**JDBC**

JDBC or Java Database Connectivity is a Java API to connect and execute the query with the database. It is a specification from Sun microsystems that provides a standard abstraction(API or Protocol) for java applications to communicate with various databases. It provides the language with java database connectivity standards. It is used to write programs required to access databases. JDBC, along with the database driver, can access databases and spreadsheets. The enterprise data stored in a relational database(RDB) can be accessed with the help of JDBC APIs.

**Definition of JDBC(Java Database Connectivity)**

JDBC is an API(Application programming interface) used in java programming to interact with databases. *The*[*classes*](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/classes-objects-java/)*and*[*interfaces*](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/interfaces-in-java/)*of JDBC*allowthe *application to send*requests*made by users to the specified database.*

**Purpose of JDBC**

Enterprise applications created using the JAVA EE technology need to interact with databases to store application-specific information. So, interacting with a database requires efficient database connectivity, which can be achieved by using the [ODBC](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/difference-odbc-jdbc/)(Open database connectivity) driver. This driver is used with JDBC to interact or communicate with various kinds of databases such as Oracle, MS Access, Mysql, and SQL server database.

**Components of JDBC**

There are generally four main components of JDBC through which it can interact with a database. They are as mentioned below:

**1. JDBC API:** It provides various methods and interfaces for easy communication with the database. It provides two packages as follows, which contain the java SE and Java EE platforms to exhibit WORA(write once run anywhere) capabilities.

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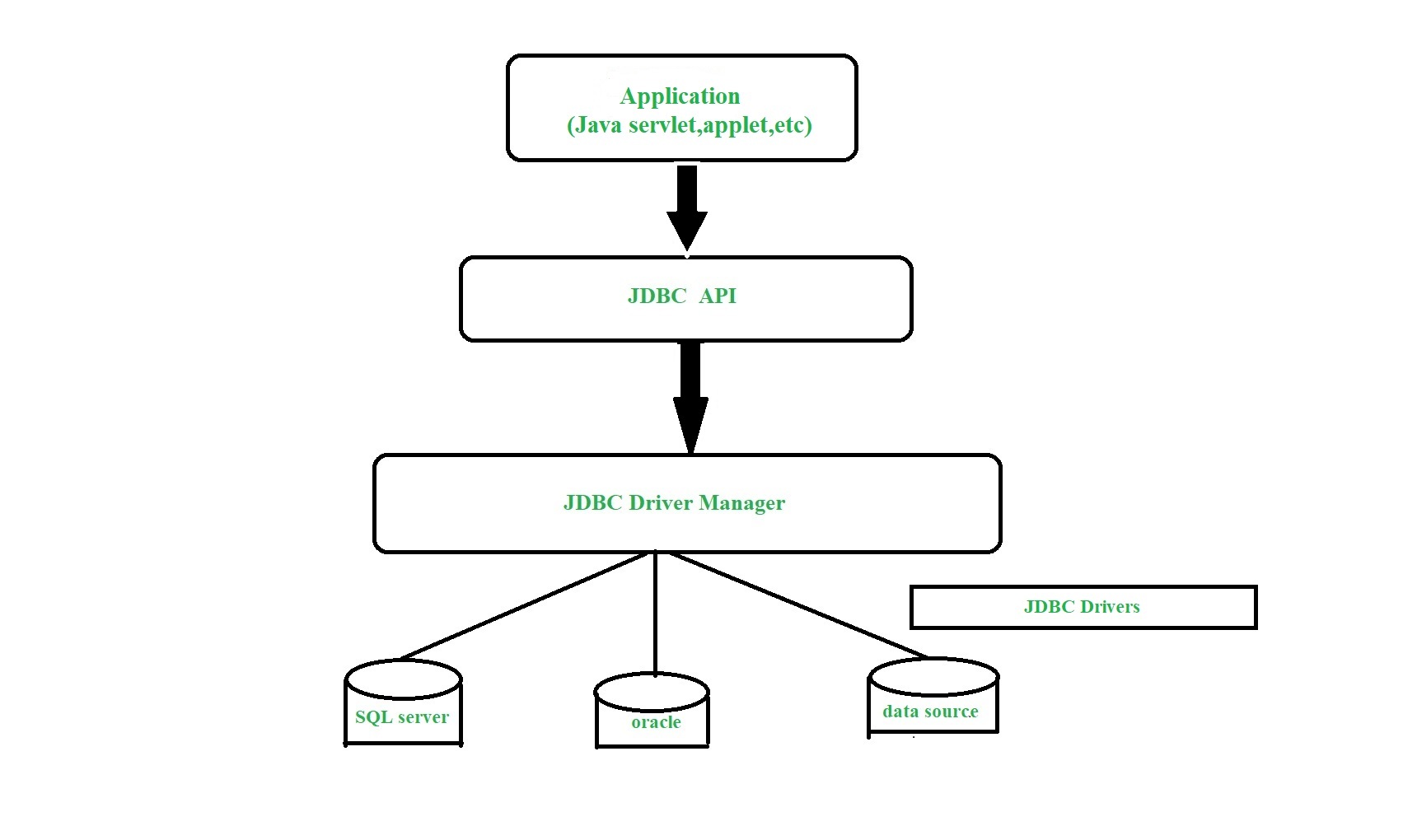
It also provides a standard to connect a database to a client application.

**2.**[**JDBC Driver manager**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/jdbc-drivers/)**:**It loads a database-specific driver in an application to establish a connection with a database. It is used to make a database-specific call to the database to process the user request.

**3. JDBC Test suite:** It is used to test the operation(such as insertion, deletion, updation) being performed by JDBC Drivers.

**4. JDBC-ODBC Bridge Drivers**: It connects database drivers to the database. This bridge translates the JDBC method call to the ODBC function call. It makes use of the **sun.jdbc.odbc**package which includes a native library to access ODBC characteristics.

**Architecture of JDBC**



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**Description:**

1. **Application:** It is a java applet or a servlet that communicates with a data source.
2. **The JDBC API:** The JDBC API allows Java programs to execute SQL statements and retrieve results. Some of the important classes and interfaces defined in JDBC API are as follows:
3. **DriverManager:** It plays an important role in the JDBC architecture. It uses some database-specific drivers to effectively connect enterprise applications to databases.
4. **JDBC drivers:** To communicate with a data source through JDBC, you need a JDBC driver that intelligently communicates with the respective data source.

**JDBC Drivers**

[JDBC drivers](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/jdbc-drivers/) are client-side adapters (installed on the client machine, not on the server) that convert requests from Java programs to a protocol that the DBMS can understand. There are 4 types of JDBC drivers:

1. Type-1 driver or JDBC-ODBC bridge driver
2. Type-2 driver or Native-API driver
3. Type-3 driver or Network Protocol driver
4. Type-4 driver or Thin driver

**Types of JDBC Architecture(2-tier and 3-tier)**

The JDBC architecture consists of[two-tier and three-tier processing models](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dbms-architecture-2-level-3-level/) to access a database. They are as described below:

1. **Two-tier model:** A java application communicates directly to the data source. The JDBC driver enables the communication between the application and the data source. When a user sends a query to the data source, the answers for those queries are sent back to the user in the form of results.   
   The data source can be located on a different machine on a network to which a user is connected. This is known as a **client/server configuration**, where the user’s machine acts as a client, and the machine has the data source running acts as the server.
2. **Three-tier model:** In this, the user’s queries are sent to middle-tier services, from which the commands are again sent to the data source. The results are sent back to the middle tier, and from there to the user.   
   This type of model is found very useful by management information system directors.

**Interfaces of JDBC API**

A list of popular *interfaces* of JDBC API is given below:

* Driver interface
* Connection interface
* Statement interface
* PreparedStatement interface
* CallableStatement interface
* ResultSet interface
* ResultSetMetaData interface
* DatabaseMetaData interface
* RowSet interface

**Classes of JDBC API**

A list of popular *classes* of JDBC API is given below:

* DriverManager class
* Blob class
* Clob class
* Types class