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JDBC

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Agenda

- Why JDBC ?
- What is JDBC ?
- Driver Types in JDBC
- Basic Steps in Using JDBC
- JDBC Architecture

RDBMS

Relational Database:

- A database is a means of storing information in such a way that information can be retrieved from it easily.
- In simplest terms, a relational database is one that presents information in tables with rows and columns.
- From your Java Application you may need to communicate with the database (..to access / modify data etc.)
- Typical Activities your application may need to carry out are:
  - ***Connect to a data source, like a database***
  - ***Send queries and update statements to the database***
  - ***Retrieve and process the results received from the database***

Why JDBC

The need for JDBC :

All databases support SQL (ANSI SQL)

- Different database vendors have introduced their proprietary SQL constructs
- Different database vendors have introduced Application Programming Interfaces for accessing data stored in their respective databases
- Drawback: ?

  If the database changes, all data access logic has to be entirely rewritten. (‘ Data access code’ should remain same irrespective of the Database Vendor)

- A *need* was felt to access data from different databases in a consistent and reliable way

What is JDBC

It is not an acronym, but is called Java Database Connectivity

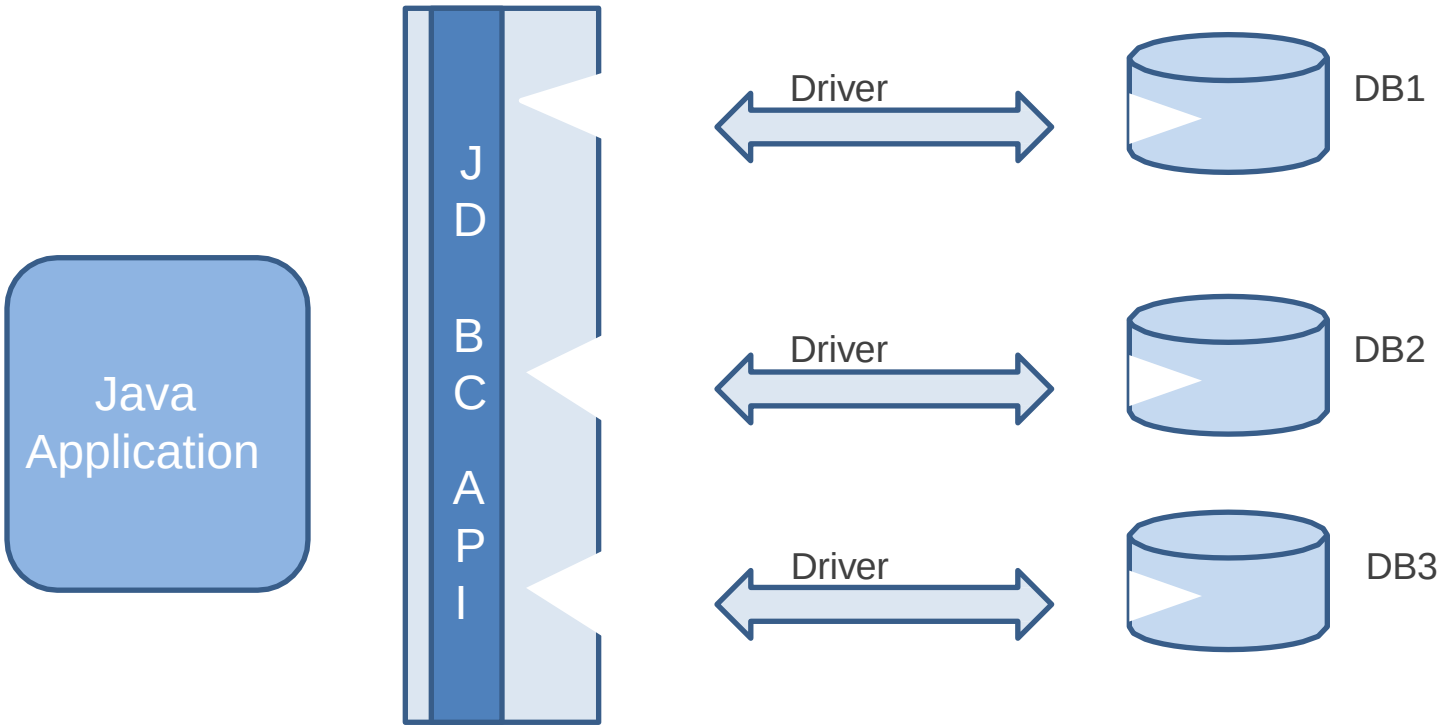
- It is a vendor independent API drafted by Sun to access data from different databases in a consistent and reliable way

- JDBC provides an API by hiding the vendor specific API by introducing the concept of a JDBC driver between the application and the database API

  Hence, JDBC requires a vendor specific driver

- The *JDBC driver* converts *the* JDBC API calls from the Java application to the DB vendor specific API calls

JDBC API



JDBC API

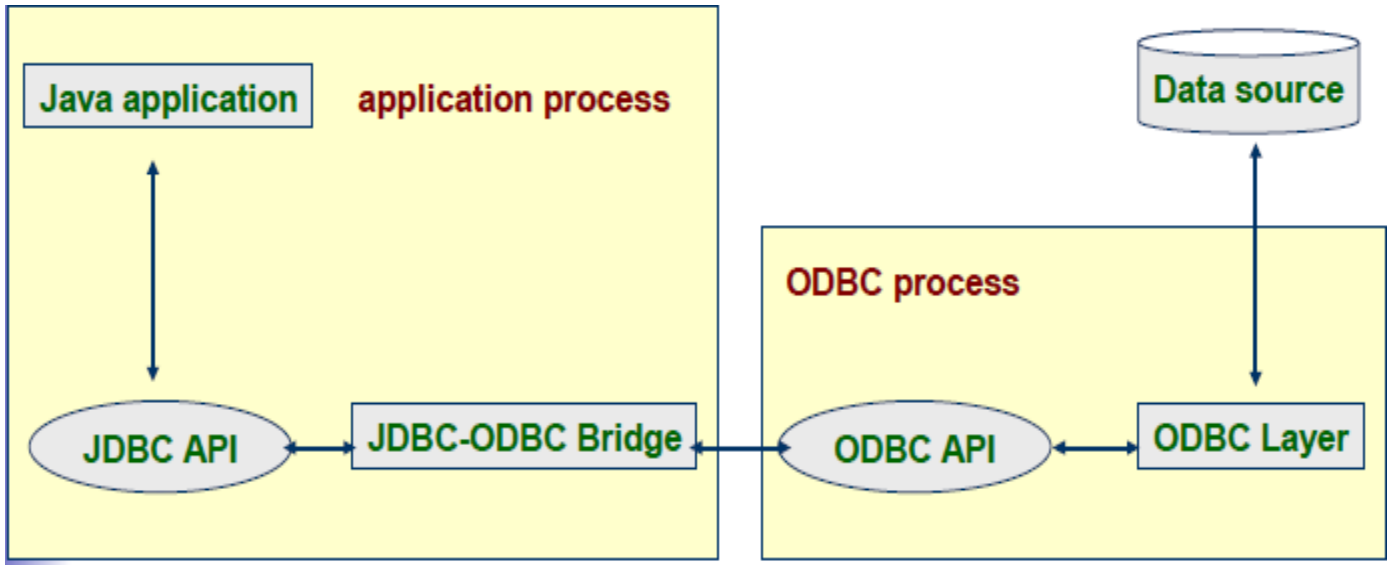
- The JDBC™ API provides programmatic access to relational data from the Java™ programming language.
- Using the JDBC API, applications can execute SQL statements, retrieve results, and propagate changes back to an underlying data source.
- The JDBC API can also interact with multiple data sources in a distributed, heterogeneous environment.

Driver Types in JDBC

There are 4 types of JDBC drivers

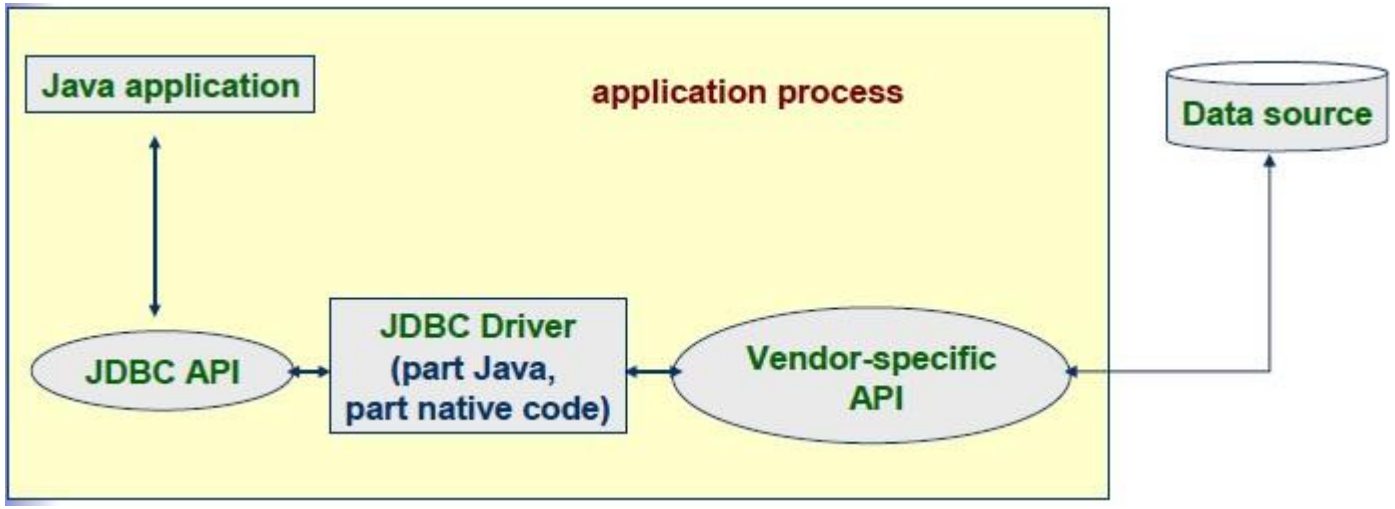
- Type 1 : JDBC – ODBC Bridge
- Type 2 : Native API – Partly Java Driver
- Type 3 : Java – Net Protocol Driver
- Type 4 : All Java Driver

JDBC- ODBC Bridge Driver - Type 1



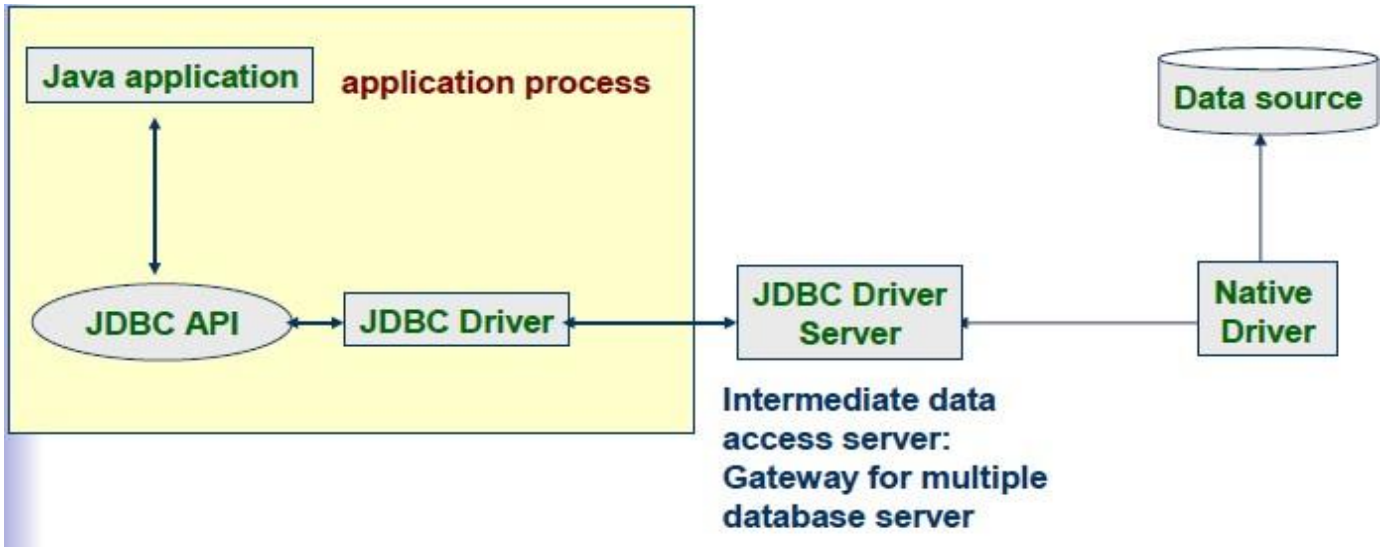
1. Slow performance driver
2. Used for Proto-typing purposes only
3. Inherits limitations of ODBC implementations

Native API – Partly Java Driver – Type 2



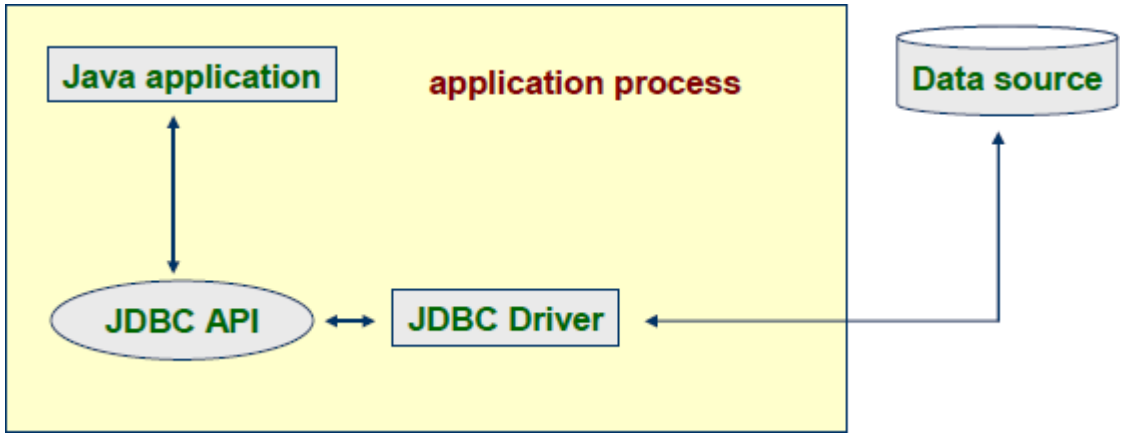
1. Partly java-partly written in native language
2. Native libraries required to be installed on client system
3. Uses native C lib calls for conversion

Java-Net Protocol Driver –Type 3



- Net protocol driver
- JDBC calls are passed through the network to the middle tier server
- The middle tier server then translates the requests to database specific native connectivity interface to further request to the database server
- Deployment is simpler & flexible

All Java Driver – Type 4

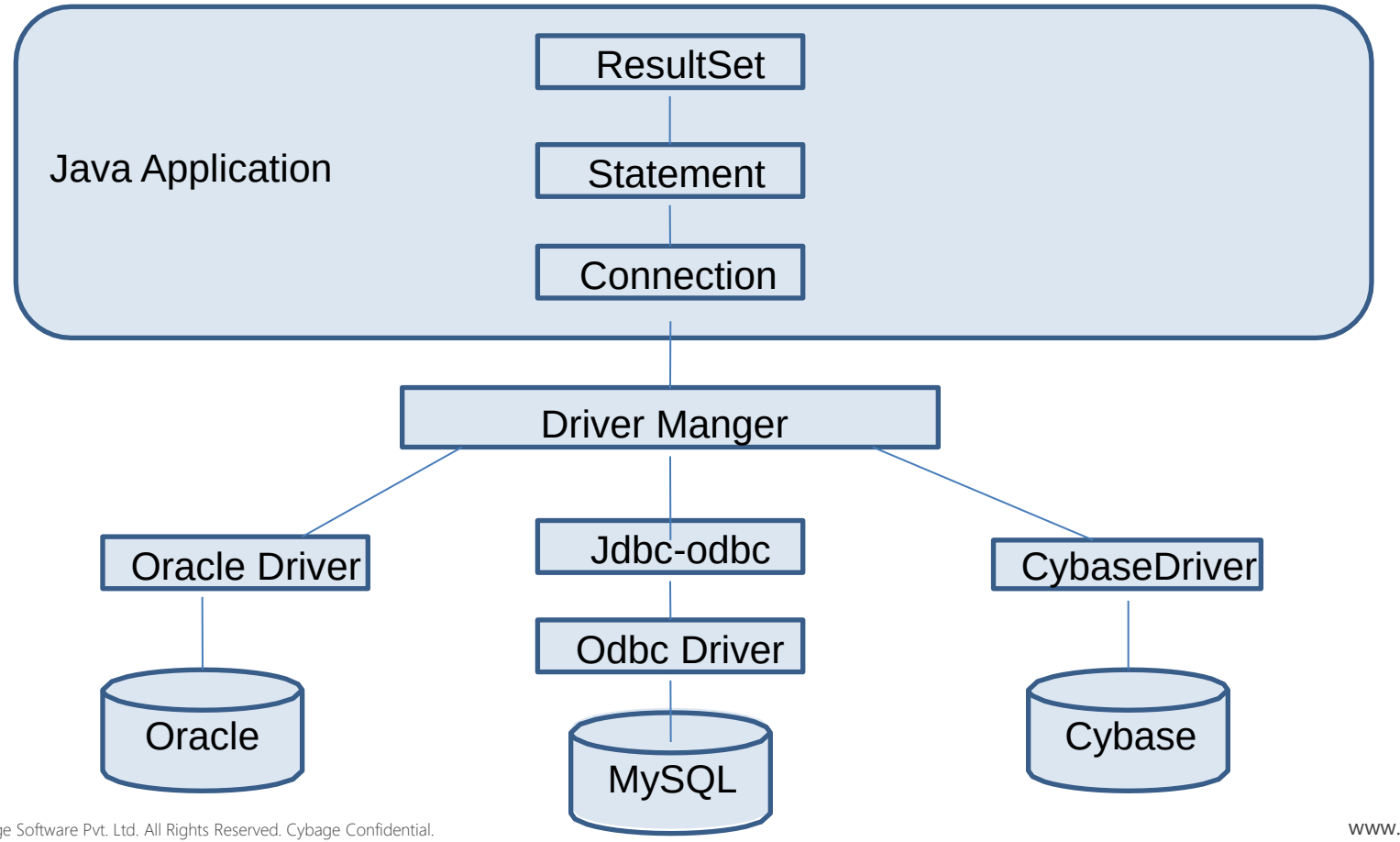


- Is a pure Java driver
- Converts JDBC calls to vendor specific database management system protocol
- client applications can directly communicate with the database server
- Also known as thin driver & performance is very good
- usually comes from DB vendor

Basic Steps In Using JDBC

1. Load the driver
2. Define the connection URL
3. Establish the database connection
4. Create a statement object
5. Execute query
6. Process results
7. Close database connection

JDBC Architecture



JDBC Architecture

JDBC Interfaces

- Driver
- Connection
- Statement
- PreparedStatement
- CallableStatement
- DatabaseMetadata
- ResultSet
- ResultSetMetadata

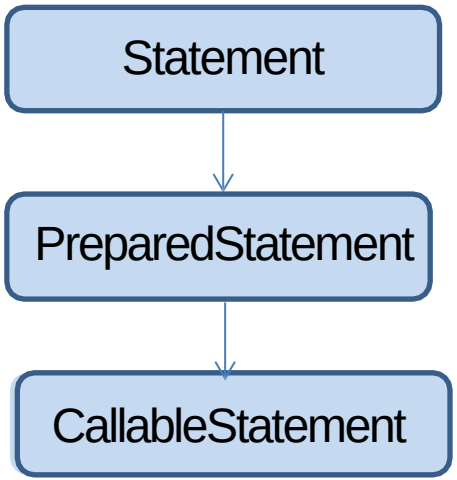
JDBC classes

- Date
- DriverManager
- Time
- TimeStamp
- Types

Driver Manager

- The DriverManager class is the traditional management layer of JDBC, working between the user and the drivers.
- It keeps track of the drivers that are available and handles establishing a connection between a database and the appropriate driver.
- In addition, the DriverManager class attends to things like driver login time limits and the printing of log and tracing messages.
- It is possible that an application may need to interact with multiple databases created by different vendors
- The JDBC Driver Manager provides the ability to communicate with multiple databases and keep track of which driver is needed for which database

Statement



Methods in Statement interface:

boolean execute(String sql)

Resultset executeQuery()

int executeUpdate()

Using Statement

The Statament object is used to execute SQL queries against the database.

There are 3 types of Statament objects :

1. Statement :
   - For executing simple SQL statements

2. PreparedStatement
   - For executing pre-compiled SQL statements

3. CallableStatament
   -For executing database stored procedures

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