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Java Remote Method Invocation (RMI)

- Distributed garbage collection
- Local vs remote objects
 - Local objects passed by value
- Dynamic stub downloading
- Remote exceptions

Defining Remote Interfaces

```
import java.rmi.*;
public interface IServer extends Remote {
   public void cd (String filename)
        throws RemoteException;
   public String[] dir () throws RemoteException;
}
```

Defining a Remote Implementation

RMI Registry

Flat non-persistent namespace

```
interface Registry extends Remote {
    Remote lookup (String name);
    void bind (String name, Remote obj);
}
class LocateRegistry extends Object {
    static Registry getRegistry (String host, int port);
    static Registry createRegistry (int port);
}
```

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Factory Objects

Example Server

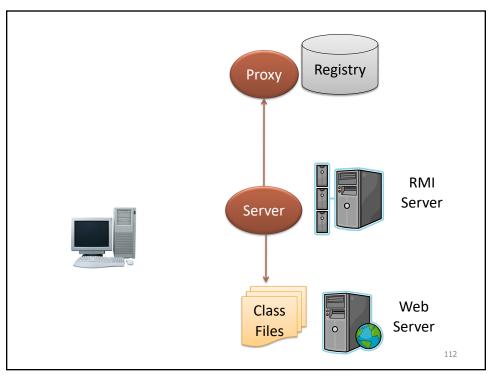
Example Client

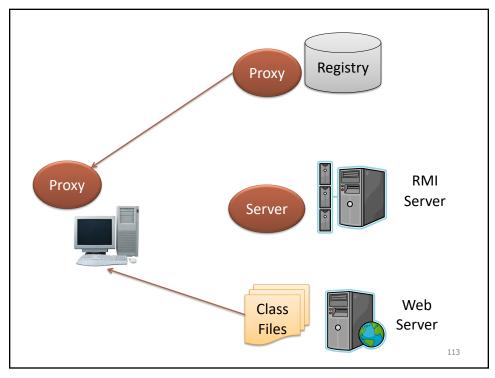
Putting it all together

- Compile the client and server javac Client Server
- Run the registry (on guinness) rmiregistry 5000 &
- Run server on server host, client anywhere java Server & java Client

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Dynamic Stub Loading

- URL for missing class codebase specified:
 - Dynamically in object reference (URL)
 - Statically in java.rmi.server:codebase property
- · Disable downloading by setting
 - java.rmi.server:useCodebaseOnly to true
- RMIClassLoader loads stubs across network
- Security manager must be installed

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