JAR vs WAR vs EAR

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| EJB modules which contains enterprise  java beans class files and EJB deployment  descriptor are packed as JAR files with  .jar extenstion | Web modules which contains Servlet class files,JSP FIles,supporting files, GIF and HTML files are packaged as JAR file with .war (web archive) extension | All jar and .war are packaged as JAR file with .ear (enterprise archive) extension and deployed into Application Server. |
| <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/5936734/why-should-we-use-ejb>  Use EJB if you wish to take advantage of the following services provided by the Java Enterprise Edition (Java EE) server:   1. Clustering 2. Concurrency 3. Connection Pool to Database 4. Security 5. Schedule service | A JSP is compiled to a servlet the first time it is run. That means that there's no real runtime difference between them.  However, most have a tradition to use servlets for controllers and JSPs for views. Since controllers are just java classes you can get full tool support (code completion etc.) |  |