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# 1. Introduction to WebLogic 8.1

WebLogic 8.1 Overview WebLogic 8.1 & J2EE WLS Architecture Server Management

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WebLogic 8.1 Overview

- ➤ What is WebLogic?
  - > BEA System's e-commerce server product
  - > Combination web, EJB & messaging server
  - > Provides EJB and other standard J2EE services
- WebLogic Server & Java
  - > WLS & utilities are Java applications
  - > WLS provides its own JDK installation
    - > Version 1.4
    - Lives in <bea\_home>/jdk141\_03
  - Libraries live in <bea\_home>/weblogic81/server/lib
    - > Key library: weblogic.jar

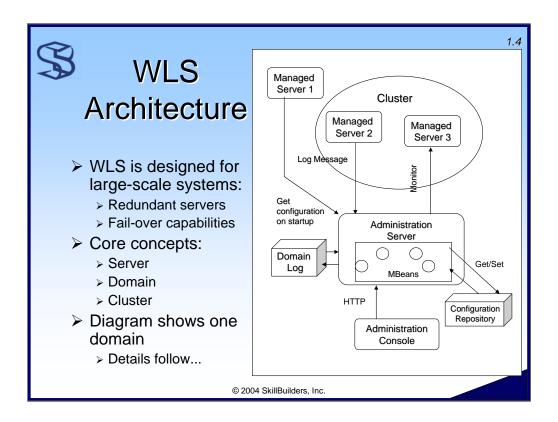


# WebLogic 8.1 & J2EE

#### WLS 8.1 is a J2EE server. It supports:

- ➤ J2EE 1.3
  - ➤ Servlets 2.3
  - ➤ JSP 1.1, including Custom Tag Libraries
  - ➤ EJB 2.0
- > JNDI
- > JDBC

- Java Transaction API (JTA)
- ➤ JavaMail
- Java Message Service (JMS)
- > Java 2 Security API
- Web Services (see built in UddiExplorer)



This diagram, from the documentation accompanying WebLogic server, illustrates generally how servers are organized.

For full documentation, browse to <bea\_home>/docs/index.html.



#### Servers

> WebLogic server is a Java app:

java [various system properties] weblogic.Server

- > System properties control server name, domain, etc.
- > Types of servers:
  - > Managed server:
    - > Holds, provides resources (web apps, EJBs, etc)
    - > Each domain will have at least one
  - > Admin server:
    - > Centralizes logging, configuration
    - > Manages the managed servers
  - > Admin server may also be a managed server

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A given WebLogic server instance will be a managed server or an admin server. Managed servers do all the work; admin servers centralize configuration information and management of the managed servers.

The same WebLogic server application is used in either case. To run an instance as a managed server, specify the URL of the admin server that will manage it:



#### Domains...

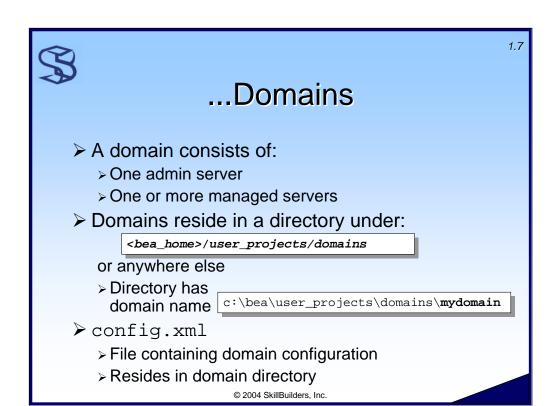
#### Domain

- > Inter-related set of server resources managed as a unit
- > May include multiple servers and clusters
- > Each running server belongs to a domain
  - > Set by system property:

```
java -Dweblogic.Domain=DomainName ... weblogic.Server
```

- > Each server in domain has unique name
  - > Also set by system property

```
java -Dweblogic.Name=ServerName ... weblogic.Server
```





## Clustering

- WebLogic servers can be clustered
- Server Cluster
  - > A set of servers treated as a unit
  - > All servers must belong to same domain
- ➤ Why clusters?
  - > Easy load balancing.
    - > Cluster has designated algorithm for balancing load
    - > Cluster has single address for client use
  - > Easy replication for fail-over
    - > State of EJBs, other components automatically replicated



Server Management...

- > WLS provides an administration service
  - > Used to manage servers
- ➤ Based on JMX:
  - > Java Management Extension
  - > Standard API for server management
- > JMX based on MBeans:
  - > JavaBean-like management objects
  - > Each MBean represents one configuration item
    - > E.g. a connection pool or data source



# ...Server Management

- > Two ways to access system management:
  - > Admin utility
  - ➤ Console
- > Admin utility:
  - ➤ Command-line Java application:

```
java weblogic.Admin [switches] <command> <args>
```

- ➤ Run without arguments for full syntax
- > Console:
  - > Discussed next...



# WebLogic Console...

- > What is the WLS console?
  - > A web-based application for configuring WL servers
  - > Lives in console.war, which is automatically created when server is first started



## ...WebLogic Console

- > The console connects to domain's admin server
- > It lets you:
  - > Install / update / remove / monitor app components:
    - > Servlets, JSPs, EJBs
  - > Create / configure database connection pools
  - > Set up JNDI datasources
- > To launch console for a running server:
  - > Browse to:

http://serverHost:port/console

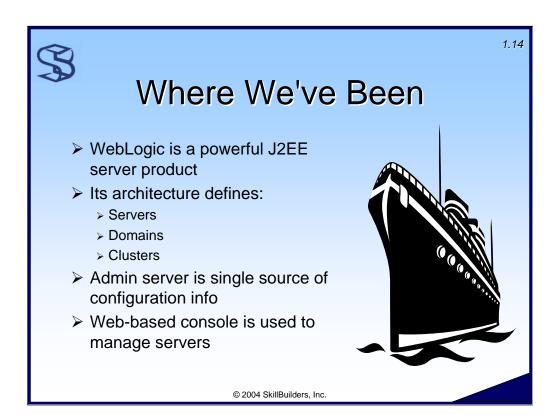
> Standard port is 7001

http://AdminHost.com:7001/console



### Miscellaneous New Features

- ➤ EJB: The ejbc utility for generating EJB container classes has been replaced by a new utility, appc
- ➤ EJB: The "TxDataSource" for Container Managed Persistence has been eliminated - now use regular DataSource







Acquisition and Installation

- ➤ Trial copy of WL 8.1 with 1-year license available from BEA web site:
  - > You must register with BEA: http://www.bea.com
- > Follow directions and download for your platform
  - > Versions available for:
    - > Windows (XP and 2000)
    - > Sun Solaris (8, 9, 32-bit)
    - > HP-UX (11.0, 11.i, PA-RISC)
    - > Red Hat Enterprise Linux (2.1, 32-bit)
- Run executable download and follow instructions to install



## Configuration

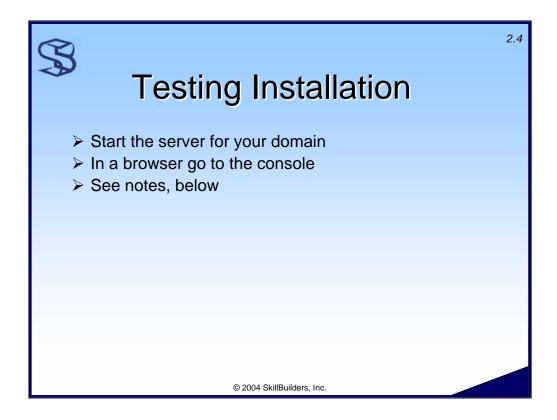
- Use the configuration wizard to create a domain
- For classroom consistency use settings specified in notes below

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#### **Configuring a Domain**

Before starting WebLogic 8.1 you should create a domain. The easiest way is to run the *WebLogic Configuration Wizard*. Click on: start > All Programs > BEA WebLogic Platform 8.1 > Configuration Wizard. Follow the screen prompts, responding as noted below. Accept the suggested default for anything not mentioned.

- 1. Select Create a new WebLogic configuration
- 2. template: Basic WebLogic Server Domain
- 3. Choose Express
- 4. Username: admin
- 5. Password: adminadmin
- 6. Choose Development Mode
- 7. Choose BEA Supplied SDKs
- 8. Choose Sun SDK
- 9. Configuration Name: mydomain



#### Testing the WebLogic Server Installation

To test that your WebLogic installation is correct, do the following:

- P Open a DOS window and cd to the following directory: c:\bea\user\_projects\domains\mydomain
- ➤ Type startWebLogic and hit the Enter key.
- ➤ Open the default console. Open a browser window and enter the URL http://localhost:7001/console. A screen should appear prompting for user and password.
- ➤ Enter the username and password you specified when you ran the domain configuration wizard (admin and adminadmin). Then click the Sign In button.
- ➤ If the live console screen appears, your installation and configuration were successful.



Testing the JDK

- ➤ WebLogic server 8.1 installs a JDK
- ➤ If you already have Java (version 1.4) installed and functioning on your computer you can skip this page
- ➤ To use the WL-supplied JDK do the following:
  - > set the following environment variable

```
> set PATH=c:\bea\jdk141 03\bin;%PATH%
```

- > This statement can be saved in a DOS bat file or a Unix shell script to be run every time you open a new command window
  - > or you can set it permanently using the Windows Control Panel or a Unix startup script

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To test your JDK configuration enter the following on the DOS command line:

java -version

The response should look something like the following:

```
java version "1.4.2"
Java(TM) 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition (build 1.4.2-b28)
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 1.4.2-b28, mixed mode)
```



#### Ant

- Ant is required to compile and deploy the exercises for this course
- WebLogic 8.1 installs ant with the download
- If you already have a functioning copy of ant on your system, skip this page
- ➤ To use WebLogic's copy of ant, do the following:
  - > include c:\bea\weblogic81\server\bin in your
    system PATH variable

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You can add the directory to your path by entering the following statement on the command line:

set PATH=c:\bea\weblogic81\server\bin;%PATH%

You can add this statement to a DOS bat file or Unix shell script along with the statements on the previous pages.

You can also download ant from www.apache.org



# XML Spy

- ➤ WebLogic 8.1 provides a copy of XML Spy
- Useful for editing and understanding XML documents



# 3. Deploying Web Apps in WebLogic 8.1

WebLogic Overview
Deploying Servlets
Installing Web Applications
Managing Deployments

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## **Deploying Servlets**

- ➤ To deploy and redeploy servlets in WebLogic 8.1:
  - ➤ Servlets deployed as part of a J2EE web application
    - ➤ Live in WEB-INF/classes directory
  - ➤ web.xml, J2EE standard web app deployment descriptor, required in WEB-INF directory
- ➤ Web app can be deployed as war file or as exploded directory structure



## Deploying JSPs

- ➤ To deploy and redeploy JSPs in WebLogic 8.1:
  - > JSPs deployed as part of a J2EE web application
  - ➤ Live in app base directory, or in any subdirectory, for example: {base dir}/jsp (put JSPs in jsp dir)
  - web.xml, J2EE standard web app deployment descriptor, required in WEB-INF directory
- Web app can be deployed as war file or as exploded directory structure



### Deploying to WebLogic

- ➤ There are several ways to deploy and redeploy web applications for WLS 8.1:
  - 1. WAR file:
    - > Use jar utility to create WAR file for web application
    - > See notes, below, for examples of jar utility
    - Copy WAR file to applications folder under your domain directory
  - 2. Loose files:
    - > Keep files loose.
    - Create web app folder under applications folderFolder name is web app name
    - > Put loose files in web app folder and subfolders

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In development mode, every few seconds WebLogic checks the applications directory under the *domain* folder for a new or changed war file or a new or changed file in an exploded application. When it detects that something has changed, it will attempt to dynamically deploy or redeploy the application.

The environment variable STARTMODE in the WebLogic startup script (startWebLogic.cmd) determines whether WebLogic will run in development mode or production mode. To use production mode set the value of STARTMODE to TRUE. To use development mode with autodeployment, set it to FALSE, leave it blank (or omit the statement).

```
(nothing) development/autodeploy
set STARTMODE= development/autodeploy
set STARTMODE=FALSE development/autodeploy
set STARTMODE=TRUE production mode/NO autodeploy
```

You can use the jar utility to create a war file as follows:

```
jar cvf {appname}.war {filespec1} {filespec2} . . .
```

You can use the jar utility to update a war file as follows:

```
jar uvf {appname}.war {filespec1} {filespec2} . . .
```



Copy Jar to Server

- > WLS automatically looks for new components
  - > Monitors applications folder under domain
  - > Deploys new WARs, JARs & EARs found there
  - > Default monitoring interval: 3 seconds

<deployment directory>/domain\_name/applications

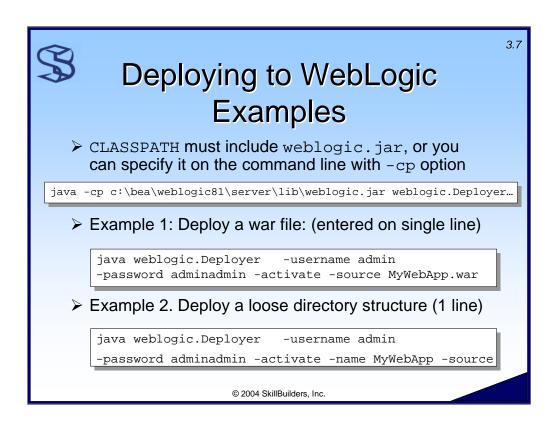
c:\bea\user\_projects\domains\mydomain\applications

- > To deploy a component:
  - > Simply copy to applications folder



Deploying to WebLogic

- You can also use the WebLogic Deployer utility:
  - > java weblogic.Deployer
  - Deployer can be used to deploy or redeploy a war file or an exploded directory structure directly from their current location
  - > Examples can be found on following page



The following are some examples of using the WebLogic Deployer utility. Your CLASSPATH must include weblogic.jar, or you can specify it on the command line with the -cp option as shown above and again here:

```
java -cp c:\bea\weblogic81\server\lib\weblogic.jar weblogic.Deployer...
```

The examples above use these options shown on separate lines for clarity. They must be coded on a single line when run.

1. Deploy a war file:

#### E.g.:

-username admin -password adminadmin -activate -source MyWebApp.war

Deploy a loose directory structure

#### E.g:

-activate -name MyWebApp -source



### WebLogic Builder Tool...

- > You can also use the WebLogic Builder utility:
  - ➤ Start WebLogic Builder
  - ➤ Click File-->Open
  - ➤ Locate either a war file or an exploded web application and click the "Open" button
  - Make any changes using the various tabs and input fields
  - ➤ WebLogic Builder will create or modify a web.xml deployment descriptor for you.
  - Click File-->Save to save your changed deployment descriptor

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You can view the web.xml and weblogic.xml files created or modified by the WebLogic Builder by clicking on View-->XML Source and using the tabs to view each file.



...WebLogic Builder Tool

- Before attempting to deploy your application you must connect to the server
  - > Click Tools-->Connect to Server
  - > Click on the Connect button
  - The red light in the lower right hand corner of the screen will turn green
- Click Tools-->Deploy Module... to deploy your web application
- WebLogic Builder has concise and clear documentation - click on Help
- > Builder tool also used for EJBs

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#### **Using Support Classes**

- Support classes can be added to a web app in either of two ways (or both):
  - 1. Put the class files (maintaining package structure) in
    - > WEB-INF/classes
  - 2. Create a jar file with the supporting classes (maintaining package structure), and add jar file to application
    - ➤ Put jar file in WEB-INF/lib directory
  - > Deploy the application as usual



#### The Console...

- > Deploying via console:
  - > Click node Deployments in left hand panel
  - 1. Click node Web Applications in left hand panel
  - 2. For a New Deployment:
    - Click link Deploy a new Web Application Module
    - 2. Click on the link following the word "Location" to navigate to your application
    - 3. Select the war file or directory structure containing your application and click on the button to its left
    - 4. Click on the Target Module button
    - 5. Click on the Deploy button at the bottom of next page

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List continues...



#### ...The Console

- > Redeploying via console:
  - > Click node Deployments in left hand panel
  - > Click node Web Applications in left hand panel
  - > To redeploy an existing deployment:
    - ➤ In the "Name" column select the web app you wish to redeploy
    - Click the Deploy tab
    - > Under "Actions" click the Redeploy button



## Server config.xml

- ➤ Deployments are recorded in config.xml
  - > Lives in domain folder
  - > There is no need to manually edit this file
  - Changes should be made through the console or through WebLogic tools
  - > An error in config.xml could prevent WebLogic from starting up



Undeploying Web Apps...

- ➤ WL8.1 lets you "undeploy" an app:
  - > Makes it unavailable for use
  - > Does NOT delete application file(s)
- > To undeploy via console:
  - 1. Select web app in tree
  - 2. Click Deploy tab
  - 3. Click Stop button in the "Actions" column



The following is an example of using the WebLogic Deployer utility. As noted earlier, your CLASSPATH must include weblogic.jar, or you can specify it on the command line with the -cp option. E.g.:

```
java -cp c:\bea\weblogic81\server\lib\weblogic.jar weblogic.Deployer...
```

The following example shows options on separate lines for clarity. They must be coded on a single line when run.

#### 1. Undeploy an application options:

```
java weblogic.Deployer -username {admin username}
-password {admin password}
-undeploy -name {appname}
```

#### E.g.:

-username admin -password adminadmin -undeploy -name MyWebApp2



## **Target Servers**

#### Target

- > A server running in the domain
- > Each target typically runs on a different machine
- You can manage deployment across targets
  - > Deploy same component to multiple targets
  - View all targets to which a component is deployed
  - > View all components deployed on a server



#### Where We've Been

- WebLogic is a full featured J2EE container/server
- WebLogic provides tools to deploy web apps
- App may be in a war file or loose
- ➤ Install app through:
  - > Direct copying
  - > Server console
  - >weblogic.Deployer utility



# 4. Deploying Enterprise Beans in WebLogic 8.1

Creating Deployment
Descriptors
Packaging Components

Making Container Classes
Deploying the Bean
Managing Deployment
The JNDI Registry

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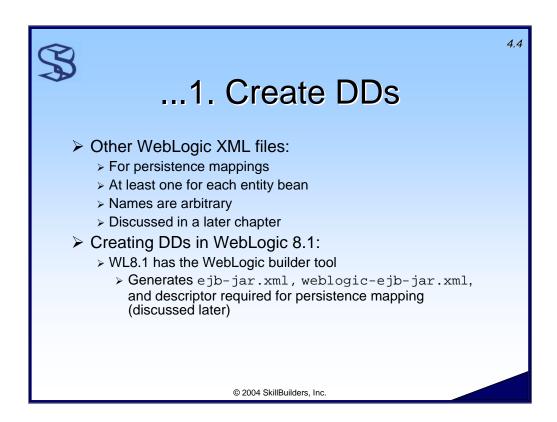
# Deploying EJBs in WL8.1

- > To deploy an EJB in WebLogic:
  - 1. Create deployment descriptors
    - > Standard & WLS-specific XML files
  - 2. Jar the bean and DDs
    - > Package classes, XML & resources in JAR file
  - 3. Generate container classes
    - WLS classes that make your bean work
  - 4. Deploy the bean
- > Details follow...



#### 1. Create DDs...

- > Beans require several deployment descriptors
  - > They tell container how to handle the bean
  - > All are XML files
- ▶ ejb-jar.xml
  - ➤ Defined by EJB specification
  - ➤ One per jar file containing beans
  - > Describes all beans in jar
- ▶ weblogic-ejb-jar.xml
  - > Contains WebLogic-specific information
    - > E.g. JNDI lookup name of home object
  - > One per jar file
  - > Describes all beans in jar



The WebLogic 8.1 builder tool will generate deployment descriptors. To avoid writing the deployment descriptor xml files from scratch, you can use the WebLogic builder tool to generate them.



## weblogic-ejb-jar.xml

- The main WL8.1 specific deployment descriptor
  - > Lists all beans in a jar
  - > See DTD for full description of XML document
- > Root is weblogic-ejb-jar
  - > Contains a weblogic-enterprise-bean for each bean
- > Structure of weblogic-enterprise-bean:
  - > ejb-name points to ejb-jar bean definition
  - > jndi-name gives JNDI lookup name
- See notes for:
  - > Element definitions...
  - > Examples...

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Here is the DTD definition for the root element (weblogic-ejb-jar) of the weblogic-ejb-jar.xml deployment descriptor. Note that you can get complete descriptions of the elements in the actual DTD file, which comes with WebLogic:

Here is the definition for weblogic-enterprise-bean. Although it seems complex at first glance, notice that the only required element is ejb-name.

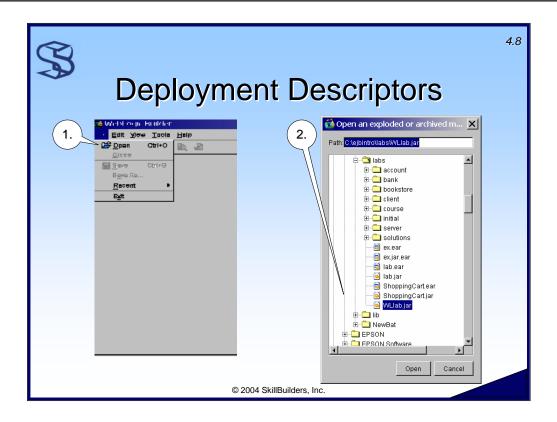
```
<!ELEMENT weblogic-enterprise-bean ( ejb-name,
  (entity-descriptor| stateless-session-descriptor| stateful-session-descriptor|
  message-driven-descriptor )?,
  transaction-descriptor?, iiop-security-descriptor?, reference-descriptor?,
  enable-call-by-reference?, clients-on-same-server?, run-as-identity-principal?,
  jndi-name?, local-jndi-name?)</pre>
```

```
<!--
Simple WebLogic 8.1 Deployment Descriptor for a ShoppingCart session bean
and related Customer bean
<weblogic-ejb-jar>
   <weblogic-enterprise-bean>
      <!-- EJB name must match that in ejb-jar.xml -->
      <ejb-name>ShoppingCartBean</ejb-name>
      <!-- JNDI name is used to look up home object in WL7 -->
      <jndi-name>oursystem.ShoppingCart</jndi-name>
   </weblogic-enterprise-bean>
   <weblogic-enterprise-bean>
      <!-- EJB name must match that in ejb-jar.xml -->
      <ejb-name>CustomerBean</ejb-name>
      <!-- JNDI name is used to look up home object in WL7 -->
      <jndi-name>oursystem.Customer</jndi-name>
   </weblogic-enterprise-bean>
</weblogic-ejb-jar>
```



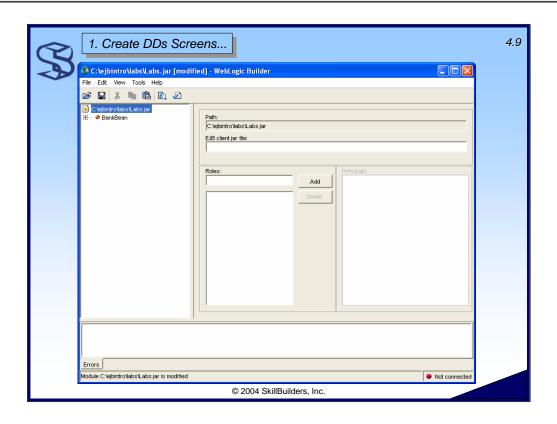
**Deployment Descriptors** 

- ➤ May be built manually, but why bother?
- ➤ May also use WebLogic Builder
  - > From the Start/Programs menu, click:
     Bea WebLogic Platform 8.1-->
     Other Development Tools-->
     WebLogic Builder
  - ➤ Enter startWLBuilder.cmd on the command line for Windows
  - > Enter startWLBuilder.sh on the command line for Unix
  - > The environment is set at invocation
  - > Details follow

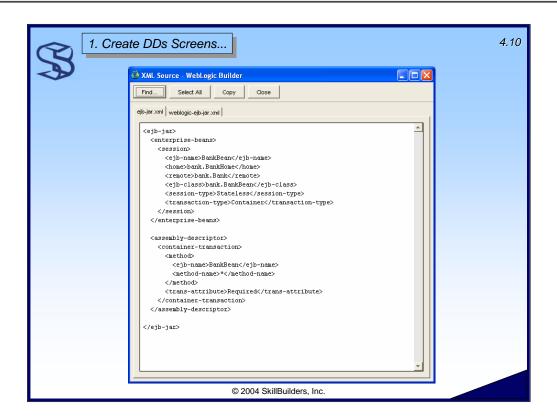


#### When the WebLogic Builder starts:

- 1. Click on File and then on Open
- 2. Select the jar file containing your EJB classes and click the Open button
- 3. If you do not already have valid deployment descriptors, a dialog box will open asking if you want new descriptors created for you. Click the Yes button.

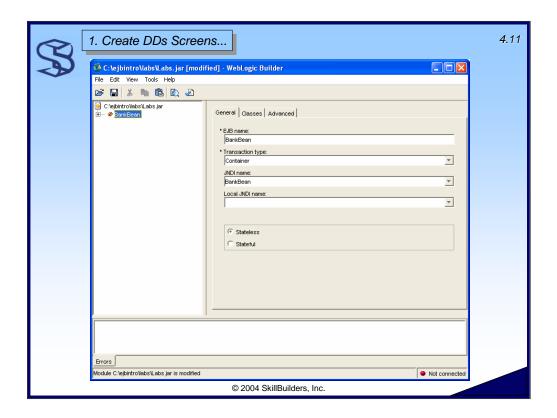


➤ A screen similar to the one above will appear



To view the deployment descriptors click on View and then XML Source

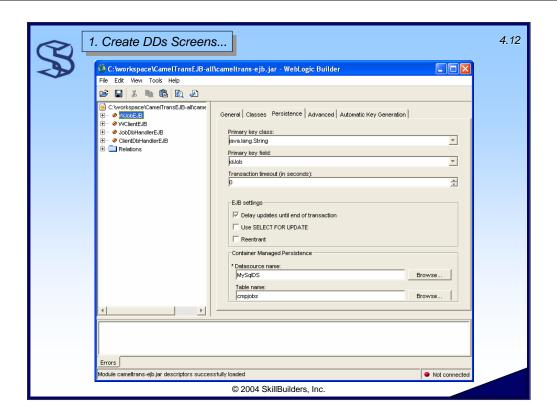
➤ You can tab between the deployment descriptors ejb-jar.xml and weblogic-ejb-jar.xml.



Click on the name of your bean in the tree at the left

You can change some of the EJB's attributes at this time:

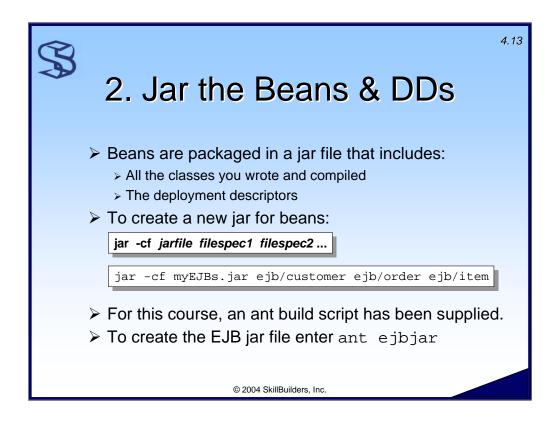
- > The ejb-name in the deployment descriptors
- > The transaction type (Bean or Container)
- > The jndi-name of the bean
- ➤ If the bean has a local interface, the local-jndi-name of the bean
- > The stateless or stateful attribute of a session bean



In addition to the ejb-name, jndi-name, and local-jndi-name, entity EJBs have some additional deployment attributes that can be changed in WebLogic builder, particularly relating to persistence:

- > The prim-key-class (Primary key class)
- > The primkey-field (Primary key field)
- > The datasource name (for container managed persistence)
- > The database table name (for container managed persistence)

When you are done setting the various attributes of your EJBs, be sure to click the "save" icon or click File and then Save, and the deployment descriptors will be saved in your jar file.



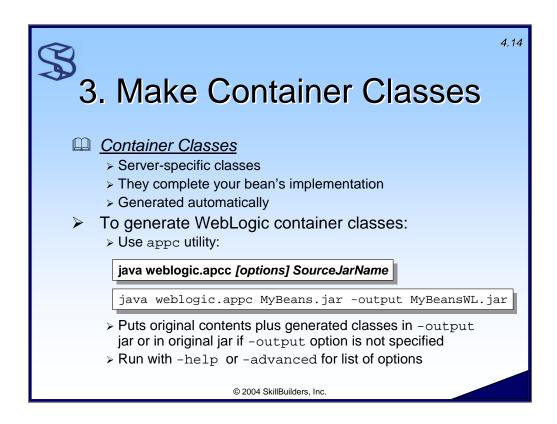
Each time you open your jar file in the WebLogic Builder tool you should save the deployment descriptors.

Use File -> Export descriptors ... to extract the descriptors to your working directory ("Labs" in most SkillBuilders courses).

By exporting the deployment descriptors to your working directory all your settings will remain intact each time you open your jar file in WebLogic Builder.

The ant build script provided will use the deployment descriptors located in the working directory and it will automatically place those deployment descriptors under META-INF in your EJB jar file. The next time you open your jar file in WebLogic Builder your settings will be intact.

If you fail to export your descriptors, you will lose the latest changes you made through the WebLogic Builder GUI.



For SkillBuilders courses, appc will be run in an ant build script



# 4. Deploy the EJB Jar File

- > Three ways to install bean jar in WLS 8.1:
  - 1. Copy jar to an application folder (auto-deployment)
    - > Simplest technique
    - > WLS detects new jar automatically
    - Recommended for single server systems only in testing
    - Not recommended for production deployment or deployment to managed servers
  - 2. Use WebLogic's Deployer utility
    - > Allows remote deployment
    - > Allows naming of installed component
    - > Allows deployment to multiple target servers in cluster
  - 3. Use WebLogic console
    - Similar advantages to deploy utility + GUI



## Copy Jar to Server...

- > WLS automatically looks for new components
  - > Monitors applications folder under domain
  - > Deploys new JARs & EARs found there

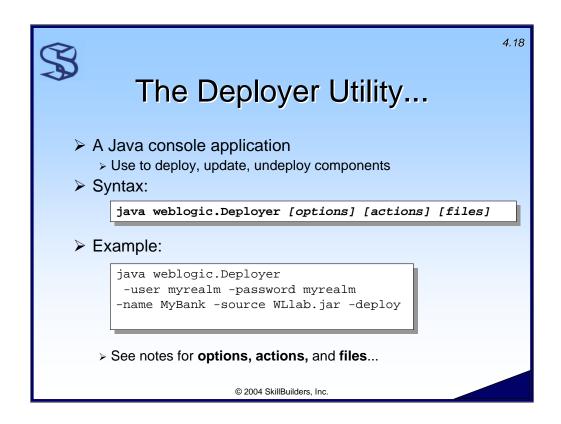
c:\bea\user\_projects\domains\mydomain\applications

- > To deploy a component:
  - > Simply copy to applications folder



#### ...Copy Jar to Server

- > Auto-deploy can be configured at startup
  - > Turn on/off
  - > Default is development mode (ie deployment)
- > weblogic.Server command:
  - > -Dweblogic.ProductionModeEnabled=false enables
    deployment mode
  - > -Dweblogic.ProductionModeEnabled=true enables
    production mode
- > startWebLogic startup script
  - > STARTMODE = false (deployment)
  - > STARTMODE = true (production)



#### **ACTIONS:**

- -deploy Deploys or redeploys the application (use with -source option)
- -undeploy Deactivates the application (use with -source option)
- -examples Shows tool usage examples
- -advanced Shows various actions
- -stop Makes a deployed application unavailable (use with -name option)
- -start Makes a deployed application available (use with -name option)
- See the WebLogic documentation for more complete information

#### **OPTIONS:**

- -name Name of the application being deployed; itdefaults to the base name of the deployment file
- > -user User name
- -password Password for above user
- -source Location of jar file or directory (may be relative or absolute)
- -debug Display messages
- See the WebLogic documentation for more complete information



## Deploying via the Console

- ➤ Log in to the WebLogic console
- ➤ In the tree at the left click on Deployments, then click on EJB Modules
- ➤ In the main frame on the right click the link "Deploy a new EJB Module..."
- Click on the link "Upload your file(s)"
- > Browse and locate your deployable jar file, and select it
- ➤ Click the "Upload" button
- Click on "myserver"
- > Click on "upload"
- Select your uploaded file and click the "Target Module" button
- Click the "Deploy" button



#### Server config.xml

- > Deployments are recorded in config.xml
  - > Lives in domain folder
- > Key parts:
  - > Application element
  - > EJBComponent child element
- > For example:

```
<Application Deployed="true" Name="OnlineStore"
Path=".\config\mydomain\applications">
   <EJBComponent Name="Store" URI="Store.jar"/>
   </Application>
```



## **Managing Deployment**

- WebLogic lets you handle other deployment issues:
  - > Updating an EJB deployment
  - > Undeploying an EJB
  - > Deploying across servers in domain
- ➤ Details follow...



**Updating a Deployment** 

- > You can update any installed EJB
  - > If deployment settings change
  - > If Java classes are recompiled
- > To update EJB in a running WL8.1 server:
  - 1. Prepare new JAR file as before
  - 2. Repeat the installation procedure

```
java weblogic.Deployer
  -user myrealm -password myrealm -debug
  -name MyBank -source WLlab.jar -deploy
```



## **Undeploying EJBs**

- > WL8.1 lets you undeploy an EJB:
  - > Makes it unavailable for use
  - Does not delete the JAR file, but the name is now unknown
- > To undeploy via Deployer utility:
  - > Use with -undeploy option:

```
java weblogic.Deployer
  -user myrealm -password myrealm -debug
-name MyBank -undeploy
```



## **Undeploying EJBs**

- You can also undeploy via the console
  - > Makes it unavailable for use
  - Does not delete JAR file, but the name is now unknown
  - > You must deploy it again to reactivate it
- > To undeploy via console:
  - > On the tree at left click on "Deployments" then "EJB Modules"
  - > Locate your application in the list, click on the garbage can icon, and confirm the deletion



Stopping EJBs

- Rather than undeploying an EJB module you can temporarily stop it or inactivate it.
  - > Makes it unavailable for use, but keeps the name
  - You can use the Deployer tool as described earlier, or you can stop it from the console (see notes below)

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#### To stop an EJB module from the console:

- ➤ Click on "Deployments" then "EJB Modules"
- > Click on your EJB module
- On the main screen on the right, click the "stop" button

#### To reactivate it:

- ➤ Click on "Deployments", then "EJB Modules"
- Click on your EJB module
- Click on the "Deploy" button



## **Target Servers**

#### Target

- > A server running in the domain
- > Each target typically runs on a different machine
- You can manage deployment across targets
  - > Deploy same component to multiple targets
  - View all targets to which a component is deployed
  - > View all components deployed on a server



**JNDI** Registry

- You can use the WebLogic console to view the objects bound in the JNDI registry
  - > Under "Servers" in the tree on the left click on the server you are interested in (e.g. "myserver")
  - In the right hand frame scroll to the bottom of the page (under any tab)
  - Click the "View JNDI Tree" link at the bottom of the page

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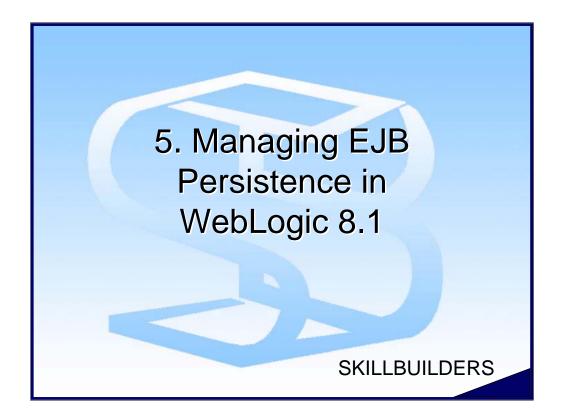
In order for a client to look up objects in the WebLogic JNDI registry, at least two pieces of information are required. They are:

Property Name Property Value

java.naming.factory.initial weblogic.jndi.WLInitialContextFactory

These values should be set as System properties. Or, at run time, you can create a Hashtable with these values and pass it as an argument when you get the JNDI InitialContext. You can also put these values in a file called "jndi.properties".







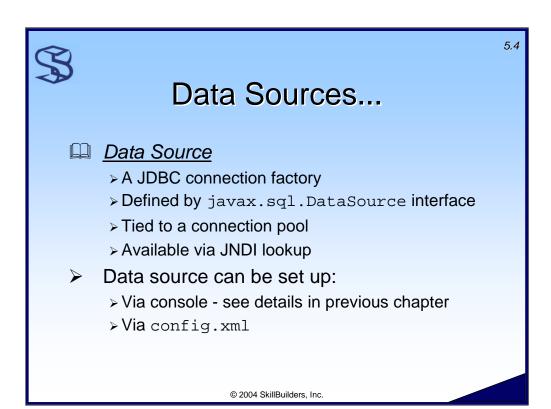
# WebLogic and EJB Persistence

- > WebLogic provides persistence services
  - > Uses JDBC to drive databases
  - > Creates connection pools
  - > Creates JNDI data sources
- > The connection pool:
  - > Allocates connections to a database
- > Persistence can be managed by:
  - > The container
  - > The bean



Setting Up Persistence

- ➤ What you need to do:
  - > Define a Connection Pool and Data Source as described in the previous chapter
  - > Use the console (don't edit config.xml directly)
- ➤ What WebLogic does:
  - > Loads the driver
  - > Creates connections
  - > Offers connections via JNDI
- ➤ Details follow...



Previous versions of WebLogic used a "TxDataSource" instead of a DataSource for Container Managed Persistence. WebLogic version 8.1 no longer uses "TxDataSource" in the console GUI (it is still maintained internally in config.xml).



### WebLogic & CMP

- > ejb-jar.xml is a standard J2EE DD
  - > Defines CMP fields of entity beans
- WebLogic requires at least 2 additional XML files for CMP:
  - > weblogic-cmp-rdbms.xml
    - > Defines a persistence type
  - ▶ weblogic-ejb-jar.xml
    - > Links persistence type to this deployment
- ➤ Details follow...



### Persistence Type

### Persistence Type

- > A particular mapping of EJB fields to data sources
- > May define relationships among data sources
- Lives in a separate XML file under META-INF dir
  - > For WLS-RDBMS persistence:
    - > Must conform to weblogic-rdbms-jar.dtd (\*see notes)
- > Root is weblogic-rdbms-jar.
  - > Contains multiple weblogic-rdbms-bean element
- > weblogic-rdbms-bean
  - > One per entity bean
  - > Contains multiple field-map elements to link fields
- See notes for DTD and example...

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When deploying a CMP entity bean, you must include an additional deployment file for the bean's persistence type. For WebLogic Server RDBMS-based persistence services, the file is generally named weblogic-cmp-rdbms-jar.xml. If you use a third-party persistence vendor, the file type as well as its contents may be different from weblogic-cmp-rdbms-jar.xml; refer to the vendor's documentation for details. See xxx.dtd files in weblogic.jar for further details.

### Here are the key element definitions for a WebLogic file:

```
<!ELEMENT weblogic-rdbms-jar (
  weblogic-rdbms-bean+,weblogic-rdbms-relation*, create-default-dbms-tables?,
    validate-db-schema-with?,database-type?)>
<!ELEMENT weblogic-rdbms-bean (
    ejb-name,data-source-name,table-map+,field-group*,relationship-caching*,
    weblogic-query*,delay-database-insert-until?,automatic-key-generation?,
    check-exists-on-method?)>
<!ELEMENT ejb-name (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT data-source-name (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT table-map (
    table-name,field-map*,verify-columns?,optimistic-column?)>
<!ELEMENT table-name (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT field-map (
    cmp-field,dbms-column, dbms-column-type?,group-name?)>
```

Here is a sample weblogic-rdbms-jar file that maps CMP fields in the Customer bean to fields in the data source oursystem.database.

```
<!DOCTYPE weblogic-rdbms-jar PUBLIC
 '-// BEA Systems, Inc.//DTD WebLogic 7.0.0 EJB RDBMS Persistence//EN'
 'http://www.bea.com/servers/wls700/dtd/weblogic-rdbms20-persistence-
700.dtd'
<weblogic-rdbms-jar>
   <weblogic-rdbms-bean>
      <!-- ejb name to match ejb-jar.xml -->
      <ejb-name>CustomerBean</ejb-name>
      <!-- JNDI name of data-source -->
      <data-source-name>oursystem.database</data-source-name>
      <!-- Table Map -->
      <table-map>
         <!-- Table name -->
         <table-name>customers</table-name>
         <!-- Field mapping -->
         <field-map>
            <cmp-field>id</cmp-field>
            <dbms-column>custnum</dbms-column>
         </field-map>
         <field-map>
            <cmp-field>name</cmp-field>
            <dbms-column>name</dbms-column>
         </field-map>
         <field-map>
            <cmp-field>status</cmp-field>
            <dbms-column>status</dbms-column>
         </field-map>
      </table-map>
   </weblogic-rdbms-bean>
   <weblogic-rdbms-bean>
      <!-- Another mapping... -->
   </weblogic-rdbms-bean>
</weblogic-rdbms-jar>
```



### **Using Persistence Types**

- > weblogic-ejb-jar.xml
  - Links particular persistence type to particular EJB deployment
  - > Use entity-descriptor element
    - > Child of weblogic-enterprise-bean
- > entity-descriptor
  - Defines persistence types, points to file containing info
  - > Chooses one for use by bean in this deployment
- See notes for DTD & examples...

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Here are the relevant definitions of weblogic-ejb-jar.dtd defining the parts of weblogic-ejb-jar.xml that pertain to CMP entity beans:

```
<!ELEMENT entity-descriptor (
   pool?, (entity-cache | entity-cache-ref)?, persistence?,entity-
clustering?,
   invalidation-target?,enable-dynamic-queries?)>
<!ELEMENT persistence (
    is-modified-method-name?,delay-updates-until-end-of-tx?,finders-load-bean?,
    persistence-use?)>
<!ELEMENT persistence-use (type-identifier, type-version, type-storage)>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE weblogic-ejb-jar PUBLIC</pre>
  '-//BEA Systems, Inc.//DTD WebLogic 7.0.0 EJB//EN'
'http://www.bea.com/servers/wls700/dtd/weblogic-ejb-jar.dtd'
<weblogic-ejb-jar>
   <weblogic-enterprise-bean>
      <!-- EJB name must match that in ejb-jar.xml -->
      <ejb-name>ShoppingCartBean</ejb-name>
      <!-- JNDI name is used to look up home object in WL6 -->
      <jndi-name>oursystem.ShoppingCart</jndi-name>
   </weblogic-enterprise-bean>
   <weblogic-enterprise-bean>
      <!-- EJB name must match that in ejb-jar.xml -->
      <ejb-name>CustomerBean</ejb-name>
      <entity-descriptor>
         <persistence>
            <persistence-use>
               <type-identifier>WebLogic_CMP_RDBMS
               </type-identifier>
               <type-version>6.0</type-version>
            </persistence-use>
         </persistence>
      </entity-descriptor>
      <!-- JNDI name is used to look up home object in WL6 -->
      <jndi-name>oursystem.Customer</jndi-name>
    </weblogic-enterprise-bean>
</weblogic-ejb-jar>
```



### Use WebLogic Builder Tool

- Much easier to use WebLogic's Builder to generate WebLogic specific deployment descriptors
- > First time, it will generate new DDs for you
- > Export them, and rejar them for each iteration of the Builder

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Here are the relevant definitions of weblogic-ejb-jar.dtd defining the parts of weblogic-ejb-jar.xml that pertain to CMP entity beans:

```
<!ELEMENT entity-descriptor (
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clustering?,
   invalidation-target?,enable-dynamic-queries?)>
<!ELEMENT persistence (
    is-modified-method-name?,delay-updates-until-end-of-tx?,finders-load-bean?,
    persistence-use?)>
<!ELEMENT persistence-use (type-identifier, type-version, type-storage)>
```



### Where We've Been

- WebLogic provides tools for persisting a bean
- WebLogic defines connection pools and data sources
- ➤ CMP requires several XML files:
  - > weblogic-cmp-rdbms-jar.xml
    to map EJB fields to table columns
  - >weblogic-ejb-jar.xml to map
    persistence type to specific
    deployment



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# 6. JDBC DataSources in WebLogic 8.1

Creating Connection Pools
Creating DataSources

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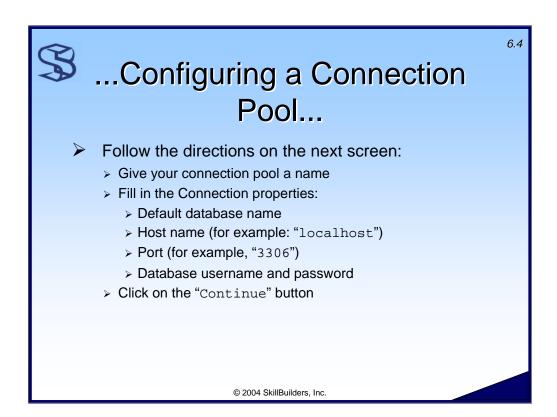
## Configuring Database Connections

- WebLogic 8.1 can manage a pool of connections to a database
- You must configure a connection pool
- > You must configure a DataSource
- ➤ The jar file containing your database's JDBC driver must be in WebLogic's CLASSPATH
  - > Edit CLASSPATH in startWebLogic.cmd in your domain directory then start (or restart) WebLogic



## Configuring a Connection Pool...

- > Go to WebLogic console
- > Expand the "Services" node on the tree at the left side of the page
- > Expand the "JDBC" node
- Click on "Connection Pools"
- > On the right side of the page click on "Configure a New JDBC Connection Pool"
- Choose the Database Type and the Database Driver
- > Click on the "Continue" button

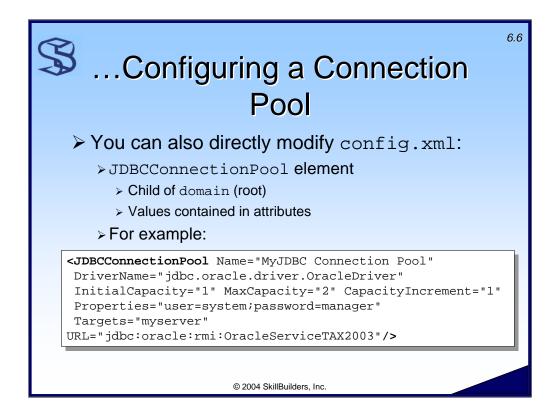


Some of this information can be obtained from documentation provided by the JDBC driver vendor. Some information you may have to obtain from your database administrator.



# ...Configuring a Connection Pool...

- Follow the directions on the next screen:
  - > If necessary, change the Driver Classname
  - The connection URL, username, and password should already be filled in
  - > If necessary, add any additional properties
  - Click on the "Test Driver Configuration" button you should get a message at the top of the screen that says "Connection successful"
  - > Click the "Create and deploy" button



It is much easier, and you are less likely to make errors, if you use the WebLogic console to add a Connection Pool rather than editing config.xml directly.

Errors in config.xml can prevent WebLogic from starting.



## Sample Connection Pools: PointBase

- See notes for ClassPath information
- Configuration / General Tab
  - > Name: MyPointConnectionPool (or any other name)
  - > URL:
    - jdbc:pointbase:server://localhost:9093/demo
  - > Driver Classname:
    - com.pointbase.jdbc.jdbcUniversalDriver
  - > Properties: user=PBPUBLIC
  - > Password (and Confirmation): PBPUBLIC
  - > Open String Password (and Confirmation): leave blank

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### Here are steps to create a PointBase ConnectionPool

- WebLogic 8.1 comes with PointBase drivers already in the classpath
- If for some reason you need to add them, they are located at:
  - c:\bea\weblogic81\common\eval\pointbase\pbserver44.jar
    and
  - c:\bea\weblogic81\common\eval\pointbase\pbclient44.jar

#### **Configuration / General Tab**

- ➤ Name: MyPointConnectionPool (or any other name)
- ➤ URL: jdbc:pointbase:server://localhost:9093/demo
- > Driver Classname: com.pointbase.jdbc.jdbcUniversalDriver
- ➤ Properties: user=PBPUBLIC
- ➤ Password (and Confirmation): PBPUBLIC
- Open String Password (and Confirmation): leave blank



# Sample Connection Pools: MySql

- > Download MySQL from mysql.com
- ➤ install the MySql jdbc driver ConnectorJ
- ➤ Add mysql-connector-java-3.0.10-stablebin.jar to WebLogic's classpath
- Configuration / General Tab
  - > Name: MySQLConnectionPool (or any other name)
  - > URL: jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/test
  - > Driver Classname: com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
  - > Properties: user=test
  - > Password (and Confirmation): leave blank
  - > Open String Password (and Confirmation): leave blank

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### Here are steps to create a MySQL ConnectionPool:

- If you do not already have MySql installed, you will need to download it from mysql.com. See the MySql documentation for information about creating userids and passwords.
- ➤ You will need to install the MySql jdbc driver, ConnectorJ. Download it from mysql.com.
  - ➤ Be sure to compare checksum of downloaded files with value given on site. If there is a discrepancy, try a mirror site.
- ➤ Add the file mysql-connector-java-3.0.10-stable-bin.jar to WebLogic's classpath. One way to do this is to edit the file startWebLogic.cmd located in your domain directory, and add it to the "set CLASSPATH=..." statement.

### **Configuration / General Tab**

- ➤ Name: MySQLConnectionPool (or any other name)
- ➤ URL: jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/test
- ➤ Driver Classname: com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
- > Properties: user=test
- Password (and Confirmation): leave blank
- Open String Password (and Confirmation): leave blank



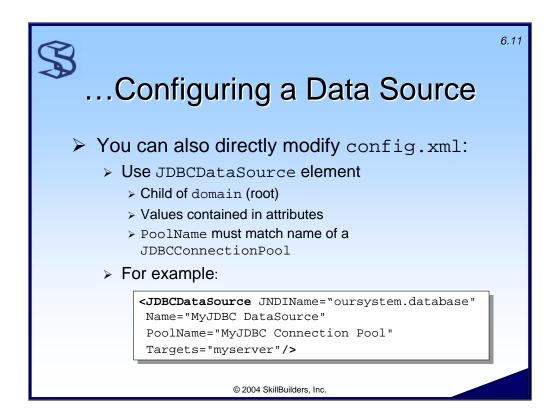
## Configuring a Data Source...

- ➤ Go to WebLogic console
- > Expand the "Services" node on the tree at the left side of the page
- > Expand the "JDBC" node
- > Click on "Data Sources"
- > On the right side of the page click on "Configure a New JDBC Data Source"
- Enter a Name and a JNDI lookup name for this DataSource
- > Click on the "Continue" button



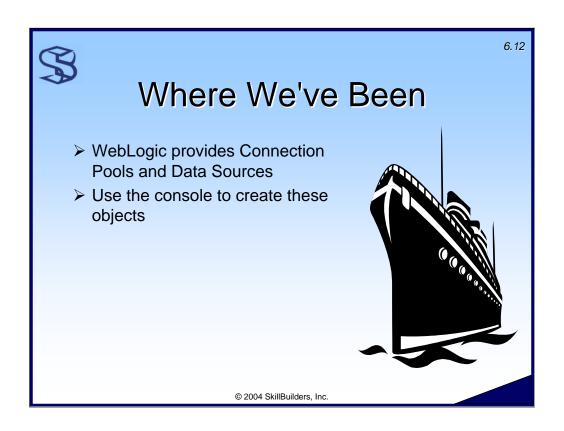
### ...Configuring a Data Source...

- On the next screen associate your newly created Data Source with a Connection Pool by selecting one from the drop down list
- > Click on the "Continue" button
- On the next screen select the WebLogic server on which you want to deploy this data source
  - > If there is just one it should already be selected
- > Click the "Create" button



It is much easier and you are less likely to make errors if you use the WebLogic console to add a Data Source rather than editing config.xml directly.

Errors in config.xml can prevent WebLogic from starting.



# 7. A Quick Introduction to the WebLogic 8.1 Builder Tool

Creating and editing Deployment Descriptors

Deploying the Bean

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## Builder Tool Makes Deployment Easier

- Use the WebLogic Builder tool to create and modify deployment descriptors
  - > J2EE standard DDs
  - > WebLogic-specific DDs
- Can be used with:
  - > web application archive (war) files
  - > ejb jar files
  - > enterprise archive (ear) files
  - > loose directories



### **Creates DDs**

- Creates and modifies standard and WebLogicspecific deployment descriptors
  - > Allows you to work with GUI rather than edit XML manually
  - > Wherever possible, offers pull down menu choices
  - > Allows export of deployment descriptors
- You can deploy EJB modules and Web applications directly from the WebLogic Builder



### A Quick Tour

- > Start WebLogic Builder
- P Open an archive (war, jar, or ear) file using
  File | Open
- If you already have deployment descriptors it will attempt to use them; otherwise it will create them for you
- ➤ Depending on the contents of your application, you will see some combination of EJBs, Servlets, JSPs, Filters, Tag Libraries, and many other J2EE objects in a tree on the left hand frame of the window
- Click on any node in the left panel to expose a GUI in the right panel for editing attributes



EJB Attributes: Session Bean

- ➤ If you select a Session EJB in the left hand frame...
  - > You will be presented with a screen on the right with three tabs:
    - > General: Set EJB name, Transaction Type, JNDI name, Local JNDI name, Stateful/Stateless
    - > Classes: Set the fully qualified class names of your Bean, Home, Remote, and Local interfaces
    - > Advanced: You can set additional attributes, depending on whether the EJB is stateful or stateless



## EJB Attributes: Entity Bean

- > If you select an Entity EJB in the left hand frame...
  - > You will be presented with a screen on the right with five tabs:
    - > General: Set EJB name, JNDI name & Local JNDI name
    - > Classes: Set the fully qualified class names of your Bean, Home, Remote, and Local interfaces
    - Persistence: Some of the important attributes that are set here are: Primary Key class and Primary Key field, and for CMP EJBs: Datasource name, Table name, Abstract schema name, and a few other settings
    - > Advanced: You can set a few additional attributes
    - > Automatic Key Generation: Used for specifying the method for autoincrement keys (WebLogic-specific)



A Few Other EJB Attributes...

- > Select "Methods" node under an EJB in the left hand frame ...
  - > You will be presented with a screen on the right with two tabs:
    - > Transactions: Default transaction and transaction attributes for individual methods
    - > Permissions: Set permissions for methods by roles
- ➤ Select "Resources" node under an EJB in the left hand frame...
  - > You will be presented with tabs on the right for adding Environment entries, Resource references, EJB references, and EJB Local references



### ...A Few Other EJB Attributes

- We have mentioned only some of the deployment attributes that can be set using the WebLogic Builder tool
  - > Explore the other attributes on your own to learn more
  - > Click on "Help" in the menu bar to link to BEA's Builder tutorial site



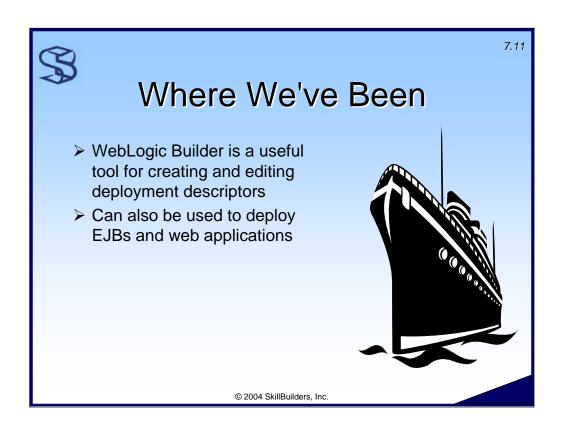
### **Limitations of Builder**

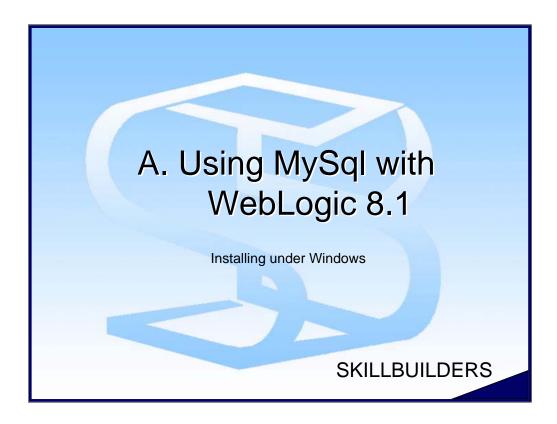
- ➤ A major limitation is that you can not add new modules to an application's deployment descriptors
  - > You must manually add the entries for any new modules
  - > You can then update them in Builder
- You also can not remove modules from an application's deployment descriptors
  - > You must manually remove the unwanted entries



## Deploying from Builder

- You can deploy your application directly from WebLogic Builder
- > Save your work first
- ➤ Then select menu items Tools | Deploy Module







### Download MySql

- ➤ Go to mysql.com
- > Download the following:
  - > MySql production version
  - > Connector/J for JDBC access
  - > MySql Control Center
- Compare checksum of downloaded file with value given on site
  - > If there is a discrepancy try a mirror site
- Install the three products using their installer setup.exe



### Running MySQL

- Installation directory is usually c:\mysql
- You need to start MySQL daemon to use MySQL
  - > Run c:\mysql\bin\mysqld
- For command line interface:
  - > Run c:\mysql\bin\mysqlc
  - For list of command line options use
    c:\mysql\bin\mysqlc --help
- > Much easier to use the MySQL Command Center
  - > Once downloaded and installed it can run it from:
    - > Start | Programs menu
    - > or start from command line: "c:\Program
      Files\mysqlcc\mysqlcc"



## Configuring a Connection Pool...

- Go to WebLogic console
- > Expand the "Services" node on the tree at the left side of the page
- > Expand the "JDBC" node
- > Click on "Connection Pools"
- ➤ On the right side of the page click on "Configure a New JDBC Connection Pool"
- Choose the Database Type and the Database Driver
- > Click on the "Continue" button

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Make sure that the Connector/J jar file that contains the MySql JDBC Driver is in WebLogic's CLASSPATH for your domain. The latest one (as of this writing) will be:

```
mysql-connector-java-3.0.10-stable-bin.jar
```

located in the following directory:

```
c:\mysql-connector-java-3.0.10-stable
```

You can edit startWebLogic.cmd in your WebLogic domain directory, and add it there. Then, before attempting to create a connection pool, shut down and restart WebLogic.



# ...Configuring a Connection Pool...

- Follow the directions on the next screen:
  - > Give your connection pool a name
  - > Fill in the Connection properties:
    - > Default database name (for example: "test")
    - > Host name (for example: "localhost")
    - > Port (for example: "3306")
    - > Database username and password
  - > Click on the "Continue" button



# ...Configuring a Connection Pool

- Follow the directions on the next screen:
  - > If necessary, change the Driver Classname
  - The connection URL, username, and password should already be filled in
  - > If necessary, add any additional properties
  - Click on the "Test Driver Configuration" button you should get a message at the top of the screen that says "Connection successful"
  - > Click the "Create and deploy" button



### Sample Connection Pools

- ➤ Sample settings for MySql
  - > Configuration / General Tab
    - > Name: MySQLConnectionPool (or any other name)
    - > URL: jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/test
    - > Driver Classname: com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
    - > Properties: user=test
    - > Password (and Confirmation): leave blank
    - > Open String Password (and Confirmation): leave blank

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### **Configuration / General Tab**

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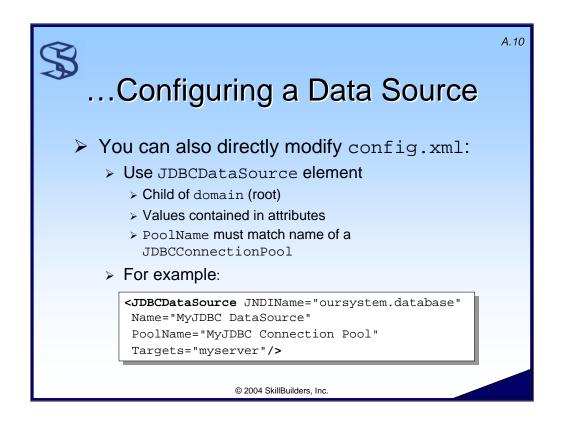
## Configuring a Data Source...

- > Go to WebLogic console
- > Expand the "Services" node on the tree at the left side of the page
- > Expand the "JDBC" node
- > Click on "Data Sources"
- > On the right side of the page click on "Configure a New JDBC Data Source"
- Enter a Name and a JNDI lookup name for this DataSource
- > Click on the "Continue" button



### ...Configuring a Data Source...

- On the next screen associate your newly created Data Source with your MySql Connection Pool by selecting it from the drop down list
- > Click on the "Continue" button
- On the next screen select the WebLogic server on which you want to deploy this data source
  - > If there is just one, it should already be selected
- ➤ Click the "Create" button



It is much easier, and you are less likely to make errors, if you use the WebLogic console to add a Data Source rather than editing config.xml directly.

Errors in config.xml can prevent WebLogic from starting.

