DT228 3 Software Engineering III Lab 6 (Week 8)

Eclipse Setup for a Dynamic Web Project

Part I – Using Eclipse as a Database Development Tool

1 Set up a Folder Structure

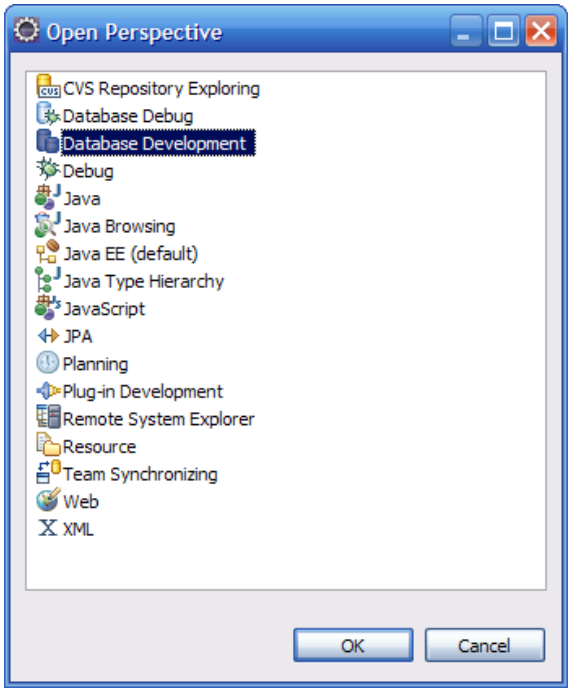
- On your network drive (or laptop), create a folder for your Eclipse lab work (e.g. *SE3\Java*).
- Within that folder create a subfolder called *Libs* to hold any libraries (jar files) that we need.
- Create another subfolder of *SE3\Java* called *Sql* to hold any sql scripts that we need.
- Create another sub folder of *SE3\Java* called *Workspace* to hold our Eclipse projects.

2 Download the MySQL JDBC driver jar file

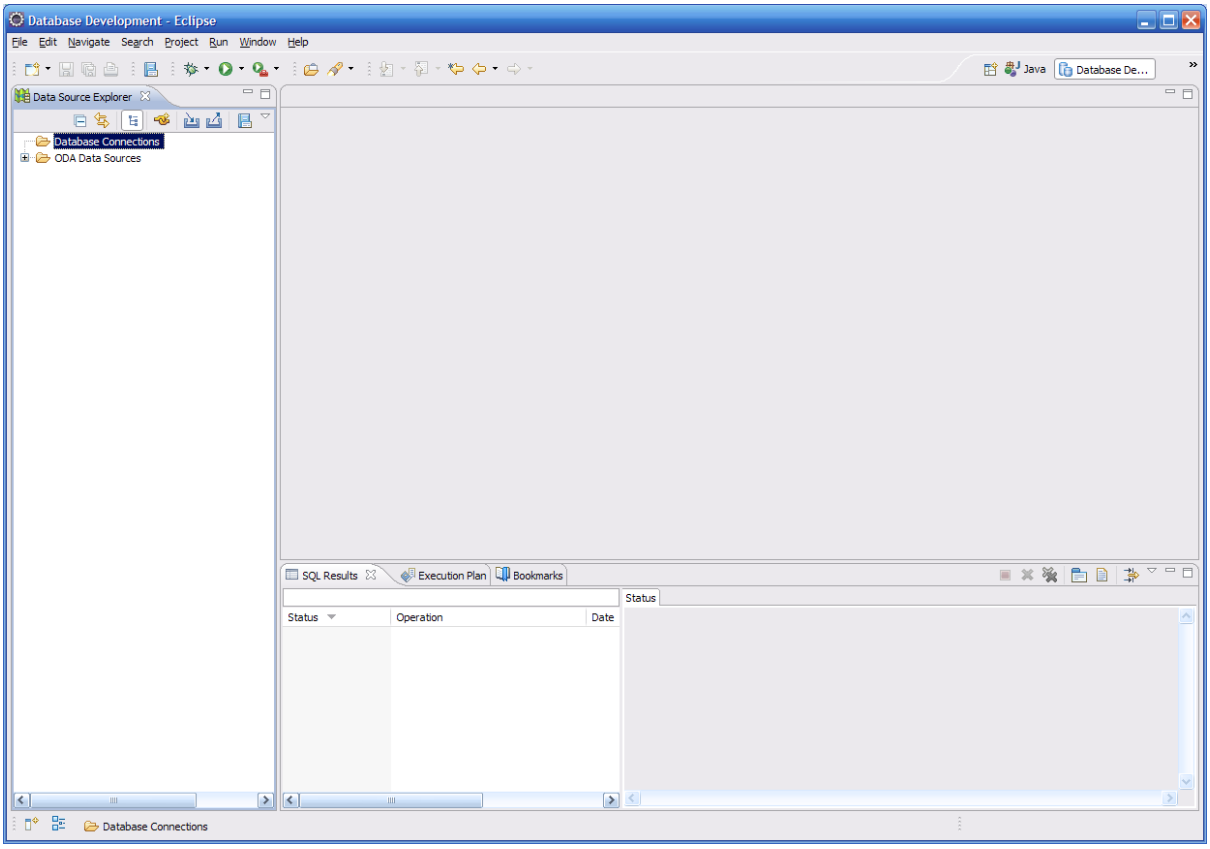
- We will be using the MySQL database that is distributed with the xampp software distribution package on the lab machines.
- To connect to this database from both the Eclipse IDE and our Java code we will need the JDBC driver for the MySQL database - download the *mysql-connector-java-5.1.18-bin.jar* file from the *Lab Materials* folder on webcourses and place it in your *Libs* folder.

3 Using Eclipse to Set Up your Sample Database

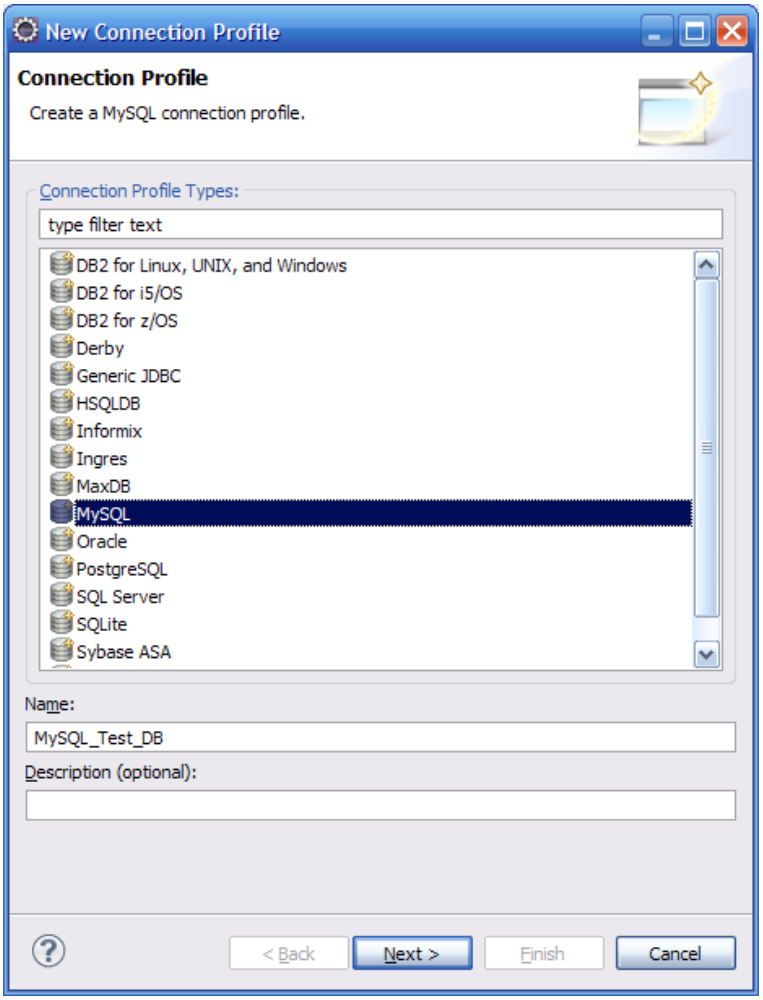
- Start Eclipse (ensure it is the Java Enterprise Edition – *Kepler* release edition on lab machines). Choose the workspace folder you created earlier when starting Eclipse (e.g. SE3\Java\Workspace
- Close the welcome tab if that is what you see.
- In Eclipse, switch to the *Database Development* perspective as follows:
- From the menu bar go to *Window -> Open Perspective -> Other*, you should the screen below:



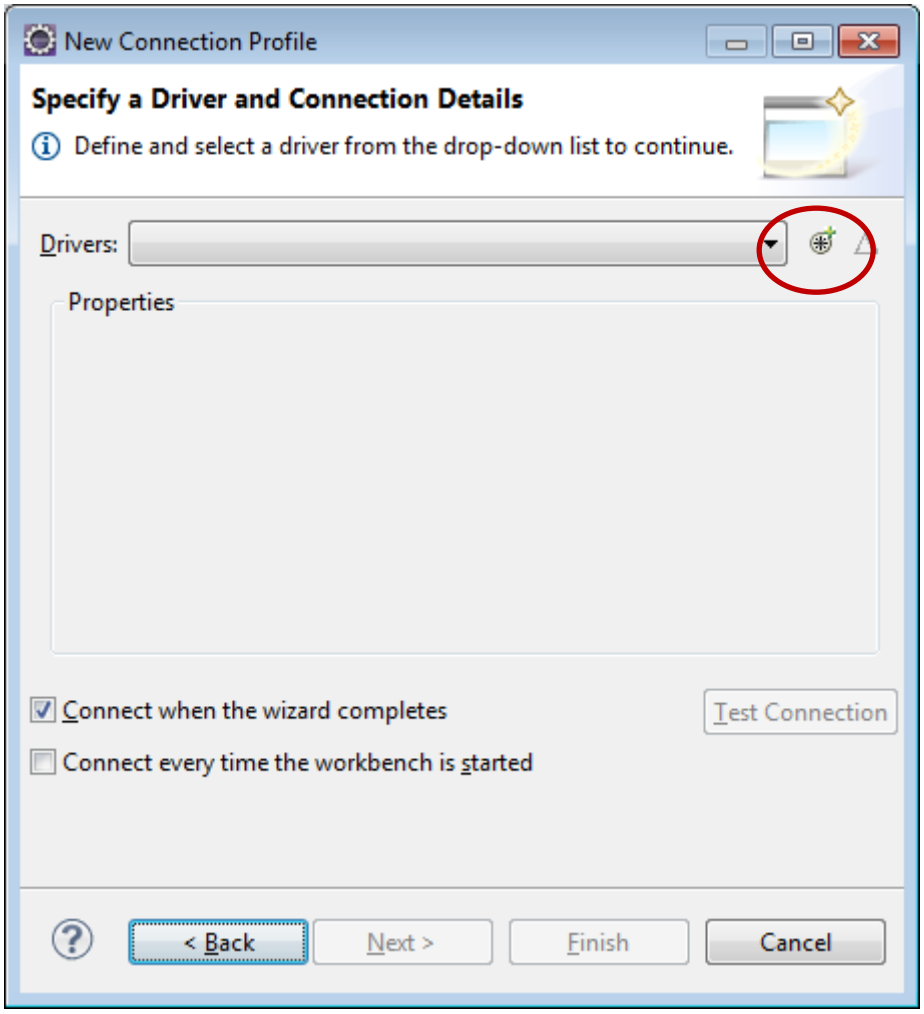
- Choose the *Database Development* perspective. You should see the window below



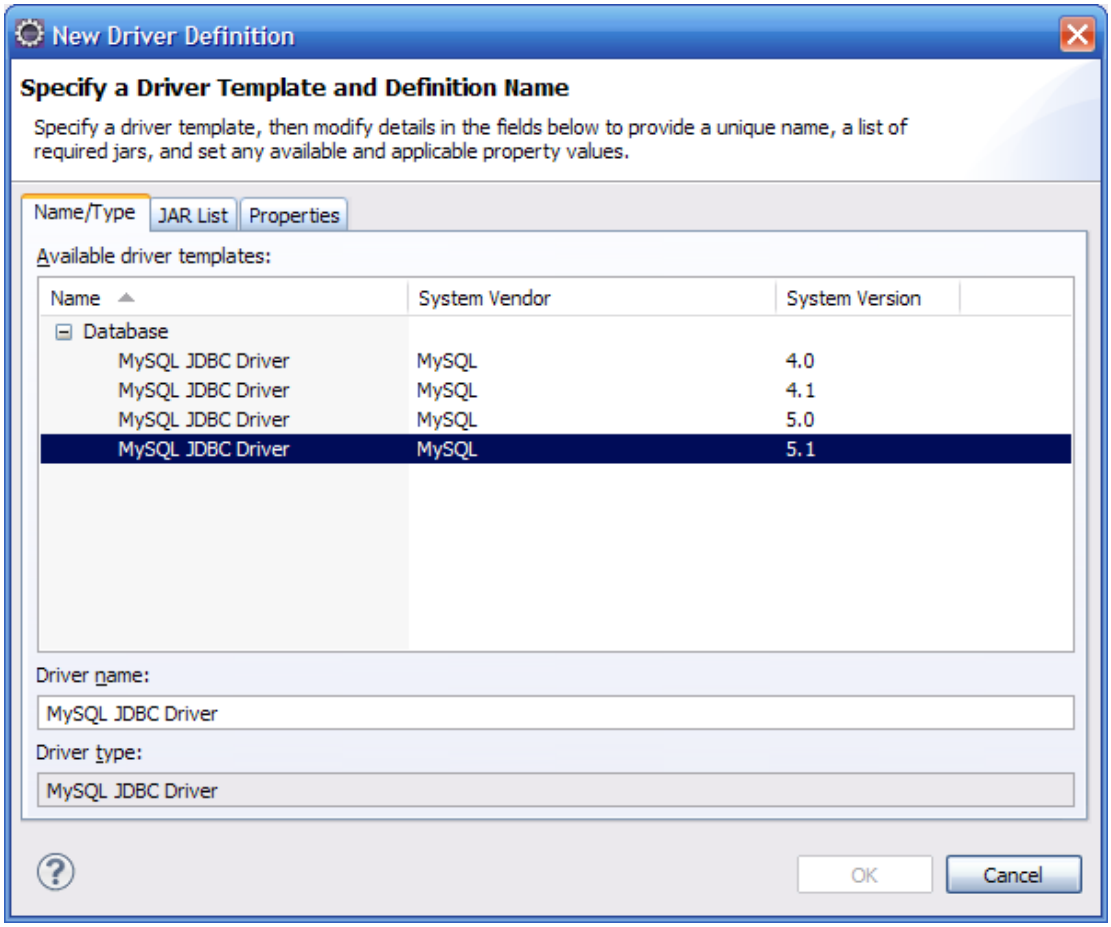
- Right-click on *Database Connections* and select *New*, you should see the screen below



- Select *MySQL* and enter the name *MySQL_Test_DB*
- Click *Next,* you should see the screen below



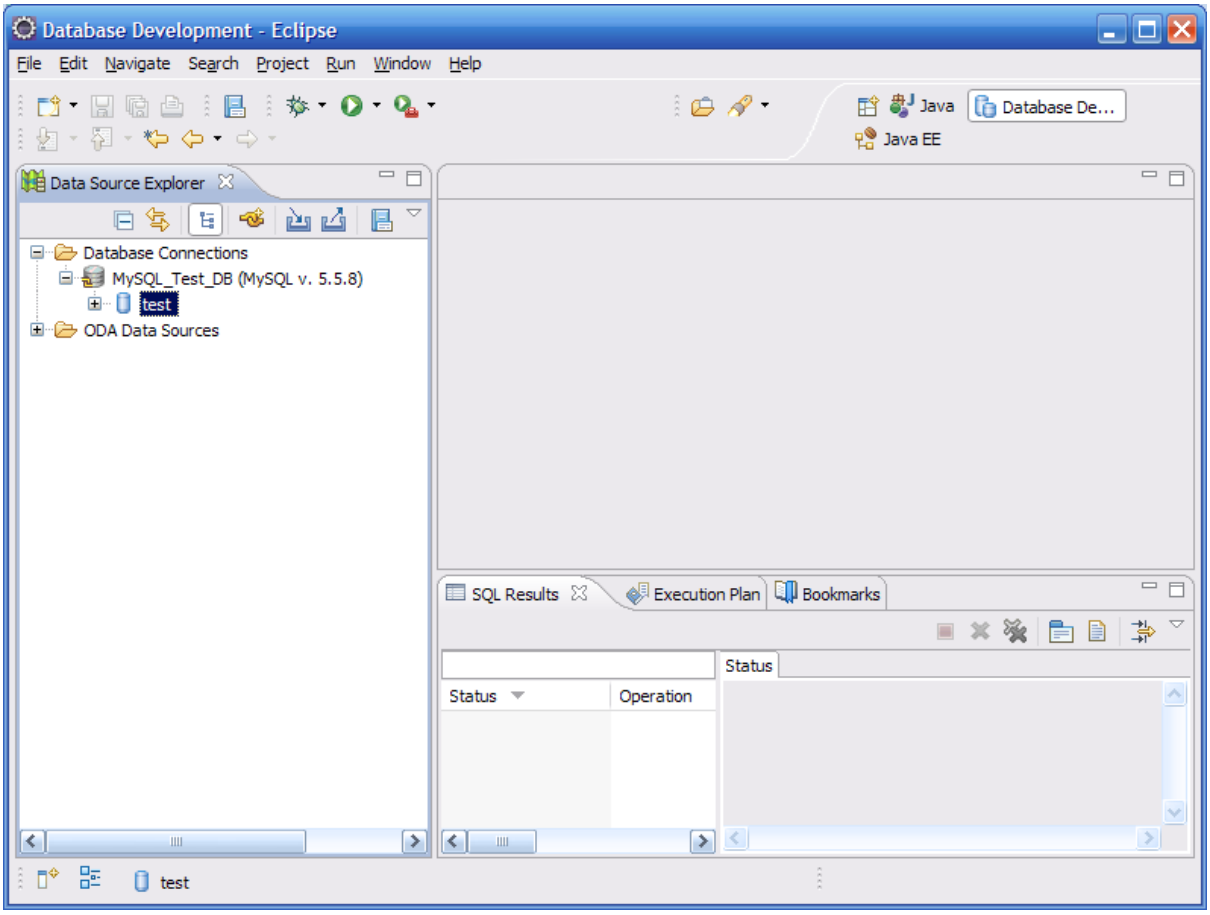
- You will probably have no Driver currently defined so click the *New Driver Definition* button to the right of the Drivers dropdown box, you should see the screen below:



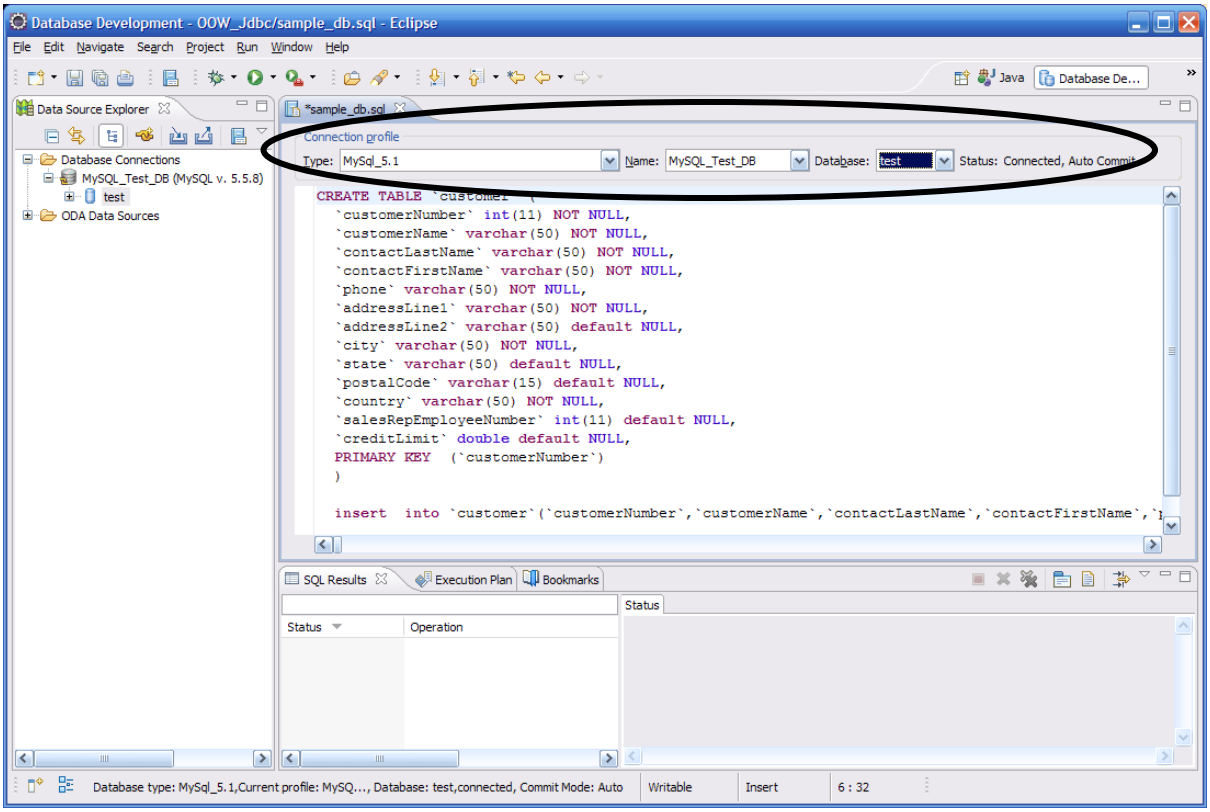
- Select the *MySQL JDBC Driver* in the list of Databases. Select the *JAR List* tab and click the *Add JAR/Zip* button to add the MySQL JDBC jar file you have downloaded from webcourses (see note below). Once you have done this then click OK.

  Note: if you see an existing *JAR* entry that is showing an error, remove it first.

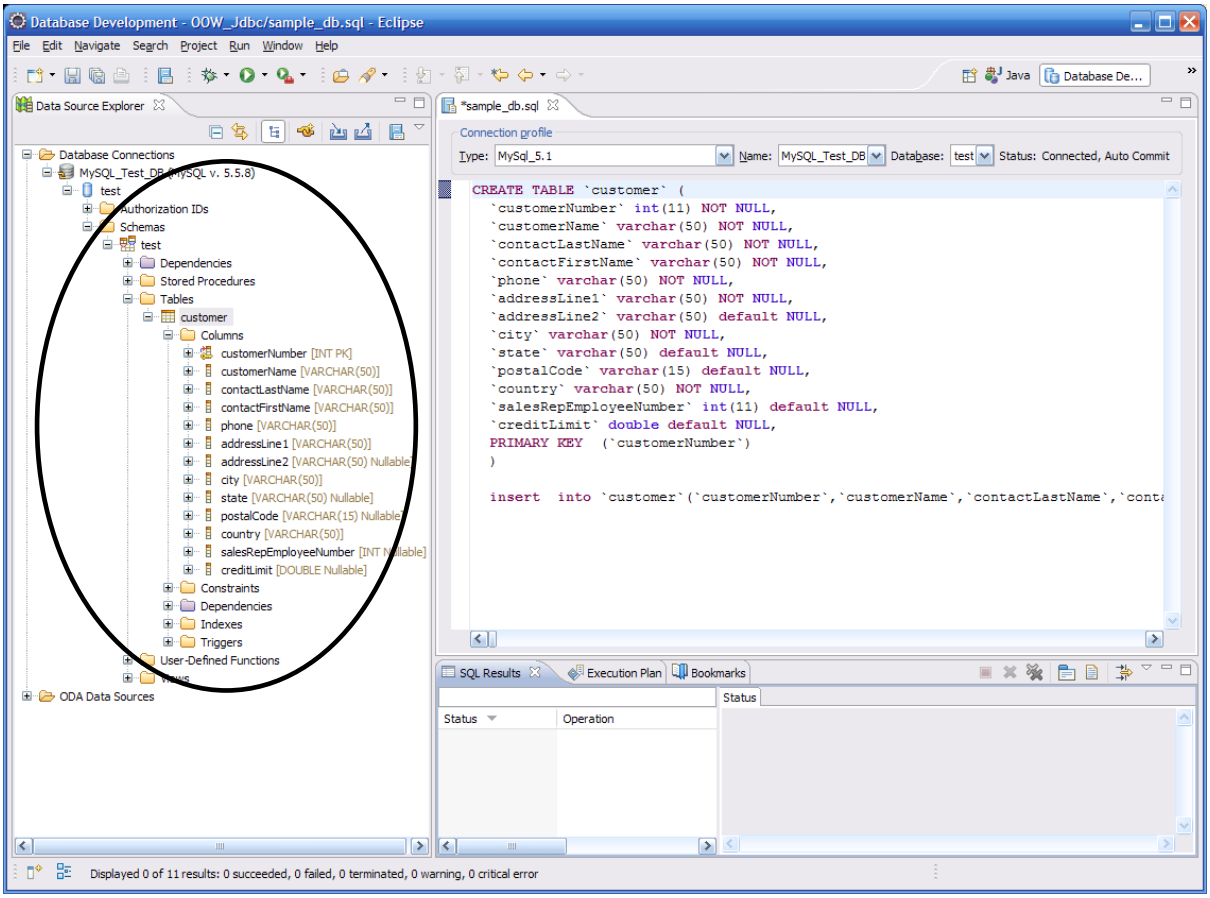
- In the *General* tab ***change the word "database" to "test"*** in both the *Database* field and the *URL* field.
- At this point we need to start the MySQL database – open a Command Prompt and go to xampp\mysql\bin and run the *mysqld* executable.
- From Eclipse, click the *Test Connection* button – you should get the following message – *"Ping Succeeded!"*.
- Click *Finish*.
- You should now see a database connection called *test* in Eclipse as below:



- Download the *sample_db.sql* file from webcourses. Place it in your *sql* folder created earlier. You can use this to create a table in the sample *test* database of MySQL as follows:
- From the *Database Development* perspective, choose (from the menu bar) *File -> Open File...*
- Navigate to the *sample_db.sql* file and open it.
- Set the *Connection Profile* settings as you see below:



- Right-click in the editor and choose *Execute All*
- You should now be able to explore the new *customer* table in the *test* database using the *Data Source Explorer* to the left of the window as below.



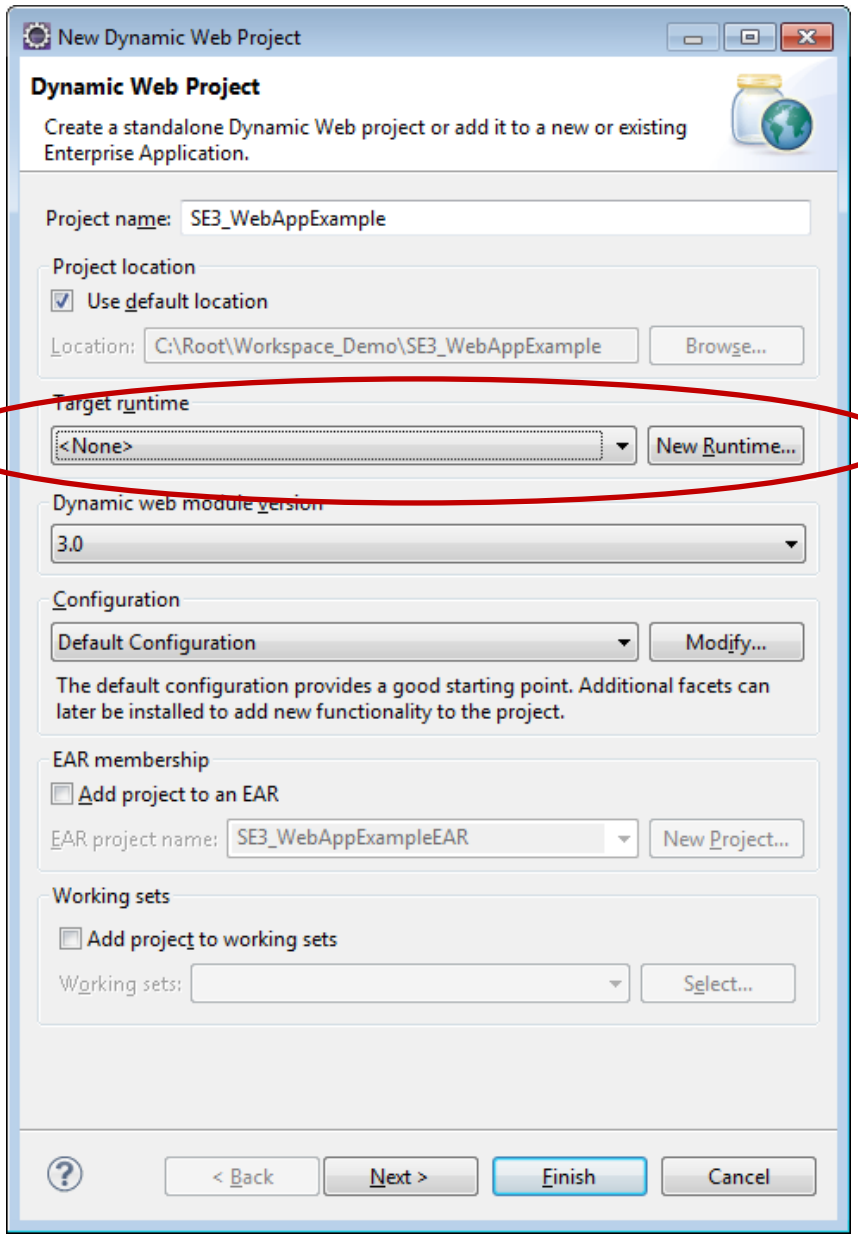
- Open new SQL file *(File->New->SQL File)* and test out some SQL queries…

Note: So far we have just been using Eclipse as a database development tool which is very much separated from what we will do next which is to develop a Dynamic Web Application.

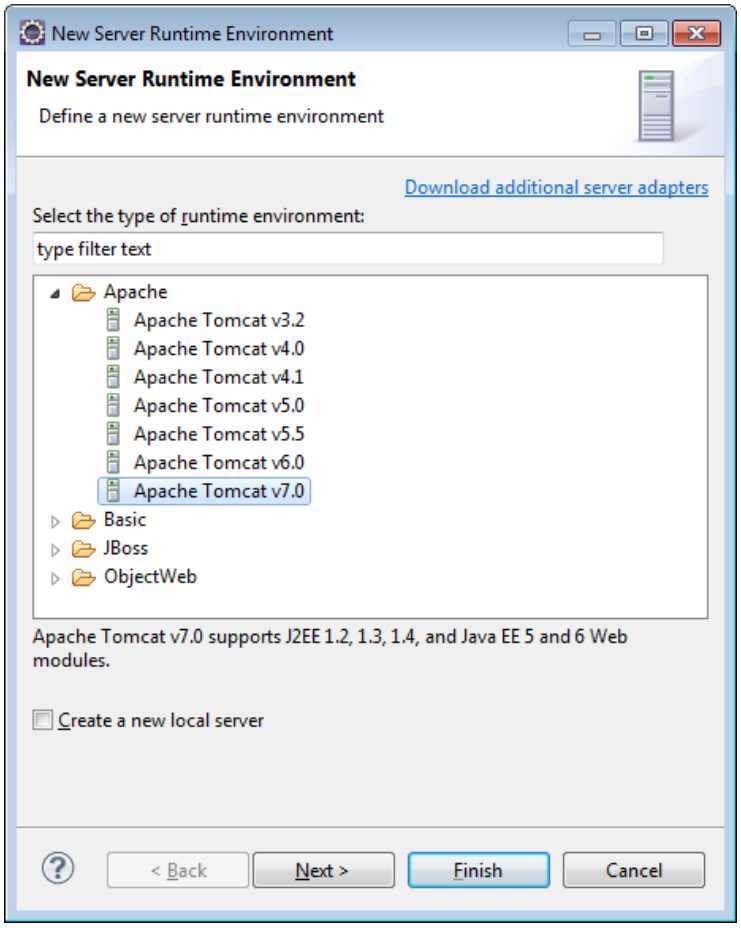
Part II – Creating a Dynamic Web Project

1 Create the project

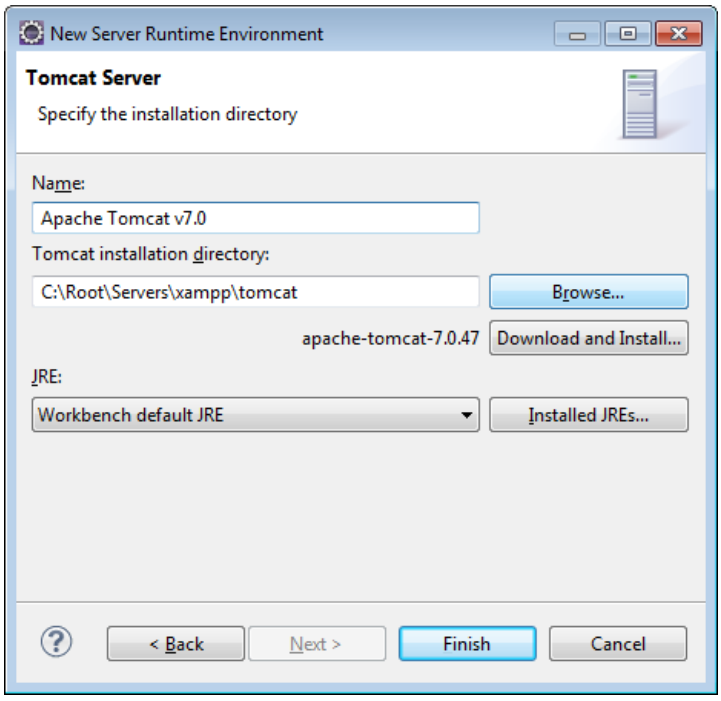
- In Eclipse, switch to the Java EE perspective.
- Create a new Dynamic Web Project in Eclipse called *SE3_WebAppExample (File->New-> Dynamic Web Project)*. You should see the following screen:



- If there is no "Apache Tomcat" *Target Runtime,* choose *New Runtime…* you should see the following:



- Select *Apache Tomcat v7.0* and click *Next>*. You should see the following:

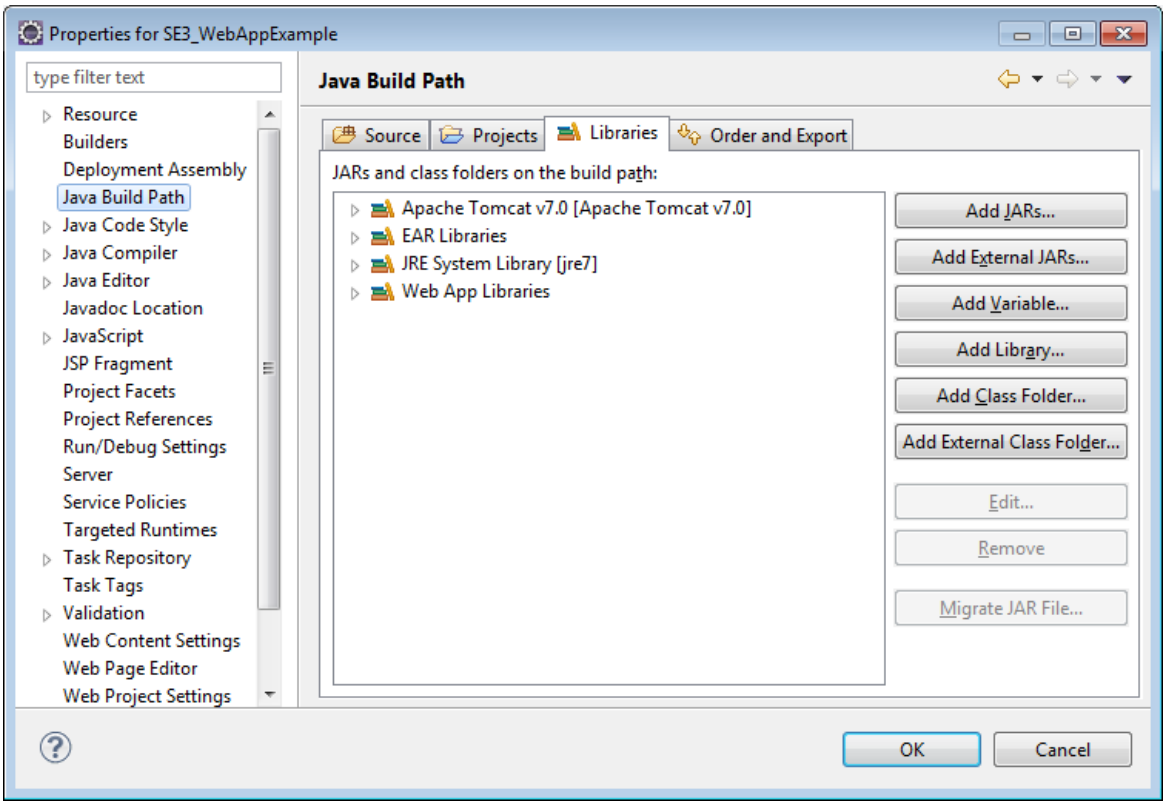


- Using the *Browse* button, navigate to the tomcat folder under the xampp distribution (probably *d:\xampp\tomcat* on the lab machines*)*.
- Click *Finish* to return to previous screen and then click *Finish* again to create the project.

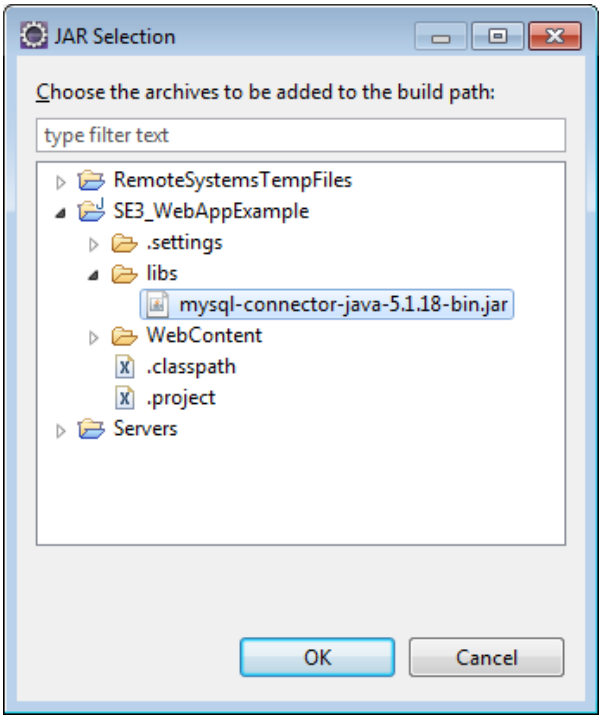
2 Add the MySQL JDBC driver to your project Build Path as follows

Note: Here we are adding the MySQL JDBC implementation jar file to our project classpath so that our Java code can utilise it to access the MySQL database.

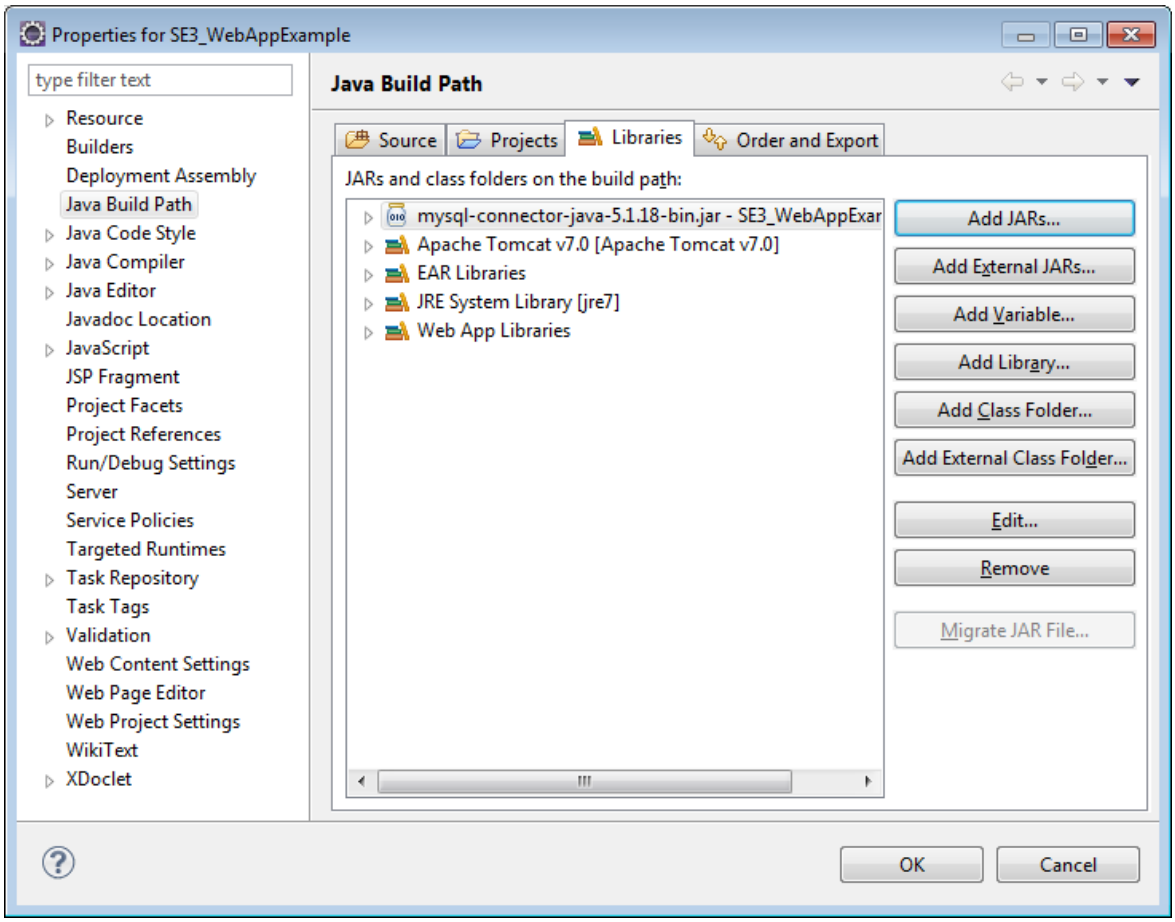
- Add a folder to your project called *libs* (right-click on the project in the Project Explorer in Eclipse and choose *New -> Folder*).
- Copy the MySQL JDBC jar file that you downloaded earlier to the new project folder (you can drag the file from windows file explorer into the Eclipse project explorer).
- Click on the project in Eclipse and from the menu bar go to *Project -> Properties* and select *Java Build Path* on the left. Select the *Libraries* tab on the right – you should see something like the screenshot below.



- Click *Add JARs…* and navigate to the MySQL JDBC jar file as below:

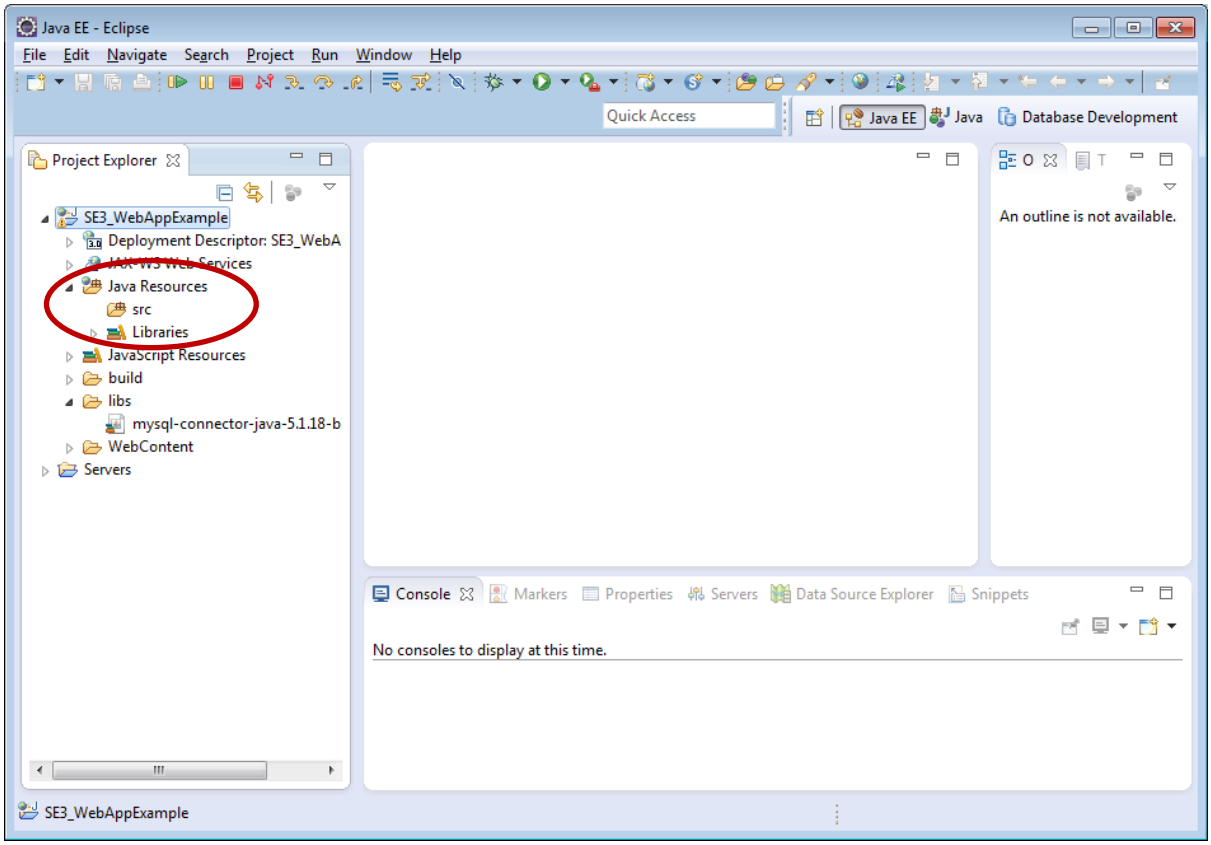


- Choose the jar file and click OK.
- You should now see the jar file on the right under the *Libraries* tab as below.
- Click *OK* to finish.

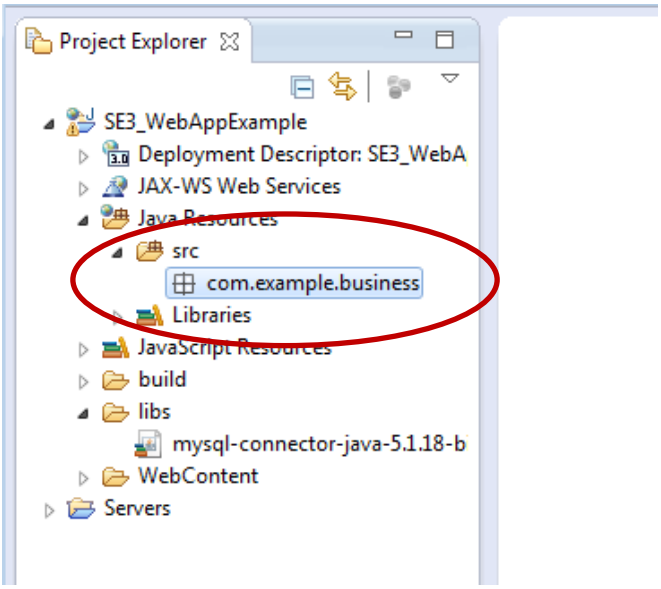


3 Add a Package Structure

- Expand the Java Resources folder in the Eclipse Project Explorer so that you see the *src* folder that was automatically created – this will hold our java source code:



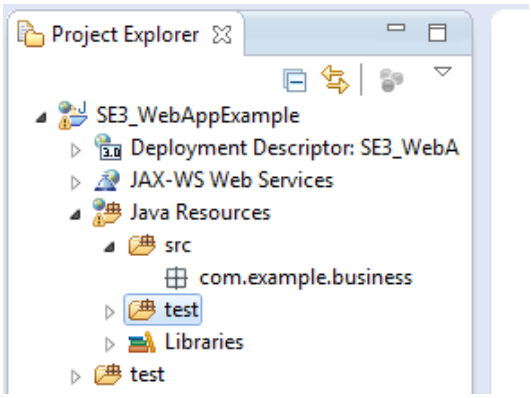
- Right-click on the *src* folder and choose *New -> Package*. Name it *com.example.business*.
- You should see the following:



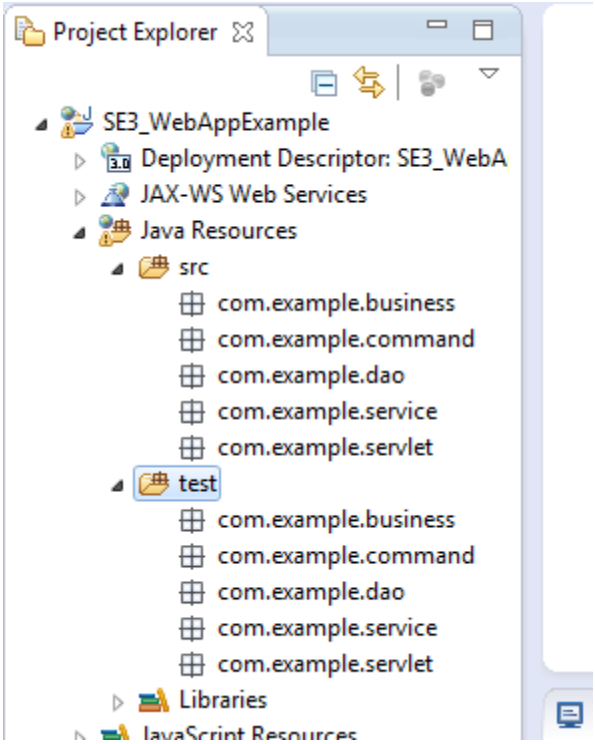
- Also create the following packages:

- com.example.dao
- com.example.service
- com.example.command
- com.example.servlet

- Create another source folder alongside our current *src* folder (right-click on the project in the Project Explorer and choose *New -> Source Folder* and name it *test* – you should now have the following:



- Replicate the package structure that you created in the *src* folder so you have the following:



4 Test Database Connection

Note: Here we will just execute some java code to connect to the database and retrieve some data – this is not part of our application, just a checkpoint to see our project is set up correctly.

- Download the *JDBCExample.java* source file from webcourses.
- Copy it into the root of the *test* source folder (this will create a default package).
- Open it in the editor and right-click -> Run As -> Java Application.
- Have a look at the output in the console view.