

A background network diagram with nodes of various sizes and colors (dark green, blue, grey) connected by thin lines. The nodes are distributed across the frame, with some larger nodes acting as hubs.

Distributed Systems and Middleware Technologies

PisaEat

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Table:
tavolo 1

Book

Seats: 7



Table:
tavolo 2

Book

Seats: 5



Table:
tavolo 3

Book

Seats: 4



Introduction

PisaEat is a web platform where users can book a table on their favorite restaurant.

Once a table is booked, other users can join in (provided they know the right pin code) and exchange messages with the kitchen in order to communicate any kind of information (es. allergies or intolerances)

Booking name: Amadeus

pin: 4543

1

Excuse me, I'm allergic to onions

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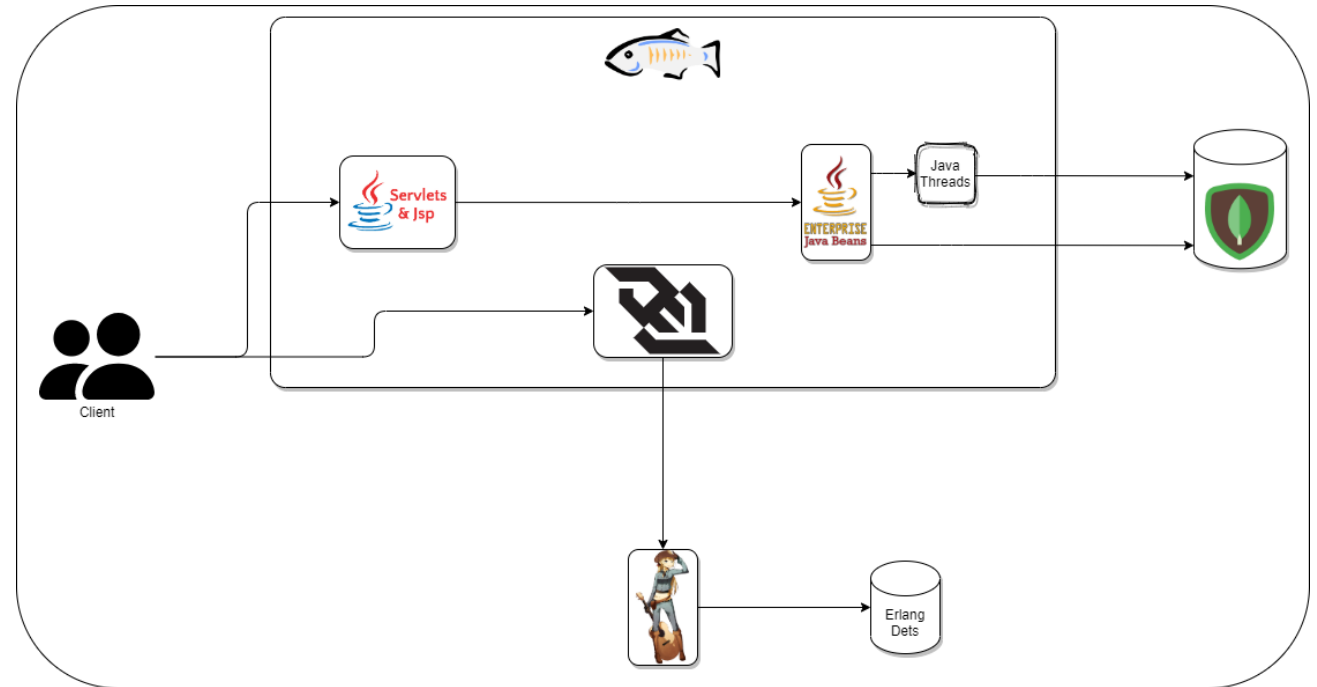
Kitchen (Pedro):

Oh what a bad luck, i could not live without onions, we will take care of not giving you any onion (maybe ;-))

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General Schema

- ◇ Glassfish (port 8080):
 - ◇ Servlet: <http://<host>:8080/PisaEat/>
 - ◇ WebSocket: <ws://<host>:8080/chat-WebSocket/chat/>
- ◇ Cowboy: <http://<erl-host>:8081/api/>
- ◇ MongoDB: <http://<mongo-host>:27017>



Synchronization Problems

1. Two or more people can try to book the same table, at the same time. So, a race begins.
2. The seats of a table are limited, if there's only one seat left, a race can begin.

Book Table tavolo 1 ×

Name:

Confirm Book



Join Table tavolo 4 ×

Name:

pin:

Sit down

Solution to Synchronization Problems

the critical sections will be managed through a Singleton EJB which will have the task of:

- ❖ 1) take charge of the requests
- ❖ 2) create an ad-hoc task to manage the request (containing code for mutual exclusion)
- ❖ 3) let Glassfish default ManagedExecutorService execute the task by returning a Future <> of the return type to the caller

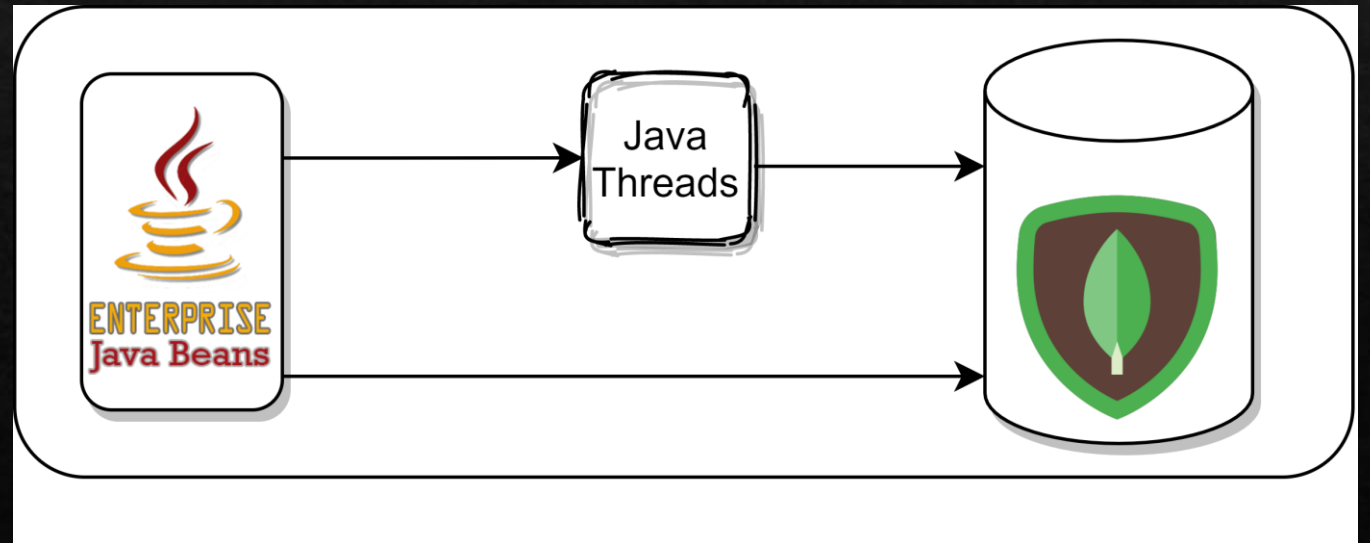
```
@Singleton(name = "SingletonTableEJB")
public class SingletonTableBean implements ISingletonTableBean {

    @Resource(name = "concurrent/__defaultManagedExecutorService")
    ManagedExecutorService executorService;

    public SingletonTableBean() {
    }

    @Override
    @Asynchronous
    public Future<Table> bookTable(String tableId, String name) {
        return executorService.submit(new BookTableTask(tableId, name));
    }

    @Override
    @Asynchronous
    public Future<BookSession> joinBookSession(String bookSessionId, String name, String pin) {
        return executorService.submit(new JoinBookSessionTask(bookSessionId, name, pin));
    }
}
```



Thread Synchronization

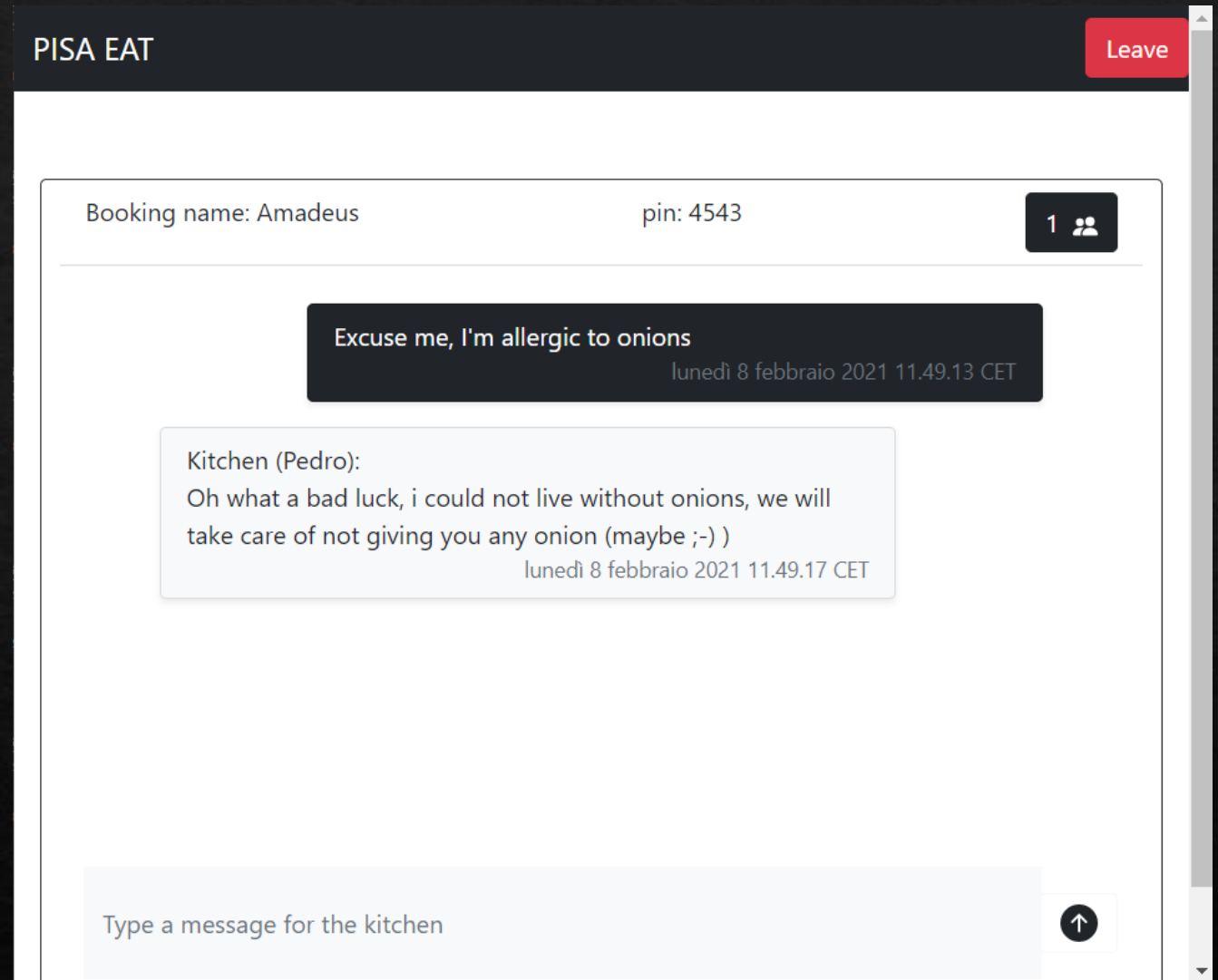
As said before, the synchronization among threads is handled by tasks submitted to GlassFish Executor Service.

To obtain a performance compromise, accesses in mutual exclusion are provided based on a hashing function applied to the identifier of the resource that we want to modify

```
public class BookTableTask implements Callable<Table> {  
    private static final Striped<Lock> tableLocks = Striped.lock(1024);  
    ...  
  
    @Override  
    public Table call() throws Exception {  
        //not synchronized code  
        tableLocks.get(tableId).lock();  
  
        try {  
            //synchronized code  
  
            tableLocks.get(tableId).unlock();  
            return returnTable;  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            tableLocks.get(tableId).unlock();  
            throw e;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Communication Problem

After booking a table, there is a chat with the kitchen in order to communicate any kind of information (es. allergies or intolerances)



Communication Solutions

In order to implement the chat we made use of 2 components:

- 1) An Erlang Rest Web Service (ERWS) with some base operations for reading and saving messages in a dedicated dets table
- 2) A WebSocket: it was necessary in order to coordinate the messages sent by other users of the same table:
 - ◇ Storing incoming messages using the ERWS
 - ◇ Forwarding the messages to all other clients currently in the session

Erlang Erlang rest interface

api

GET	/	retrieve help json file
GET	/api/help	retrieve help json file
GET	/api/chat/{session_id}	retrieve a json file with a list of all messages sent in the session_id
POST	/api/chat/{session_id}	send a message in the form of a json file to be saved in the session_id; returns the json saved

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline. The central focus is a tall skyscraper with a blue, curved upper section and a pointed spire. To its left, there are several other high-rise buildings, some with illuminated windows. To the right, more skyscrapers are visible, including one with a distinctive yellowish-gold facade. The foreground shows a dense urban area with lower buildings and trees, all under a dark, cloudy night sky. The word "End" is superimposed in white serif font over the central part of the image.

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