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Multi-tier Enterprise Architecture



A multi-tier Open Enterprise architecture

- A multi-tier open Java based enterprise architecture is built as a set of extensible services-frameworks with ability to add/customize services run-time
- Tier 1 Client requests services via XML based service API
- Client types: 1) partner application running on a workstation, 2)Web Browser with Java[™] Applet, 3)Wireless device with embedded WML browser or VoiceXML interpreter, 4)Java card technology device, etc.
- Tier 2 Web Container with J2EE Servlet and JSP engines where servlet is responsible for session tracking and request distribution, and JSPs provide presentation layer back to the client. Tier 2 can be considered as a communication tier that in the case of HTTP serves as a Web Container
- Tier 3 worker beans providing services.
 Worker beans can be (not necessary) implemented as EJBs to gain advantage of security and transaction monitoring services provided by EJB containers.
- Tier 4 Connectors to Data, Remote Systems, etc. (XML API to Tier5)
- Unified JNDI based approach is used for data integration describing data types, rules, and structure with XML descriptors. A master controller with XML based API is created to describe a set of operations on device controllers.

Java Enterprise Services

Naming and Directory

 allows programs to locate services and components through the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) API

Authentication

enforces security by requiring users to log in

HTTP

– enables Web browsers to access servlets and JavaServer
 Pages (JSP) files

EJB

allows clients to invoke methods on enterprise beans

JMS

- enables asynchronous processing with messaging services



JEE Implementations of

Model-View-Controller (MVC) Design Pattern

Web Applications before MVC: -Common Gateway Interface (CGI)

MVC Model 1 (Page-centric Architecture) JSP-to-JSP

MVC Model 2 (Servlet-centric Architecture

Open Source Web application frameworks: Struts and more

Standard-based Web application framework: Java Server Faces (JSR-127)





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MVC Model 1 Page-Centric Architecture



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MVC Model 2 - Better Separation of Business and Presentation Layers



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Current Enterprise Web Applications with Struts and other Frameworks





MVC Design Pattern (J2EE/ASP.Net) Multiple Presentation Factories (HTML/WML/etc.)

Self-Healing Well Packaged Applications

Use existing frameworks to:



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- Monitor application health
- Validate application data
- Prepare application for work (Leave only DDL in your release notes, use app services to prepare data)
- Provide testing facilities

Provide standard ways for data exchange

Provide standard ways to configure applications



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