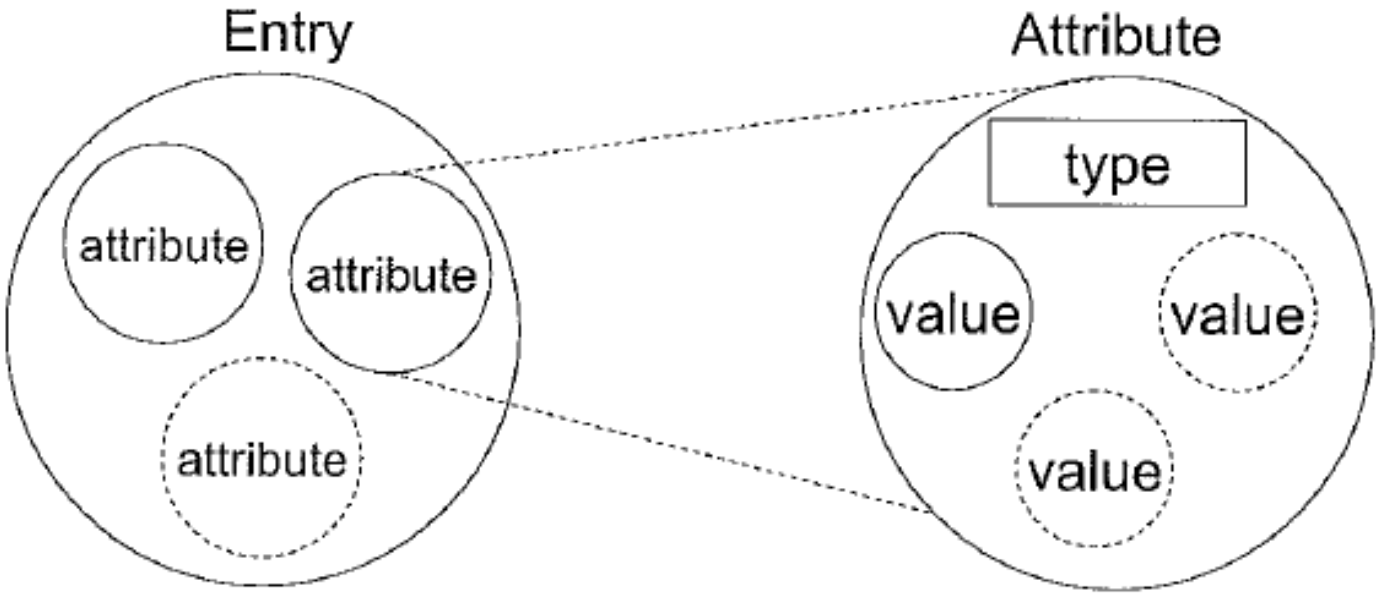
LDAP

- Provides a white pages (lookup by name) and a yellow pages (lookup by information/attributes).
- Resources are organized hierarchically in a directory information tree (DIT).
- A resource is known as an entry or object (not in the OO-sense), and is a leaf on the tree.
- Each entry can have a set of attributes. An attribute can have more than one value (for example, phone number)
- An entry has a unique distinguished name (DN), composed of attribute-value pairs.
- A special system attribute is objectclass, which defines the required attributes for an entry. ObjectClasses can be arranged hierarchically; attributes are additive.
- LDAP v3 specifies a schema concept, which defines the allowed entries and attributes.

Entry – Attribute Relationship

- An entry has required and possibly optional attributes
- An attribute has a type (syntax) and one or more values



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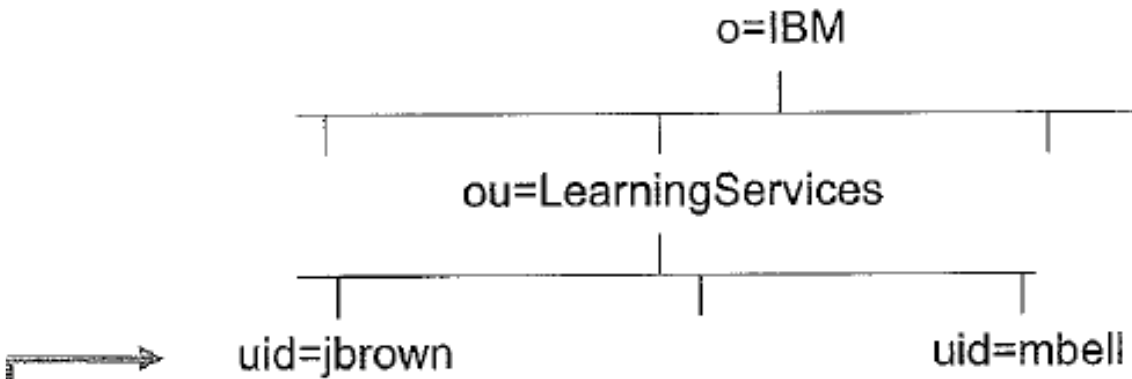
LDAP Directory Entry Example



- Distinguished Name:
  - uid=jbrown, ou=LearningServices, o=IBM
- Besides the DN, the entry also has required (and optional) attributes:
  - cn=Jim Brown, sn=Brown, givenname=Jim, empid=12345, telephoneNumber=310-555-1212, telephoneNumber=310-555-9999
- The Relative Distinguished Name (RDN) is the leftmost part of the DN (uid=jbrown in this example)

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The DN is made up of attribute-value pairs

The schema specifies the allowed objectClasses and attributes

Another entry might be:

DN of "uid=mbell, ou=LearningServices, o=IBM"

cn=Mark Bell, sn=Bell, givenname=Mark, empid=54321, telephoneNumber=417-555-1213, telephoneNumber=417-555-8888

objectClass entries indicate a form of inheritance: specifications of required and optional attributes.

LDAP Directory Data - LDIF

- LDAP does not dictate how entries are to be stored
- LDAP does have a human-readable format
  - LDAP Data Interchange Format (LDIF)
- Example:

```
dn: uid=jbrown, ou=LearningServices, o=IBM
objectclass: organizationalPerson
objectclass: person
objectclass: top
cn: Jim Brown
sn: Brown
givenname: Jim
empid: 12345
telephoneNumber: 310-555-1212
telephoneNumber: 310-555-9999
```

- The schema must contain:
  - **objectClasses** of person and organizationalPerson
  - **Attributes** of dn, uid, ou, o, cn, sn, givenname, empid, telephoneNumber

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LDAP Operations on the Directory

- Query
  - Search the directory
  - Compare an entry for a specific attribute value
- Update
  - Add an entry to the directory
  - Delete a leaf-node entry from the directory
  - Modify the attributes and values in an entry
  - Move an entry or subtree of entries elsewhere in the DIT
- Authentication
  - Bind (authenticate) between a client and directory
  - Terminate a client-directory connection
  - Abandon an operation outstanding on the directory

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What Is JNDI?

- Java Naming and Directory Interface
  - Provides a Java API to access naming and directory services
  - Also allows storage/retrieval of Java objects
- Widely used by
  - JDBC DataSources
  - Enterprise JavaBeans (EJBs)

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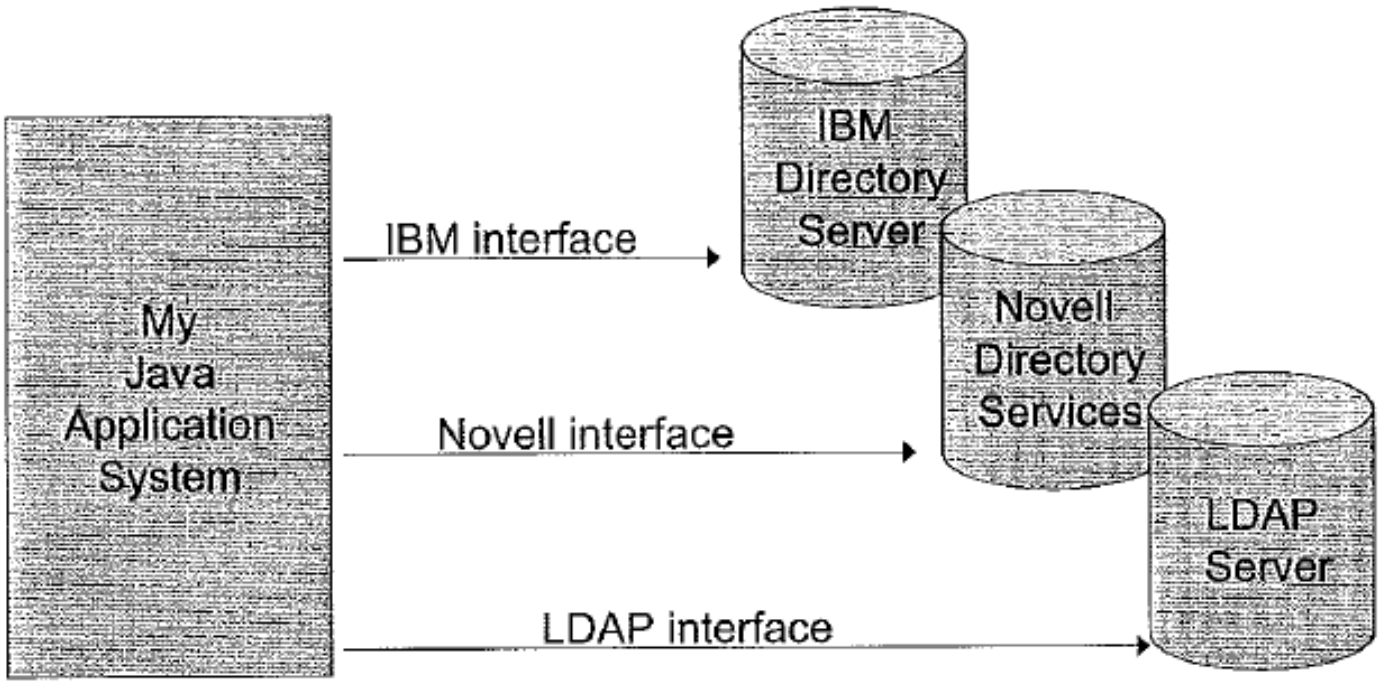
Why JNDI? (1 of 2)

- Java applications accessing the directory services would need to code to each unique interface



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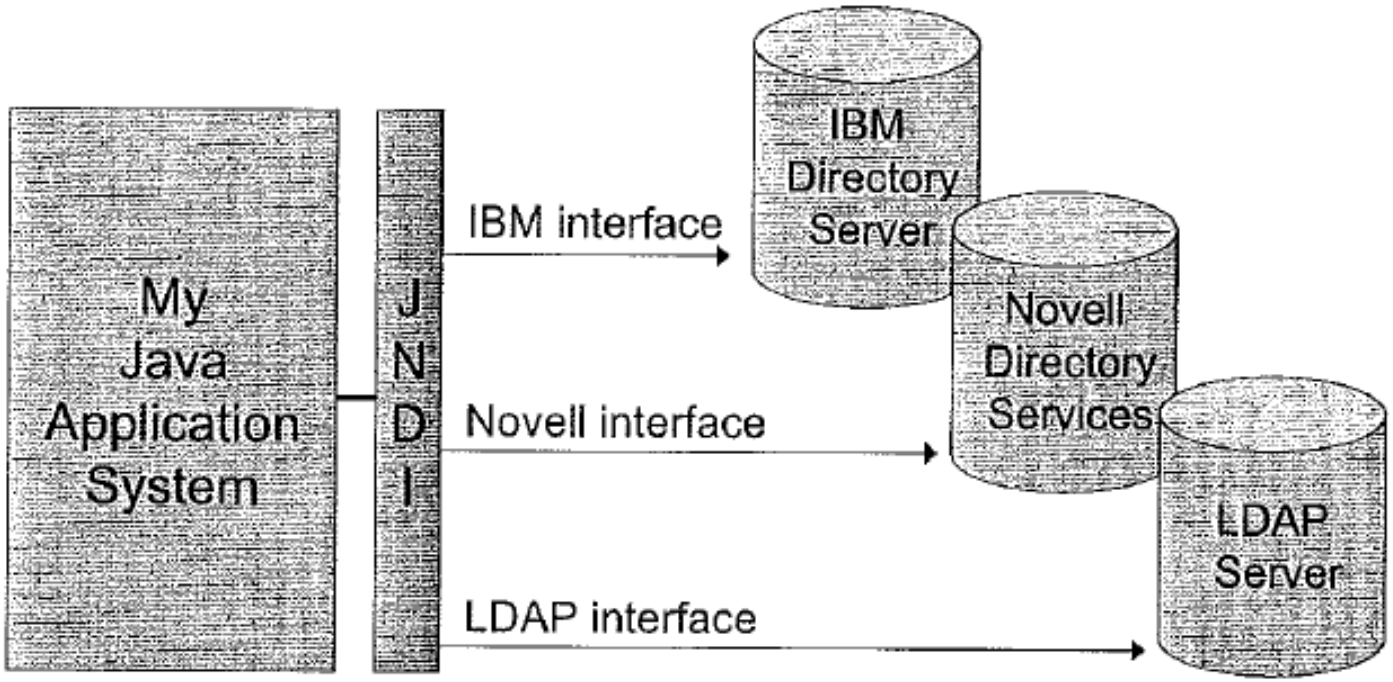
Why JNDI? (2 of 2)

- Java applications using JNDI to access the directory services need to code only to the JNDI interface



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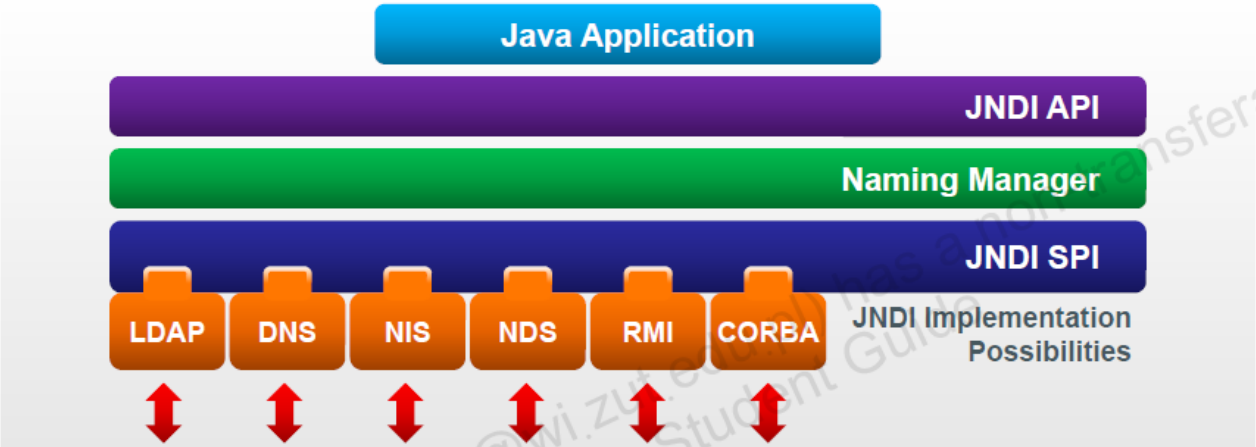
JNDI

The Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) is an API that provides naming and directory functionality to applications.

- Independent of any implementation
- Built on a service provider interface (SPI)
  - SPIs can be plugged in to an API.



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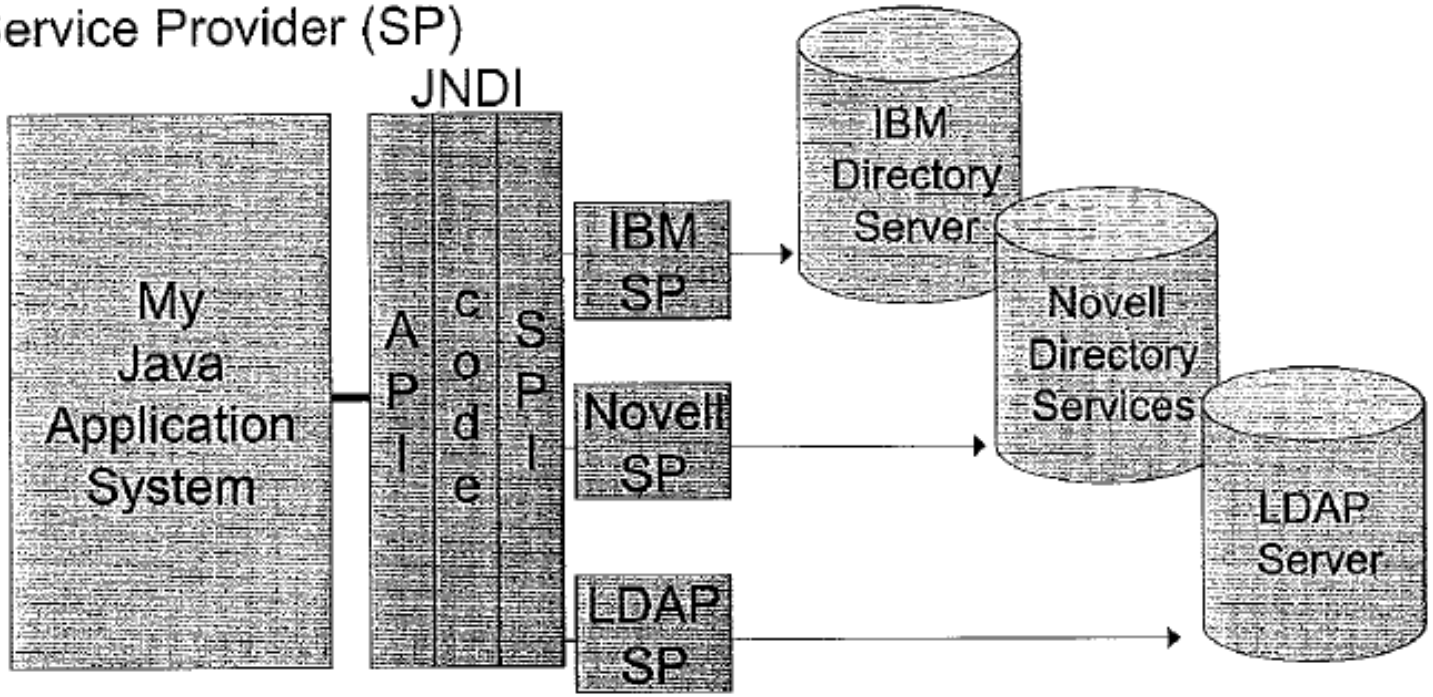
JNDI Structure

- Java applications using JNDI to access the directory services need to code only to the JNDI interface (API)
- The JNDI implementation code provides a Service Provider Interface (SPI), which allows each directory to plug in its own Service Provider (SP)



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Service Provider

- Java implementation code that talks a specific directory protocol
- Implements the Context interface at a minimum, and usually the DirContext interface as well
- The JNDI packages from Sun contain Service Providers for
  - LDAP
  - CORBA COS
  - RMI registry
  - File system
- Directory service vendors can supply their own
  - http://java.sun.com/products/jndi/serviceproviders.html
- You can write your own.

JNDI Setup

- Have The JNDI packages available
  - JDK 1.4 already includes the JNDI packages
  - For pre-1.3 JDKs, you can download the packages from Sun
- Install a JNDI-accessible Directory Server
  - The JDK or the vendor supplies a Service Provider
- For Directory Services, define a schema that includes the objectClasses and attributes you need (LDAP)
- Write your application code to use the services!

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JNDI API - Packages

- javax.naming
  - Core package for supporting naming services
  - Includes Context interface, InitialContext class, lookup operations, references, and NamingException
- javax.naming.directory
  - Adds support for directory services
  - Includes DirContext interface, InitialDirContext class, attribute manipulation operations, and search operations
- javax.naming.event
  - Classes and interfaces for directory event notification
- javax.naming.ldap
  - Additional directory support for LDAP v3
- javax.naming.spi
  - Support for user-or vendor-written service provider code
  - Also has support for accepting/sending Java objects

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Typical JNDI/LDAP Application Programming

- Connect to the directory server
- Bind an object to the server
- Directory entry operations
  - Search
  - Add
  - Modify
  - Delete
- Disconnect from the server

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Connect to the Directory Server

```
// hashtable to hold environment properties for the JNDI context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();

// name of the service provider class
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY, "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
// protocol, hostname, port of the directory server
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
// logon info if needed - default is "none" (anonymous)
//env.put(Context.SECURITY_AUTHENTICATION, "simple");
//env.put(Context.SECURITY_PRINCIPAL, "cn=ROOT");
//env.put(Context.SECURITY_CREDENTIALS, "password");

// starting point for our directory and naming services access
// can use Context if just using the naming service
DirContext dirCtx = null;
try {
//
 dirCtx = new InitialDirContext(env);
 // more processing...
} catch (javax.naming.NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

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Context and NamingException are in *javax.naming*, DirContext is in *javax.naming.directory*.

This example is accessing the directory as anonymous, so the sign-on properties are commented out. simple authentication passes a userid/password in clear text. strong allows use of encrypted userids/passwords or certificates, dependent on the directory capabilities.

A good approach (pattern) is to use a singleton for retrieval of the DirContext. Then once the reference is obtained, it can be easily retrieved for subsequent processing.

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Retrieving an Entry and its Attributes (1 of 2)

- Use DirContext.getAttributes(), passing the DN of the desired entry
  - Returns an Attributes object
- Then use Attributes.get(), passing the attribute name
  - Returns an Attribute object
- Attribute has methods to retrieve values
  - getAll() returns a NamingEnumeration of all the values for this attribute
  - size() returns the number of values
  - get() returns a single value
  - getAttributeDefinition(), getAttributeSyntaxDefinition() return a DirContext with the directory schema and attribute syntax definition

Retrieving an Entry and its Attributes (2 of 2)

```
// Get a context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY, "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
try {
DirContext dirCtx = new InitialDirContext(env);

Attributes attrs =
   dirCtx.getAttributes(" uid=jbrown, ou=LearningServices, o=IBM ");

// Get the value of the commonName attribute for this entry
Attribute cnAttr = attrs.get("cn");
String fullName = (String) cnAttr.get();

// Get the value of empid
String employeeID = (String) attrs.get("empid").get();

} catch (NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

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Searching the Directory (1 of 2)

- DirContext.search() takes parameters to control the actual search
  - A search base to indicate the starting point in the tree
  - A filter to indicate the search criteria (attribute-value info)
  - A SearchControl object to control the scope of the tree to search
- The search() returns a NamingEnumeration of SearchResult objects
- SearchResult has
  - getName() to return this entry's DN
  - getAttributes() to return the Attributes object for this entry
- The Attributes object can be processed to return attributes and their values

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Searching the Directory (2 of 2)

```
// Get a context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY, "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
try {
DirContext dirCtx = new InitialDirContext(env);

// Specify the scope of the search
SearchControls constraints = new SearchControls();
constraints.setSearchScope(SearchControls.SUBTREE_SCOPE);
// Perform the actual search
// Specify a searchbase, a filter and the constraints
NamingEnumeration results = dirCtx.search("o=IBM","(sn=Brown)",constraints);

// Now step through the search results
while (results != null && results.hasMore()) {
   SearchResult sr = (SearchResult) results.next();
   String dn = sr.getName();
   System.out.println("Distinguished Name is " + dn);
   Attributes attrs = sr.getAttributes();
   // Retrieve info from attributes and process as needed
}
catch (NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

Modifying an Entry (1 of 2)

- You can modify an existing entry's attributes:
  - DirContext.REPLACE_ATTRIBUTE, also ADD and DELETE
- Use ModificationItem and BasicAttribute to specify changes
  - BasicAttribute is used to specify the new attribute-value
    - Additional values can be added
  - ModificationItem is used to indicate the type of modification, and the new attribute-value
- Actual change occurs via DirContext.modifyAttributes()
  - Operation type
  - Array of ModificationItem objects
- Be sure to include all values for a multivalued attribute, or they will be lost

Modifying an Entry (2 of 2)

```
// Get a context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY, "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
try {
DirContext dirCtx = new InitialDirContext(env);

// Update one of the phone numbers
Attribute attr = new BasicAttribute("telephoneNumber", "310-555-1223");

// Don't forget to add the unchanged number
attr.add("310-555-9999");

ModificationItem[] mods = new ModificationItem[1];
mods[0] = new ModificationItem(DirContext.REPLACE_ATTRIBUTE, attr);

// Do the actual update of the directory entry
dirCtx.modifyAttributes("uid=jbrown,ou=LearningServices,o=IBM", mods);

} catch(NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

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BasicAttribute and ModificationItem are in *javax.naming.directory.*

This example shows updating one of the telephone numbers in the preexisting entry. A new attribute is constructed containing the new number, plus the other original number.

The DirContext defines REPLACE_ATTRIBUTE, ADD_ATTRIBUTE, and REMOVE_ATTRIBUTE.

The original entry was:

DN: uid=jbrown, ou=Learning Services, o=IBM

cn=Jim Brown, sn=Brown, givenname=Jim, empid=12345,

telephonenumber=310-555-1212, telephonenumber=310-555-9999

Removing an Entry

- Usually a restricted operation, done infrequently
- Removes the entry and its attributes

```
// Get a context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY,
"com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
try {
DirContext dirCtx = new InitialDirContext(env);

// Remove the entry
dirCtx.destroySubContext("uid=jbrown, ou=LearningServices, o=IBM");

} catch(NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

Adding an Entry

- An entry is added by adding a new DN to the directory
- Entry/attributes to be added are defined in a class built specifically for this, which implements DirContext
- This class will primarily implement the
  - Constructor that will take parameters needed to supply the attribute-value pairs
  - getAttributes() that returns the Attributes object
- Instantiate the class, and then bind it to the DN

```
// Get a context
try {
DirContext dirCtx = new InitialDirContext(env);

// Construct class that contains all the attributes
DirectoryEmployee emp = new DirectoryEmployee("Jim Brown", "Brown",
         "Jim", "12345", {"310-555-1212", "310-555-9999"});

// bind the entry
dirCtx.bind("uid=jbrown, ou=LearningServices, o=IBM", emp);
} catch(NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

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```
public class DirectoryEmployee implements DirContext {
    Attributes myAttrs;
    //new DirectoryEmployee("Jim Brown", "Brown", "Jim", "12345", {"310-555-1212",
    "310-555-9999"})
public DirectoryEmployee (String cn, String sn, String givenname, String empid, String[]
telephoneNumber) {
        myAttrs = new BasicAttributes(true);  // ignore case of attr id on lookup
    Attribute oc = new BasicAttribute("objectclass"); // multi-valued
    oc.add("organizationalPerson");
    oc.add("person");
    oc.add("top");
            Attribute tn = new BasicAttribute("telephoneNumber"); // multi-valued
            tn.add(telephoneNumber[0]);
            tn.add(telephoneNumber[1]);
    String cn = givenname.trim() + " " + sn.trim();
    myAttrs.put(oc);
            myAttrs.put(tn);
    myAttrs.put("cn",cn);
    myAttrs.put("sn",sn);
    myAttrs.put("givenname",givenname);
            myAttrs.put("empid",empid);
    }
public Attributes getAttributes(String name) throws NamingException {
    if (! name.equals("")) {
        throw new NameNotFoundException();
    }
    return myAttrs;
    }
// other getters not shown
// not invoked when adding entries (similar methods in interface not shown)
public Object lookup(Name name) throws NamingException {
    throw new OperationNotSupportedException();
    }
}
```

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Java Objects in the Directory

- Java objects can be stored and retrieved in a directory server
- Different techniques can be used, dependent on server support:
  - Java serializable objects
    - Serialized object is stored in directory
    - Client must have .class file in classpath or via codebase
  - Referenceable objects and JNDI References
    - Only a Reference to the object is stored in directory
    - Reference contains the base object's classname and a RefAddr
    - RefAddr contains info to reconstruct the object (such as an object factory)
  - Objects with attributes (DirContext interface)
    - Base object state can be represented as attributes
    - Base object implements DirContext, and specifies an object factory for reconstruction
    - Object can be retrieved as an object (Java), or as attributes (non-Java)
  - RMI objects (both JRMP and IIOP)
    - Using the directory to store Remote objects rather than the RMI Registry
  - CORBA objects
    - Storing CORBA objects in either a COS naming service or a directory

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Add an Object to the Directory Server

```
// Get a context
// Since this is using naming services only, you can use a Context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY, "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
try {
Context ctx = new InitialContext(env);

// some object that will be available from the directory:
// OrderControl must implement one of the following:
//       Serializable, Referenceable, DirContext, Remote
OrderControl oc = new OrderControl();

// rebind() can be used to update an existing binding
 ctx.bind("MasterOrderControl", oc);

} catch (javax.naming.NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

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Retrieve an Object from the Directory Server

```
// Get a context
// Since this is using naming services only, you can use a Context
Hashtable env = new Hashtable();
env.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY, "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
env.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "ldap://localhost:389");
try {
Context ctx = new InitialContext(env);

// lookup using the same name as the bind
OrderControl oc = (OrderControl) ctx.lookup("MasterOrderControl");

} catch (NamingException ne) {ne.printStackTrace();}
```

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Unit Summary

- A naming service binds a name to an object
- A directory service binds a resource to an entry name (DN)
- LDAP is a directory protocol supported by many directory server products, and is optimized for reading/searching directory entries
- JNDI is an interface that provides a way for Java programs to access naming and directory services
- JNDI uses service providers to convert from a JNDI request to one specific to a particular directory protocol (such as LDAP)
- Directory entries are stored as attribute-value pairs, each entry uniquely identified by a DN
- Entries can be added, read, searched, updated, and deleted
- JNDI supports storing Java objects in a directory

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The Apache Directory Project

http://directory.apache.org

- **Apache Directory LDAP API**

  http://directory.apache.org/api/

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