Introduction to JDBC

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- JDBC stands for Java to Database Connectivity.
- It is an API that allows Java applications to interact with Database.

Why JDBC

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- Applications need to write data into or load data from database.
- JDBC provides a channel to bridge the gap between a Java application and a Database.

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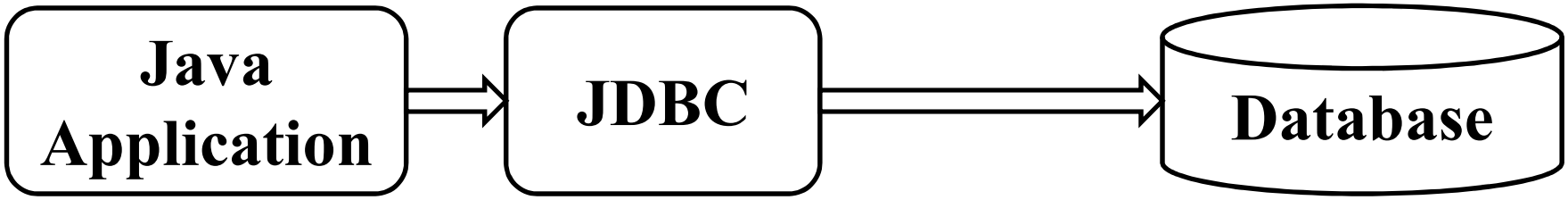

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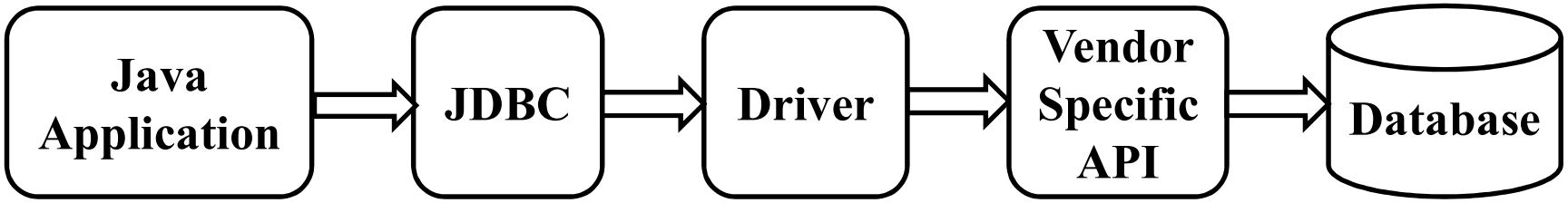
- Every DB vendor provides its own API that simplifies access for the client programs to connecting to the database.
- Such an API is known as a Vendor Specific API.

JDBC Driver

- Since both the APIs are written as per the proprietary standards, they are not compatible with each other.
- This mismatch is resolved by a mediator known as a Driver.

JDBC Driver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JDBC Driver

- There are 4 types of JDBC drivers:
  - Type 1
  - Type 2
  - Type 3
  - Type 4

Type 1 Driver

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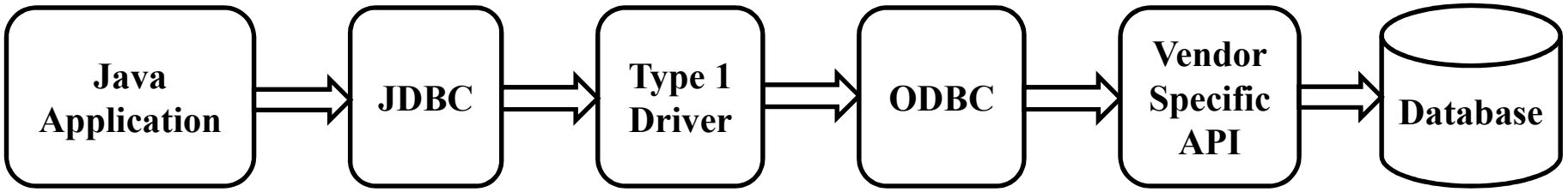
- It is called as a JDBC – ODBC Bridge.
- It uses a 3rd party library known as ODBC which is provided by Microsoft.

Type 1 Driver



Type 1 Driver

- It is platform dependent.
- It is the slowest, takes much time for processing.
- Every client machine must have ODBC configuration setup.

Type 1 Driver

- Suitable for simple desktop applications or even just for testing purpose.
- Not much recommended in case of large scale applications or even in production environment.

Type 2 Driver

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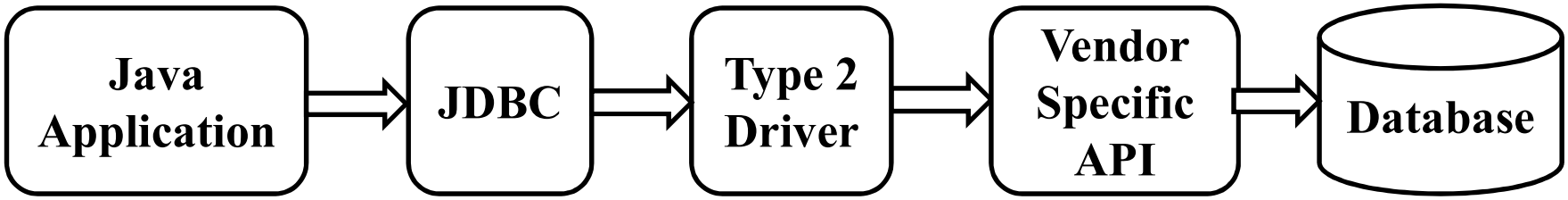
- Native API, partly Java driver.
- It uses a combination of Java as well as Database proprietary standards for implementation.

Type 2 Driver



Type 2 Driver

- It does not use any 3rd party library and hence it is platform independent and faster in processing as compared to Type 1.

Type 2 Driver

- Since it uses a DB specific native API, the corresponding API must be installed on every client machine.

Type 3 Driver

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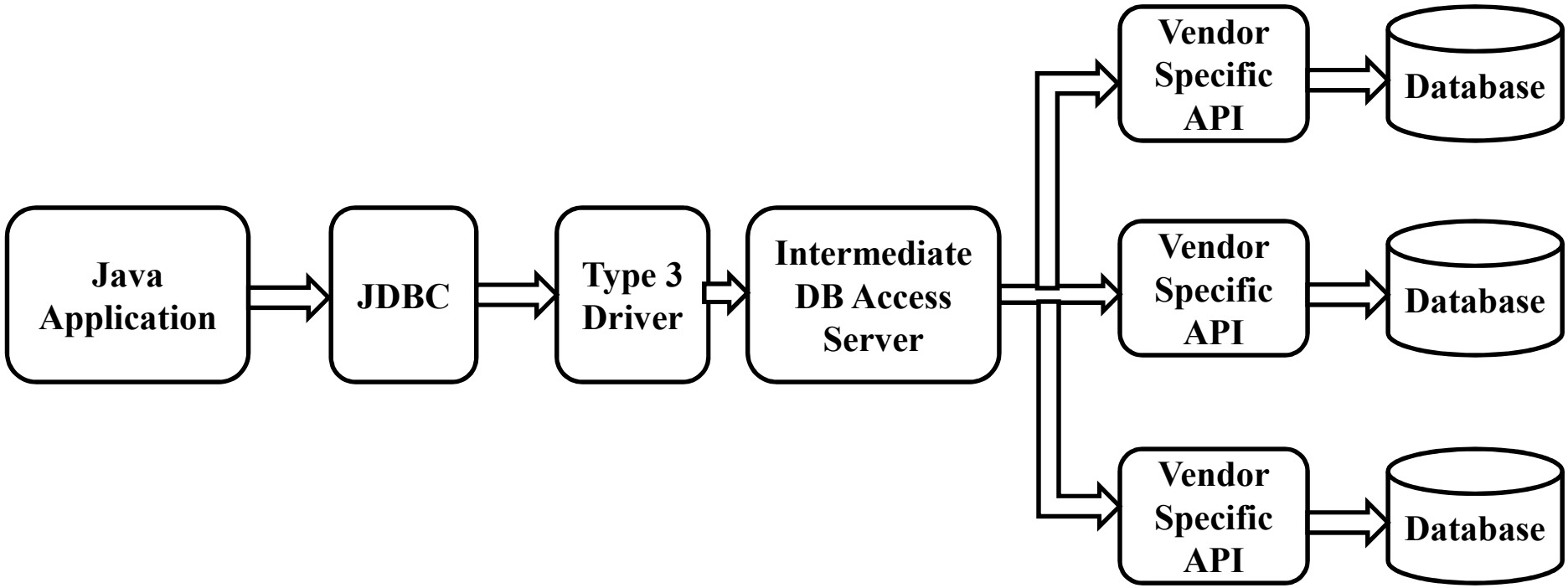
- Net Protocol, Intermediate DB Access Server
- It is used especially when an application needs to connect to multiple databases.

Type 3 Driver



Type 4 Driver

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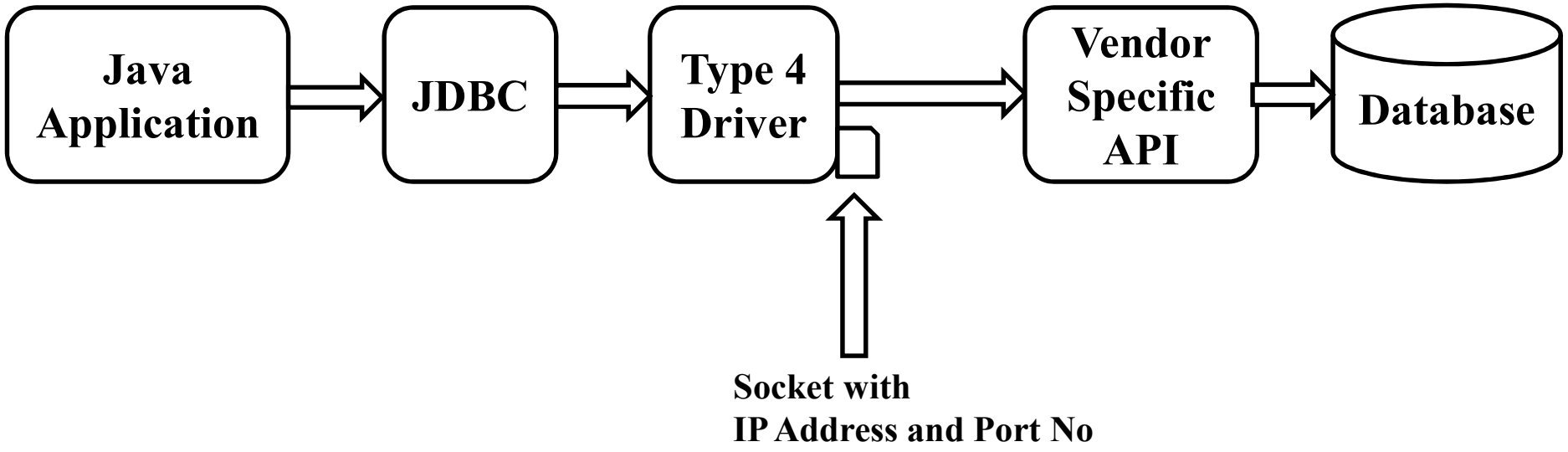
- Database specific, Pure Java Driver.
- Every DB vendor provides its own driver implementation.
- Directly connects to a DB server using TCP/IP socket connections.

Type 4 Driver



Type 4 Driver

- It is the fastest as compared to Type 1 and Type 2 drivers.
- Platform independent.

Type 4 Driver

- No configuration is required on the client machine.
- Hence, highly recommended for large scale applications as well as production environment.

JDBC Core API

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JDBC Core API

- To implement any JDBC program, Java provides an API known as a JDBC API.
- It belongs to a package `java.sql`.

JDBC Core API

- `DriverManager`
- `Driver`
- `Connection`
- `Statement`
- `PreparedStatement`
- `CallableStatement`
- `ResultSet`

Steps in JDBC Application

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- Load the Driver.
- Establish `Connection`.
- Obtain the `Statement`.
- Execute SQL query.
- (For `SELECT` query) Obtain the `ResultSet` and perform navigation.

Load the Driver

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Load the Driver

- A driver can be loaded either by using `Class.forName()` or by creating an object of the driver implementation class.

Establish Connection

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Establish `Connection`

- A Connection to the database can be established either by using a `DriverManager` class or a `Driver` interface.

Establish Connection

- E.g.

```
Connection conn =
     DriverManager.getConnection(….);
```

OR

```
Driver dr =
    new <<DriverImplClassNAME>>();
Connection conn = dr.connect(…);
```