Web Technology in Java

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Internet vs. Web

Internet

- is a global system of interconnected computer networks
- Uses Internet Protocol Suit

World Wide Web (www, W3)

- is an information system of interlinked hypertext documents and other digital resources that are accessed via the Internet
- Uses Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

Web Development

- It is a broad term for the work involved in developing a web site / web application for the Internet (World Wide Web) or an intranet (a private network).
- It can range from developing the simplest static single page of plain text to the most complex web-based internet applications.
- A more comprehensive list of tasks to which web development commonly refers, may include
 - web design
 - web content development
 - client-side/server-side scripting

Web Technology

 Roughly, web technology is a set of technologies that enables web development.

Client Side Technologies

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, VBScript, XHTML, DHTML, WML, AJAX,
 FLASH

Server Side Technologies

ASP, PHP, Perl, JSP, ASP.NET, Java, MySQL, SQL Server, Access

Other Technologies

XML, XSLT, RSS, Atom, X-Path, XQuery, WSDL, XML-DOM, RDF,
 Ruby on Rails, GRAIL Framework, REST, SOAP

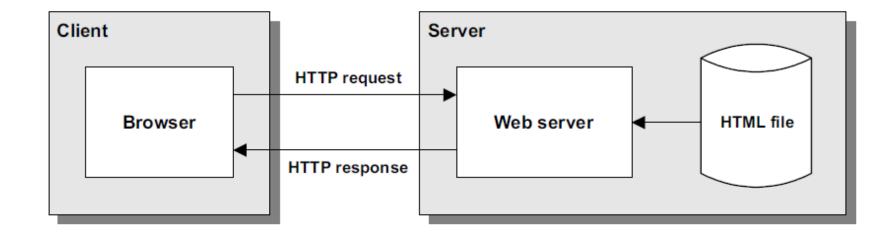
Java for Web Development

- Java technologies used for web development are part of,
 - Java EE platform
 - In addition to many of the APIs from Java SE
- Some of the Technologies are:
 - Java Servlet
 - Java Server Pages (JSP), JSTL, JSF
 - JDBC, JNDI, JMS, JavaMail API, JAXP, Java Persistence API,
 - J2EE Connector Architecture, JTA, JAAS

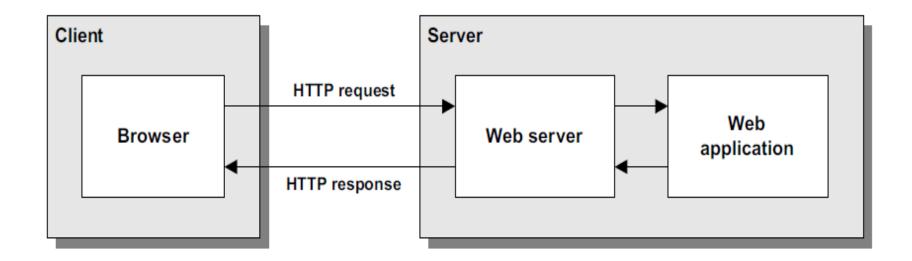
Web Application

- A Web-based application refers to any program that is accessed over a network connection using HTTP, rather than existing within a device's memory.
- Web applications are by nature distributed applications, meaning that they are programs that run on more than one computer and communicate through a network or server.
- Specifically, web applications are accessed with a web browser and are popular because of the ease of using the browser as a user client.
- Web-based applications are also known as Web apps.

Static Web Application



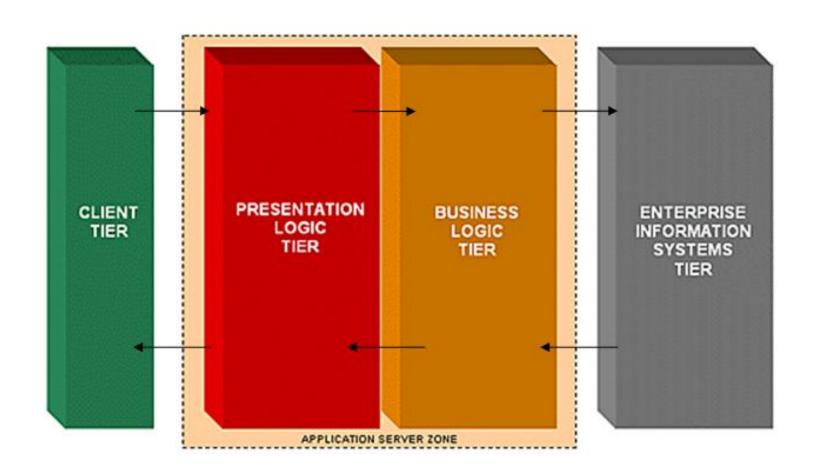
Dynamic Web Application



Web Server vs. Application Server

- A Web server is a program that, using the client/server model and the World Wide Web's Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), serves the files that form Web pages to Web users (whose computers contain HTTP clients that forward their requests).
- A Web Application server is a distributed middleware software implementation that interfaces between various types of clients on one end, and back-end system resources on the other end. Typically it contains a web server within it.

J2EE Multitier Application Architecture



Multitier Application Architecture - Advantages

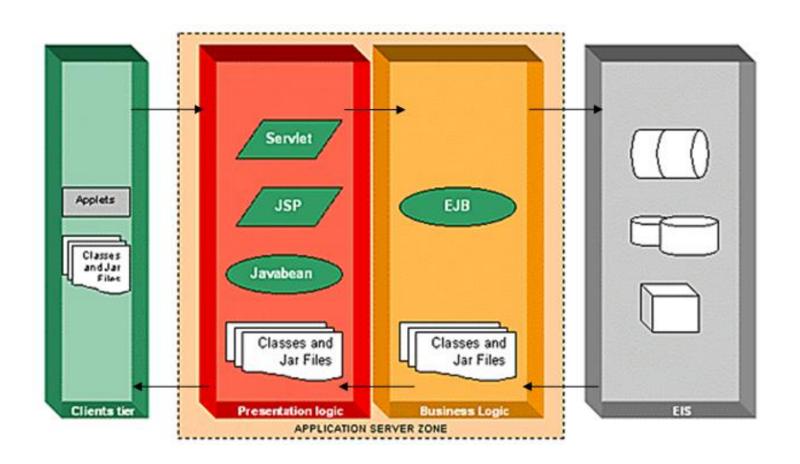
- Scalable
- Better and Finer Security Control
- Easy to maintain / upgrade
- Better Reusability
- Better Fault Tolerance Ability

Multitier Application Architecture - Disadvantages

 The performance of the whole application may be slow if the hardware and network bandwidth aren't good enough.

More cost for hardware, network, maintenance and deployment

J2EE Application Components



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- Servlet is a server-side, presentation logic component that resides in the Web container. It extends the functionality of a Web server—providing programming capabilities and the capability to generate dynamic contents, apart from serving static HTML.
- Java Server Page (JSP) is a presentation logic components that reside, along with servlet, in the Web container. But they are slightly different from the servlet.
- Javabean is a basic data model component that was introduced long before the advent of J2EE. In J2EE architecture, Javabean can reside in any of the tiers, but usually found in presentation tier.
- Enterprise Javabean (EJB) is a distributed, scalable business logic component of J2EE middleware. It encapsulates core business logic and data model elements in all enterprise Java projects.

J2EE Runtime Environment (Containers)

- J2EE application components in different tiers come to life in their runtime environments, which are called containers in J2EE terminology.
- These containers provide services like life-cycle management, security, transaction management, JNDI lookups, Remote connectivity etc.. to their components.
- J2EE standard defines four different containers:
 - Applet container: hosts applets
 - Application client container: hosts standard Java application clients (including swing windows applications)
 - Web container: hosts servlets and JSPs in the presentation logic tier
 - EJB container: hosts Enterprise Javabeans in the business logic tier