



Lesson Objectives

Introduction to Web Application

- Overview of Tiered Architecture
- What is a Web Application?
- What is a Web Container and Application Server?
- Web Container Services



1.1: Overview of Tiered Architecture

An Introduction

- Application has 3 distinct functional units:
- Presentation Layer which is the user interface.
- Business/Application Logic which deals with the functionality that the application is intended to provide
- Storage/Data Layer which deals with the data required for the application functionality.



1.1: Overview of Tiered Architecture

StandAlone Systems & Monolithic Systems

- Stand-Alone Systems
 - Essentially Single User System
- ➤ Monolithic/Host Centric Systems
 - Multi-User system allowing its resources to be used by several users

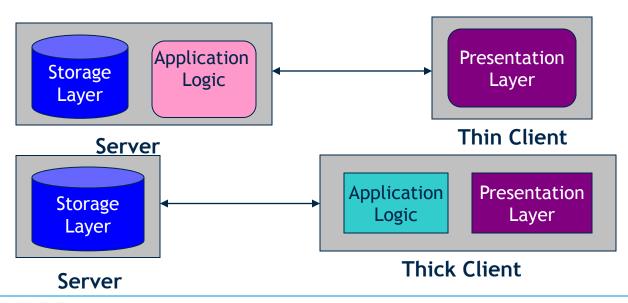


1.1: Overview of Tiered Architecture

2 Tier Architecture

≥2 Tier

Client interaction is with server. Processing load can either be on the server or client or both

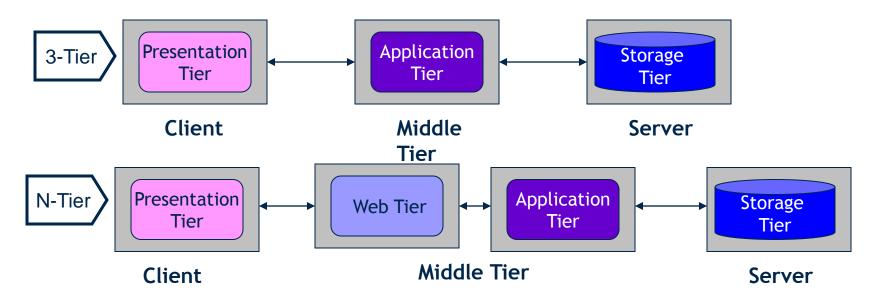




3Tier Architecture

>3/N Tier

Processing is separated from the user interface and data storage

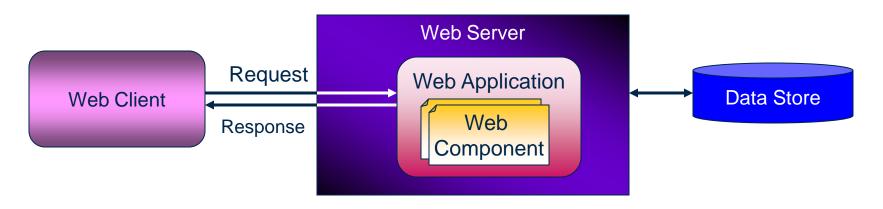




1.2: What is a Web Application

Overview

- An application accessed through a web browser over a network
- ➤ A web based client communicates with the Web Application using web components





Web Server and Application Server

- >Web Server:
 - JEE compliant implementation which provides environments for web components Eg: Tomcat
- ➤ Application Server :
 - Provides an environment for running business components such as EJB's. It also provides features of a Web Container Eg: JBoss Application Server



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