

Middleware and Web Services

Lecture 4: Application Server Services

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Overview

- Java Technologies and Services
 - *Remote Method Invocation*
 - *Java Database Connectivity*
 - *Java Naming and Directory Interface*
 - *Application Server and JNDI*
 - *Two-phase Commit*

Overview

- Communication among Java-based applications
 - *Methods of a Java class can be invoked by other Java class remotely*
 - *Uses Java Remote Method Protocol (JRMP)*
 - *Java-specific application protocol over TCP/IP*
 - *Basis for JEE technologies, such as JMS*
- Terminology
 - **Client** – *a program that invokes a remote method*
 - **Server** – *a program that exports a remote object*
 - **Stub** – *a representation of the client-side object for communication*
 - **Skeleton** – *a representation of the server-side object for communication*
 - **Registry** – *a component that holds a stub*
 - **Marshalling/Unmarshalling** – *a process of transforming memory representation of the object to a form suitable for network transmission and vice-versa*

Architecture

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RMI Implementation in Java – Interface

- Shared interface

```
1  import java.rmi.Remote;
2  import java.rmi.RemoteException;
3
4  // shared interface between a client and a server to
5  // invoke methods on the remote object
6  public interface HelloRMIIInterface extends Remote {
7      public String calculate(int a, int b) throws RemoteException;
8  }
```

- RMI Server

```
1  import java.rmi.Naming;
2  import java.rmi.RemoteException;
3  import java.rmi.RMISecurityManager;
4  import java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject;
5  import java.rmi.registry.LocateRegistry;
6
7  public class Server extends UnicastRemoteObject implements HelloRMIIInterface {
8
9      // implementation of the interface method
10     public int calculate(int a, int b) throws RemoteException {
11         return a+b;
12     }
```

RMI Implementation in Java – Server

- RMI Server (cont.)

```
1  // start the server and register the object in the rmi registry
2  public static void main(String args[]) {
3      try {
4          // install a security manager (uses a security policy)
5          if (System.getSecurityManager() == null) {
6              RMISecurityManager sm = new RMISecurityManager();
7              System.setSecurityManager(sm);
8          }
9
10         // create rmi registry
11         LocateRegistry.createRegistry(1099);
12
13         // create remote object
14         Server obj = new Server();
15
16         // Bind the object instance to the name "HelloRMI"
17         // 0.0.0.0 denotes the service will listen on all network interfaces
18         Naming.rebind("//0.0.0.0/HelloRMI", obj);
19
20         System.out.println("RMI server started, " +
21             "listening to incoming requests...");
22     } catch (Exception e) {
23         System.out.println("Error occurred: " + e.getLocalizedMessage());
24     }
25 }
26
```

RMI Implementation in Java – Client

- RMI Client

```
1  import java.rmi.Naming;
2
3  public class Client {
4
5      public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
6          // get a reference to the remote object
7          // assuming the server is running on the localhost
8          HelloRMIInterface o = (HelloRMIInterface)
9              Naming.lookup("//localhost/HelloRMI");
10
11          // call the object method
12          System.out.println(o.calculate(6, 4));
13      }
14 }
```

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- Uniform API to access any kind of tabular data
 - *No need to deal with specific APIs of DBMS vendors*
- JDBC components
 - *JDBC API*
 - *defines methods to execute SQL statements and retrieve results*
 - *Driver Manager*
 - *provides drivers that provide access to a specific DBMS*
 - *they implement a specific protocol to access the DBMS*
 - *JDBC-ODBC Bridge*
 - *a software bridge which provides access via ODBC drivers*
 - *ODBC driver is a driver in C for accessing DBMS*

JDBC Architecture

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JDBC Example Implementation in Java

- JDBC Client

```
1  import java.sql.*;
2
3  public class JDBCClient {
4
5      public static void main(String args[]){
6          // database url
7          String db_url = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@czns20sr:33001:XE";
8
9          // username and password
10         String username = "myUsername";
11         String password = "myPassword";
12
13         try {
14             // Register JDBC driver
15             Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver");
16
17             // Open a connection
18             Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(
19                 db_url, username, password);
20
21             // Create and execute query statement
22             Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
23             String sql = "SELECT id, first, last, age FROM Employees";
24             ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql);
25
```

JDBC Example Implementation in Java

- JDBC Client (cont.)

```
25         // Loop and extract received data
26         while (rs.next()) {
27             int id = rs.getInt("id");
28             int age = rs.getInt("age");
29             String first = rs.getString("first");
30             String last = rs.getString("last");
31         }
32
33         // Release the connections
34         rs.close();
35         stmt.close();
36         conn.close();
37     } catch (SQLException se) {
38
39         //Handle errors for JDBC
40         se.printStackTrace();
41     } catch (Exception e) {
42
43         //Handle errors for Class.forName
44         e.printStackTrace();
45     }
46 }
47 }
48 }
```

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- Objectives
 - *Allows to access objects by names in various directory systems and their attributes*
 - *Independent of any specific directory service implementation*
 - *Enables to distribute Java objects across various systems in the environment*
- Terminology
 - *Binding – association between a name and a object*
 - *Context – a set of bindings*
- JNDI Provides:
 - *a mechanism to bind an object to a name.*
 - *a directory lookup interface*
 - *a pluggable service provider interface (SPI) – any directory service implmentation can be plugged in*

JNDI Packages

- Naming Package
 - *interfaces to access naming services*
 - *Context: looking up, binding/unbinding, renaming, objects*
- Directory Package
 - *allows to retrieve attributes of objects, and to search for objects*
- Event Package
 - *allows for event notification in naming and directory services*
 - *For example, object was added, object changed, etc.*
- Other packages
 - *LDAP – allows to access LDAP services*
 - *Service Provider Interface – allows to develop various naming/directory services*

JNDI Architecture

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Application Server and JNDI

- Distribution of objects
 - *Application Server provides central directory for various kinds of objects*
 - *Datasources, JMS queues and topics, etc.*
 - *Clients store objects in the central directory*
 - *Administrator configures objects using Application Server Console or via AS API*
 - *Clients retrieve objects from the central directory*
- Benefits
 - *replication of objects across clients*
 - *central configuration of objects' parameters*
 - *scalability – allowing/disabling connections as required*

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Application Server and JNDI

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- Example Scenario

- Client A creates a datasource, configures it and registers it in the JNDI tree
 - Client A is a Admin server console app; this task is performed by the administrator
- Client B and C lookup the object under specific JNDI name and retrieves the object from the tree
 - They get the object from the tree and use it to connect to the DB
 - They do not need to know any DB specific details, the object is pre-configured from the server

Example Datasource in Weblogic

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Targets

- Object
 - *A service provided by the application server, e.g. datasources, JMS queue, SAF*
- Types of services
 - *Pinned services*
 - *Objects targeted to a single server only*
 - *Cluster services*
 - *Objects targeted to all servers in the cluster*

Example Target Configuration

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Deployment to Cluster

- Deployment of an object
 - *Client deploys to one managed server in the cluster*
 - *Object gets replicated to its targets*
 - *Targets can be configured for the object, usually all servers but can be selected servers*

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Cluster-wide JNDI Tree

- Cluster
 - *Every managed server has its own JNDI tree*
 - *Servers in a cluster sync up their JNDI trees as per the target configuration*
 - *A stub of the object appears in every managed server's JNDI tree*
 - *They use **JNDI replication service** (see Lecture 6)*
- When a client retrieves an object from the tree
 1. *Client connects to the cluster using the cluster address*
 2. *Client creates an initial context (represents a naming service)*
 3. *Client uses the initial context to lookup objects*
 4. *Client uses the stub of the object to call the service*

Object Failover

- Failover

- *Failover = ability to locate an object on another server that holds a copy of the object without impact on the performance and configuration*

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- *A client gets a stub of the object by calling **lookup** on the context*
- *A client uses the stub of the object to access the object on the server*
- *When a server fails, replicate-aware stub calls the next server that holds the object copy*

Example JNDI Tree on Weblogic Server

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JNDI Implementation in Java

- Lookup for bound object

```
1  import javax.naming.InitialContext;
2  import java.util.*;
3  import javax.sql.*;
4
5  ...
6
7  Properties p = new Properties();
8
9  // configure the service provider url: "t3://localhost:7001"
10 p.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL,
11       "t3://czfmwapp03-vf:8001,czfmwapp04-vf:8001,czfmwapp05-vf:8001");
12
13 // configure the initial context factory.
14 // we use WebLogic context factory
15 p.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY,
16       "weblogic.jndi.WLInitialContextFactory");
17 InitialContext ctx = new InitialContext(p);
18
19 dataSource =
20     (DataSource) ctx.lookup("jdbc/order-db");
21
22 // invoke the object method
23 Connection c = dataSource.getConnection();
24
```

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- Coordination of a distributed transaction
 - *All transaction operations are completed across multiple resources; or none is completed*
 - *Able to deal with many types of failures (process, network, communication)*
- Terminology
 - **Transaction Manager** – *manages transactions, coordinates decisions for commit or rollback, and coordinates failure recovery*
 - **Resource Manager** – *manages an access to a resource that participates in the transaction, e.g. DBMS, JMS*
 - **Agreement** – *an agreement message send by the Resource Manager, whether the operation was processed successfully*
 - **Acknowledgment** – *a message about a status of the operation execution*
 - **Rollback** – *operation that returns the Resource Manager state to its pre-transaction state.*

X/Open – eXtended Architecture (XA)

- Standard for executing distributed transactions
 - *Specifies how the coordinator will roll up the transaction against involved different systems.*
 - *Based on the Two-phase Commit protocol.*
 - *Defines interface between the coordinator and each system node.*
 - *Single transaction access to multiple resources (e.g. message queues, databases, etc.)*
 - *Defined in the eXtended Architecture Specification [🔗](#)*
- Wide technological support
 - *Java Transaction API (JTA) [🔗](#) – distributed transactions in a Java environment.*
 - *Supported in the Oracle Service Bus through a JMS queue.*
 - *MySQL Relational Database Management System (since v5.0)*

Two-phase Commit

- Two-phase commit scenario

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XA Example Implementation in Java

- Distributed Transaction

```
1  import java.sql.*;
2  import javax.sql.*;
3  import javax.naming.*;
4  import java.util.*;
5
6  public class Server {
7
8      public static void main(String args[]) {
9
10         // Initialize context
11         Hashtable parms = new Hashtable();
12         parms.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY,
13             "weblogic.jndi.WLInitialContextFactory");
14         parms.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, "t3://localhost:7001");
15         InitialContext ctx = new InitialContext(parms);
16
17         // Perform a naming service lookup to get UserTransaction object
18         javax.transaction.UserTransaction usertx;
19         usertx = (UserTransaction) ctx.lookup("java:comp/UserTransaction");
20
21         try {
22             //Start a new user transaction.
23             usertx.begin();
```


XA Example Implementation in Java

- Distributed Transaction (cont.)

```
24 // Establish a connection with the first database
25 javax.sql.DataSource data1;
26 data1=(javax.sql.DataSource)ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/DataBase1");
27 java.sql.Connection conn1 = data1.getConnection();
28 java.sql.Statement stat1 = conn1.createStatement();
29 // Establish a connection with the second database
30 javax.sql.DataSource data2;
31 data2=(javax.sql.DataSource)ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/DataBase2");
32 java.sql.Connection conn2 = data2.getConnection();
33 java.sql.Statement stat2 = conn2.createStatement();
34
35 // Execute update query to both databases
36 stat1.executeUpdate(...);
37 stat2.executeUpdate(...);
38
39 // Commit the transaction
40 // Apply the changes to the participating databases
41 usertx.commit();
42
43 //Release all connections and statements.
44 stat1.close();
45 stat2.close();
46 conn1.close();
47 conn2.close();
```

XA Example Implementation in Java

- Distributed Transaction (cont.)

```
48      // Catch any type of exception
49      catch (java.lang.Exception e) {
50          try {
51              e.printStackTrace();
52
53              // Rollback the transaction
54              usertx.rollback();
55              System.out.println("The transaction is rolled back.");
56          } catch (java.lang.Exception ex) {
57              e.printStackTrace();
58              System.out.println("Exception is caught. Check stack trace.");
59          }
60      }
61  }
```