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# CHAPTER J2EE.1

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## Introduction

**E**nterprises today need to extend their reach, reduce their costs, and lower the response times of their services to customers, employees, and suppliers.

Typically, applications that provide these services must combine existing enterprise information systems (EISs) with new business functions that deliver services to a broad range of users. The services need to be:

- *Highly available*, to meet the needs of today's global business environment.
- *Secure*, to protect the privacy of users and the integrity of the enterprise.
- *Reliable and scalable*, to insure that business transactions are accurately and promptly processed.

In most cases, enterprise services are implemented as multitier applications. The middle tiers integrate existing EISs with the business functions and data of the new service. Maturing web technologies are used to provide first tier users with easy access to business complexities, and eliminate or drastically reduce user administration and training.

The Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™) reduces the cost and complexity of developing multitier, enterprise services. J2EE applications can be rapidly deployed and easily enhanced as the enterprise responds to competitive pressures.

J2EE achieves these benefits by defining a standard architecture with the following elements:

- **J2EE Platform** - A standard platform for hosting J2EE applications.
- **J2EE Compatibility Test Suite** - A suite of compatibility tests for verifying that a J2EE platform product complies with the J2EE platform standard.

- **J2EE Reference Implementation** - A reference implementation for prototyping J2EE applications and for providing an operational definition of the J2EE platform.
- **J2EE BluePrints** - A set of best practices for developing multitier, thin-client services.

This document is the J2EE platform specification. It sets out the requirements that a J2EE platform product must meet.

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# CHAPTER J2EE.2

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## Platform Overview

**T**his chapter provides an overview of the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™).

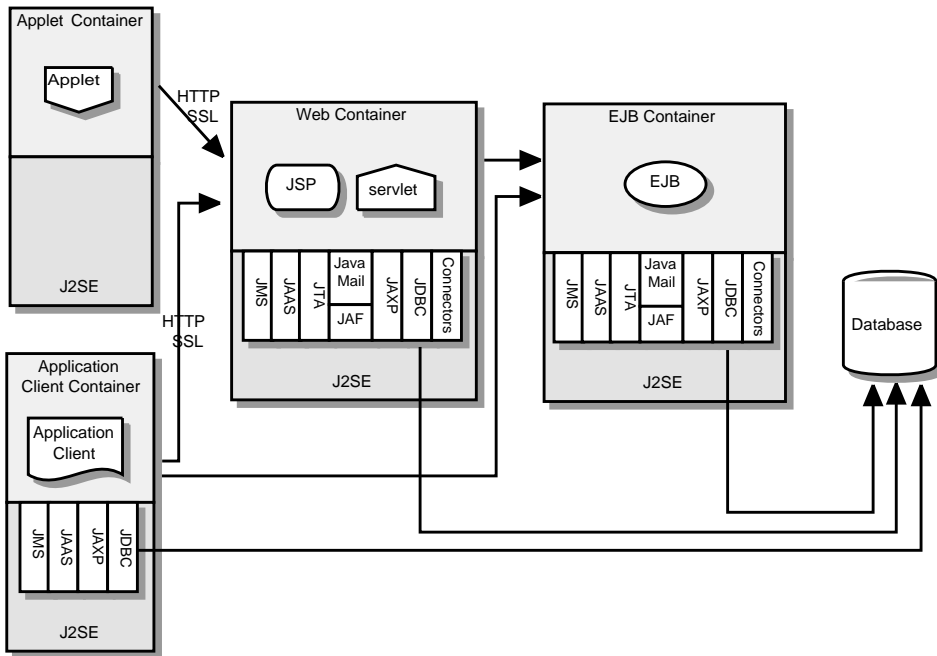
### J2EE.2.1 Architecture

The required relationships of architectural elements of the J2EE platform are shown in **Figure J2EE.2.1**. Note that this figure shows the logical relationships of the elements; it is *not* meant to imply a physical partitioning of the elements into separate machines, processes, address spaces, or virtual machines.

The Containers, denoted by the separate rectangles, are J2EE runtime environments that provide required services to the application components represented in the upper half of the rectangle. The services provided are denoted by the boxes in the lower half of the rectangle. For example, the Application Client Container provides Java Messaging Service (JMS) APIs to Application Clients, as well as the other services represented. All these services are explained below. See Section J2EE.2.6, “J2EE Standard Services”.

The arrows represent required access to other parts of the J2EE platform. The Application Client Container provides Application Clients with direct access to the J2EE required Database through the Java API for connectivity with database systems, the JDBC™ API. Similar access to databases is provided to JSP pages and servlets by the Web Container, and to enterprise beans by the EJB Container.

As indicated the APIs of the Java™ 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE™), are supported by J2SE runtime environments for each type of application component.



**Figure J2EE.2.1** J2EE Architecture Diagram

The following sections describe the J2EE Platform requirements for each kind of J2EE platform element.

## J2EE.2.2 Application Components

The J2EE runtime environment defines four application component types that a J2EE product must support:

- Application clients are Java programming language programs that are typically GUI programs that execute on a desktop computer. Application clients offer a user experience similar to that of native applications, and have access to all of the facilities of the J2EE middle tier.
- Applets are GUI components that typically execute in a web browser, but can execute in a variety of other applications or devices that support the applet programming model. Applets can be used to provide a powerful user interface for J2EE applications. (Simple HTML pages can also be used to provide a more limited user interface for J2EE applications.)



- Servlets, JSP pages, filters, and web event listeners typically execute in a web server and may respond to HTTP requests from web clients. Servlets, JSP pages, and filters may be used to generate HTML pages that are an application's user interface. They may also be used to generate XML or other format data that is consumed by other application components. Servlets, pages created with the JavaServer Pages™ technology, web filters, and web event listeners are referred to collectively in this specification as “web components.” Web applications are composed of web components and other data such as HTML pages.
- Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) components execute in a managed environment that supports transactions. Enterprise beans typically contain the business logic for a J2EE application.

### **J2EE.2.2.1 J2EE Server Support for Application Components**

The J2EE servers provide deployment, management, and execution support for conforming application components. Application components can be divided into three categories according to their dependence on a J2EE server:

- Components that are deployed, managed, and executed on a J2EE server. These components include web components and Enterprise JavaBeans components. See the separate specifications for these components.
- Components that are deployed and managed on a J2EE server, but are loaded to and executed on a client machine. These components include HTML pages and applets embedded in HTML pages. See Section J2EE.4 of this specification.
- Components whose deployment and management is not completely defined by this specification. Application Clients fall into this category. Future versions of this specification may more fully define deployment and management of Application Clients. See Chapter J2EE.9 of this specification for a description of Application Clients under this specification.

### **J2EE.2.3 Containers**

Containers provide the runtime support for J2EE application components. Containers provide a federated view of the underlying J2EE APIs to the application components. J2EE application components never interact directly with other J2EE application components. They use the protocols and methods of the container for

interacting with each other and with platform services. Interposing a container between the application components and the J2EE services allows the container to transparently inject the services defined by the components' deployment descriptors, such as declarative transaction management, security checks, resource pooling, and state management.

A typical J2EE product will provide a container for each application component type: application client container, applet container, web component container, and enterprise bean container.

### **J2EE.2.3.1 Container Requirements**

This specification requires that containers provide a Java Compatible™ runtime environment, as defined by the Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition, v1.3 specification (J2SE). The applet container may use the Java Plugin product to provide this environment, or it may provide it natively. The use of applet containers providing JDK™ 1.1 APIs is outside the scope of this specification.

The container tools must understand the file formats for the packaging of application components for deployment.

The containers are implemented by a J2EE Product Provider. See the description of the Product Provider role in Section J2EE.2.10.1, "J2EE Product Provider".

This specification defines a set of standard services that each J2EE product must support. These standard services are described below. The J2EE containers provide the APIs that application components use to access these services. This specification also describes standard ways to extend J2EE services with connectors to other non-J2EE application systems, such as mainframe systems and ERP systems.

### **J2EE.2.3.2 J2EE Servers**

Underlying a J2EE container is the server of which it is a part. A J2EE Product Provider typically implements the J2EE server-side functionality using an existing transaction processing infrastructure in combination with Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE) technology. The J2EE client functionality is typically built on J2SE technology.

## **J2EE.2.4 Resource Manager Drivers**

A resource manager driver (driver for short) is a system-level software component that implements network connectivity to an external resource manager. A driver can extend the functionality of the J2EE platform either by implementing one of the J2EE standard service APIs (such as a JDBC™ driver), or by defining and implementing a resource manager driver for a connector to an external application system. Drivers interface with the J2EE platform through the J2EE service provider interfaces (J2EE SPI). A driver that uses the J2EE SPIs to attach to the J2EE platform will be able to work with all J2EE products.

## **J2EE.2.5 Database**

The J2EE platform requires a database, accessible through the JDBC API, for the storage of business data. The database is accessible from web components, enterprise beans, and application client components. The database need not be accessible from applets.

## **J2EE.2.6 J2EE Standard Services**

The J2EE standard services include the following (specified in more detail later in this document). Some of these standard services are actually provided by J2SE.

### **J2EE.2.6.1 HTTP**

The HTTP client-side API is defined by the `java.net` package. The HTTP server-side API is defined by the servlet and JSP interfaces.

### **J2EE.2.6.2 HTTPS**

Use of the HTTP protocol over the SSL protocol is supported by the same client and server APIs as HTTP.

### **J2EE.2.6.3 Java™ Transaction API (JTA)**

The Java Transaction API consists of two parts:

- An application-level demarcation interface that is used by the container and application components to demarcate transaction boundaries.
- An interface between the transaction manager and a resource manager used at the J2EE SPI level (in a future release).

#### **J2EE.2.6.4 RMI-IIOP**

The RMI-IIOP subsystem is composed of APIs that allow for the use of RMI-style programming that is independent of the underlying protocol, as well as an implementation of these APIs that supports both the J2SE native RMI protocol (JRMP) and the CORBA IIOP protocol. J2EE applications can use RMI-IIOP, with the IIOP protocol support, to access CORBA services that are compatible with the RMI programming restrictions (see the RMI-IIOP spec for details). Such CORBA services would typically be defined by components that live outside of a J2EE product, usually in a legacy system. Only J2EE application clients are required to be able to define their own CORBA services directly, using the RMI-IIOP APIs. Typically such CORBA objects would be used for callbacks when accessing other CORBA objects.

J2EE applications are required to use the RMI-IIOP APIs (specifically the narrow method of `javax.rmi.PortableRemoteObject`) when accessing Enterprise JavaBeans components, as described in the EJB specification. This allows enterprise beans to be protocol independent. In addition, J2EE products must be capable of exporting enterprise beans using the IIOP protocol, and accessing enterprise beans using the IIOP protocol, as specified in the EJB 2.0 specification. The ability to use the IIOP protocol is required to enable interoperability between J2EE products, however a J2EE product may also use other protocols.

#### **J2EE.2.6.5 Java IDL**

JavaIDL allows J2EE application components to invoke external CORBA objects using the IIOP protocol. These CORBA objects may be written in any language and typically live outside a J2EE product. J2EE applications may use Java IDL to act as clients of CORBA services, but only J2EE application clients are required to be allowed to use JavaIDL directly to present CORBA services themselves.

#### **J2EE.2.6.6 JDBC™ API**

The JDBC API is the API for connectivity with relational database systems. The JDBC API has two parts: an application-level interface used by the application

components to access a database, and a service provider interface to attach a JDBC driver to the J2EE platform.

#### **J2EE.2.6.7     Java™ Message Service (JMS)**

The Java Messaging Service is a standard API for messaging that supports reliable point-to-point messaging as well as the publish-subscribe model. This specification requires a JMS provider that implements both point-to-point messaging as well as publish-subscribe messaging.

#### **J2EE.2.6.8     Java Naming and Directory Interface™ (JNDI)**

The JNDI API is the standard API for naming and directory access. The JNDI API has two parts: an application-level interface used by the application components to access naming and directory services and a service provider interface to attach a provider of a naming and directory service.

#### **J2EE.2.6.9     JavaMail™**

Many Internet applications require the ability to send email notifications, so the J2EE platform includes the JavaMail API along with a JavaMail service provider that allows an application component to send Internet mail. The JavaMail API has two parts: an application-level interface used by the application components to send mail, and a service provider interface used at the J2EE SPI level.

#### **J2EE.2.6.10    JavaBeans™ Activation Framework (JAF)**

The JavaMail API makes use of the JAF API, so it must be included as well.

#### **J2EE.2.6.11    Java™ API for XML Parsing (JAXP)**

JAXP provides support for the industry standard SAX and DOM APIs for parsing XML documents, as well as support for XSLT transform engines.

#### **J2EE.2.6.12    J2EE™ Connector Architecture**

The Connector architecture is a J2EE SPI that allows resource adapters that support access to Enterprise Information Systems to be plugged in to any J2EE product. The Connector architecture defines a standard set of system-level contracts between a J2EE server and a resource adapter. The standard contracts include:

- A connection management contract that lets a J2EE server pool connections to an underlying EIS, and lets application components connect to an EIS. This leads to a scalable application environment that can support a large number of clients requiring access to EIS systems.
- A transaction management contract between the transaction manager and an EIS that supports transactional access to EIS resource managers. This contract lets a J2EE server use a transaction manager to manage transactions across multiple resource managers. This contract also supports transactions that are managed internal to an EIS resource manager without the necessity of involving an external transaction manager.
- A security contract that enables secure access to an EIS. This contract provides support for a secure application environment, which reduces security threats to the EIS and protects valuable information resources managed by the EIS.

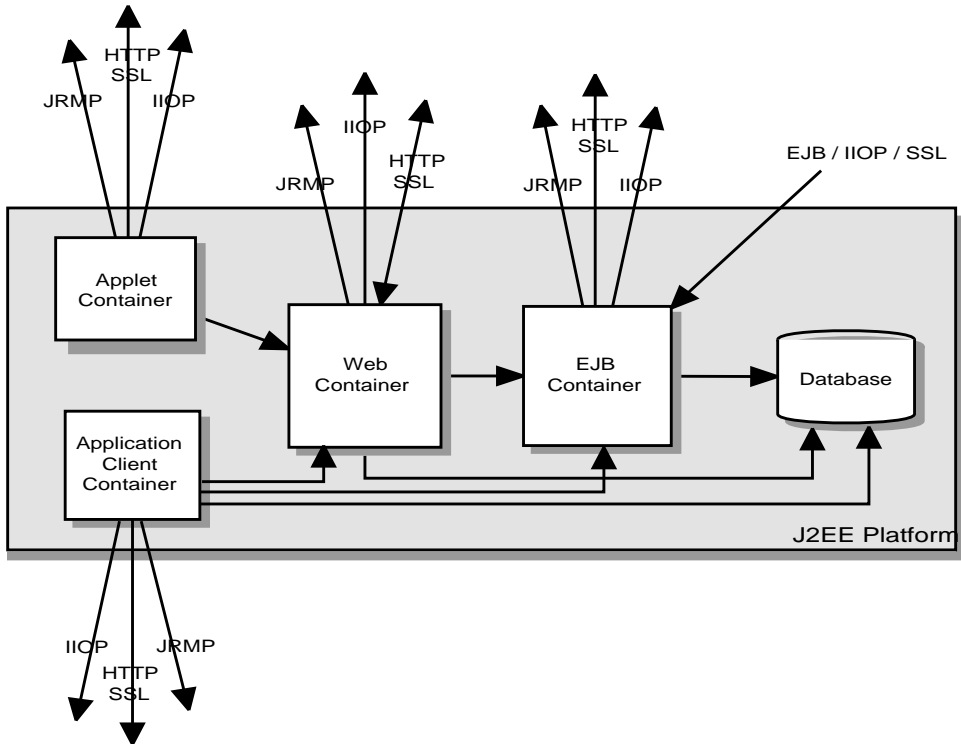
### **J2EE.2.6.13    Java™ Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS)**

JAAS enables services to authenticate and enforce access controls upon users. It implements a Java technology version of the standard Pluggable Authentication Module (PAM) framework, and extends the access control architecture of the Java 2 Platform in a compatible fashion to support user-based authorization.

## **J2EE.2.7    Interoperability**

Many of the APIs described above provide interoperability with components that are not a part of the J2EE platform, such as external web or CORBA services.

**Figure J2EE.2.1** illustrates the interoperability facilities of the J2EE platform. (The directions of the arrows indicate the client/server relationships of the components.)



**Figure J2EE.2.1** J2EE Interoperability

## J2EE.2.8 Flexibility of Product Requirements

This specification doesn't require that a J2EE product be implemented by a single program, a single server, or even a single machine. In general, this specification doesn't describe the partitioning of services or functions between machines, servers, or processes. As long as the requirements in this specification are met, J2EE Product Providers can partition the functionality however they see fit. A J2EE product must be able to deploy application components that execute with the semantics described by this specification.

A very simple J2EE product might be provided as a single Java virtual machine that supports applets, web components, and enterprise beans in one container (although this would be an extreme, and probably rare, case), and application clients each in their own container. A typical low end J2EE product will support applets in one of the popular browsers, application clients each in their own Java virtual machine, and will provide a single server that supports both

web components and enterprise beans. A high end J2EE product might split the server components into multiple servers, each of which can be distributed and load-balanced across a collection of machines. This specification does not prescribe or preclude any of these configurations.

A wide variety of J2EE product configurations and implementations, all of which meet the requirements of this specification, are possible. A portable J2EE application will function correctly when successfully deployed in any of these products.

## **J2EE.2.9 J2EE Product Extensions**

This specification describes a minimum set of facilities that all J2EE products must provide. Most J2EE products will provide facilities beyond the minimum required by this specification. This specification includes only a few limits to the ability of a product to provide extensions. In particular, it includes the same restrictions as J2SE on extensions to Java APIs. A J2EE product may not add classes to the Java programming language packages included in this specification, and may not add methods or otherwise alter the signatures of the specified classes.

However, many other extensions are allowed. A J2EE product may provide additional Java APIs, either other Java optional packages or other (appropriately named) packages. A J2EE product may include support for additional protocols or services not specified here. A J2EE product may support applications written in other languages, or may support connectivity to other platforms or applications.

Of course, portable applications will not make use of any platform extensions. Applications that do make use of facilities not required by this specification will be less portable. Depending on the facility used, the loss of portability may be minor or it may be significant. The document *Designing Enterprise Applications with the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition* supplies information to help application developers construct portable applications, and contains advice on how best to manage the use of non-portable code when the use of such facilities is necessary.

We expect J2EE products to vary widely and compete vigorously on various aspects of quality of service. Products will provide different levels of performance, scalability, robustness, availability, and security. In some cases this specification requires minimum levels of service. Future versions of this specification may allow applications to describe their requirements in these areas.



## **J2EE.2.10 Platform Roles**

This section describes typical Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition roles. In an actual instance, an organization may divide role functionality differently to match that organization's application development and deployment workflow.

The roles are described in greater detail in later sections of this specification. Relevant subsets of these roles are described in the EJB, JSP, and servlet specifications included herein as parts of the J2EE specification.

### **J2EE.2.10.1 J2EE Product Provider**

A J2EE Product Provider is the implementor and supplier of a J2EE product that includes the component containers, J2EE platform APIs, and other features defined in this specification. A J2EE Product Provider is typically an operating system vendor, database system vendor, application server vendor, or a web server vendor. A J2EE Product Provider must make available the J2EE APIs to the application components through containers. A Product Provider frequently bases their implementation on an existing infrastructure.

A J2EE Product Provider must provide the mapping of the application components to the network protocols as specified by this specification. A J2EE product is free to implement interfaces that are not specified by this specification in an implementation-specific way.

A J2EE Product Provider must provide application deployment and management tools. Deployment tools enable a Deployer (see Section J2EE.2.10.4, "Deployer") to deploy application components on the J2EE product. Management tools allow a System Administrator (see Section J2EE.2.10.5, "System Administrator") to manage the J2EE product and the applications deployed on the J2EE product. The form of these tools is not prescribed by this specification.

### **J2EE.2.10.2 Application Component Provider**

There are multiple roles for Application Component Providers, including HTML document designers, document programmers, and enterprise bean developers. These roles use tools to produce J2EE applications and components.

### **J2EE.2.10.3 Application Assembler**

The Application Assembler takes a set of components developed by Application Component Providers and assembles them into a complete J2EE application delivered in the form of an Enterprise Archive (.ear) file. The Application

Assembler will generally use GUI tools provided by either a Platform Provider or Tool Provider. The Application Assembler is responsible for providing assembly instructions describing external dependencies of the application that the Deployer must resolve in the deployment process.

#### **J2EE.2.10.4 Deployer**

The Deployer is responsible for deploying web applications and Enterprise JavaBeans components into a specific operational environment. The Deployer uses tools supplied by the J2EE Product Provider to carry out deployment tasks. Deployment is typically a three-stage process:

1. During **Installation** the Deployer moves application media to the server, generates the additional container-specific classes and interfaces that enable the container to manage the application components at runtime, and installs application components, and additional classes and interfaces, into the appropriate J2EE containers.
2. During **Configuration**, external dependencies declared by the Application Component Provider are resolved and application assembly instructions defined by the Application Assembler are followed. For example, the Deployer is responsible for mapping security roles defined by the Application Assembler onto user groups and accounts that exist in the target operational environment.
3. Finally, the Deployer starts up **Execution** of the newly installed and configured application.

In some cases, a specially qualified Deployer may customize the business logic of the application's components at deployment time. For example, using tools provided with a J2EE product, the Deployer may provide simple application code that wraps an enterprise bean's business methods, or customizes the appearance of a JSP page.

The Deployer's output is web applications, enterprise beans, applets, and application clients that have been customized for the target operational environment and are deployed in a specific J2EE container.

#### **J2EE.2.10.5 System Administrator**

The System Administrator is responsible for the configuration and administration of the enterprise's computing and networking infrastructure. The System

Administrator is also responsible for overseeing the runtime well-being of the deployed J2EE applications. The System Administrator typically uses runtime monitoring and management tools provided by the J2EE Product Provider to accomplish these tasks.

#### **J2EE.2.10.6 Tool Provider**

A Tool Provider provides tools used for the development and packaging of application components. A variety of tools are anticipated, corresponding to the types of application components supported by the J2EE platform. Platform independent tools can be used for all phases of development up to the deployment of an application. Tools for deployment, management, and monitoring of applications may be platform dependent. Future versions of this specification may define additional interfaces that allow such tools to be platform independent.

### **J2EE.2.11 Platform Contracts**

This section describes the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition contracts that must be fulfilled by the J2EE Product Provider.

#### **J2EE.2.11.1 J2EE APIs**

The J2EE APIs define the contract between the J2EE application components and the J2EE platform. The contract specifies both the runtime and deployment interfaces.

The J2EE Product Provider must implement the J2EE APIs in a way that supports the semantics and policies described in this specification. The Application Component Provider provides components that conform to these APIs and policies.

#### **J2EE.2.11.2 J2EE Service Provider Interfaces (SPIs)**

The J2EE Service Provider Interfaces (SPIs) define the contract between the J2EE platform and service providers that may be plugged into a J2EE product. The Connector APIs define service provider interfaces for integrating resource adapters with a J2EE application server. Resource adapter components implementing the Connector APIs are called Connectors.

The J2EE Product Provider must implement the J2EE SPIs in a way that supports the semantics and policies described in this specification. A provider of

Service Provider components (for example, a Connector Provider) should provide components that conform to these SPIs and policies.

### **J2EE.2.11.3 Network Protocols**

This specification defines the mapping of application components to industry-standard network protocols. The mapping allows client access to the application components from systems that have not installed J2EE product technology. See Chapter J2EE.7, “Interoperability” for details on the network protocol support required for interoperability.

The J2EE Product Provider is required to publish the installed application components on the industry-standard protocols. This specification defines the mapping of servlets and JSP pages to the HTTP and HTTPS protocols, and the mapping of EJB to IIOP.

### **J2EE.2.11.4 Deployment Descriptors**

Deployment descriptors are used to communicate the needs of application components to the Deployer. The deployment descriptor is a contract between the Application Component Provider or Assembler and the Deployer. The Application Component Provider or Assembler is required to specify the application component’s external resource requirements, security requirements, environment parameters, and so forth in the component’s deployment descriptor. The J2EE Product Provider is required to provide a deployment tool that interprets the J2EE deployment descriptors and allows the Deployer to map the application component’s requirements to the capabilities of a specific J2EE product and environment.

# CHAPTER J2EE.3

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## Security

**T**his chapter describes the security requirements for the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) that must be satisfied by J2EE products.

In addition to the J2EE requirements, each J2EE Product Provider will determine the level of security and security assurances that will be provided by their implementation.

### J2EE.3.1 Introduction

Almost every enterprise has security requirements and specific mechanisms and infrastructure to meet them. Sensitive resources that can be accessed by many users, or that often traverse unprotected open networks (such as the Internet) need to be protected.

Although the quality assurances and implementation details may vary, they all share some of the following characteristics:

- **Authentication:** The means by which communicating entities (for example, client and server) prove to one another that they are acting on behalf of specific identities that are authorized for access.
- **Access control for resources:** The means by which interactions with resources are limited to collections of users or programs for the purpose of enforcing integrity, confidentiality, or availability constraints.
- **Data integrity:** The means used to prove that information has not been modified by a third party (some entity other than the source of the information). For example, a recipient of data sent over an open network must be able to detect and discard messages that were modified after they were sent.

- **Confidentiality or Data Privacy:** The means used to ensure that information is made available only to users who are authorized to access it.
- **Non-repudiation:** The means used to prove that a user performed some action such that the user cannot reasonably deny having done so.
- **Auditing:** The means used to capture a tamper-resistant record of security related events for the purpose of being able to evaluate the effectiveness of security policies and mechanisms.

This chapter specifies how J2EE platform requirements address security requirements, and identifies requirements that may be addressed by J2EE Product Providers. Finally, issues being considered for future versions of this specification are briefly mentioned in Section J2EE.3.7, “Future Directions”.

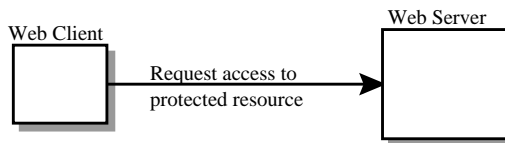
## J2EE.3.2 A Simple Example

The security behavior of a J2EE environment may be better understood by examining what happens in a simple application with a web client, a JSP user interface, and enterprise bean business logic. (The example is not meant to specify requirements.)

In this example, the web client relies on the web server to act as its authentication proxy by collecting user authentication data from the client and using it to establish an authenticated session.

### Step 1: Initial Request

The web client requests the main application URL, shown in **Figure J2EE.3.1**.

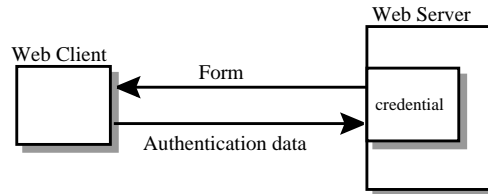


**Figure J2EE.3.1** Initial Request

Since the client has not yet authenticated itself to the application environment, the server responsible for delivering the web portion of the application (hereafter referred to as “web server”) detects this and invokes the appropriate authentication mechanism for this resource.

### Step 2: Initial Authentication

The web server returns a form that the web client uses to collect authentication data (for example, username and password) from the user. The web client forwards the authentication data to the web server, where it is validated by the web server, as shown in **Figure J2EE.3.2**.

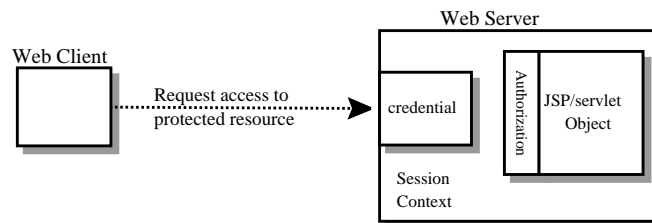


**Figure J2EE.3.2** Initial Authentication

The validation mechanism may be local to the server, or it may leverage the underlying security services. On the basis of the validation, the web server sets a credential for the user.

### Step 3: URL Authorization

The credential is used for future determinations of whether the user is authorized to access restricted resources it may request. The web server consults the security policy (derived from the deployment descriptor) associated with the web resource to determine the security roles that are permitted access to the resource. The web container then tests the user's credential against each role to determine if it can map the user to the role. **Figure J2EE.3.3** shows this process.



**Figure J2EE.3.3** URL Authorization

The web server's evaluation stops with an "is authorized" outcome when the web server is able to map the user to a role. A "not authorized" outcome is reached if the web server is unable to map the user to any of the permitted roles.

### Step 4: Fulfilling the Original Request

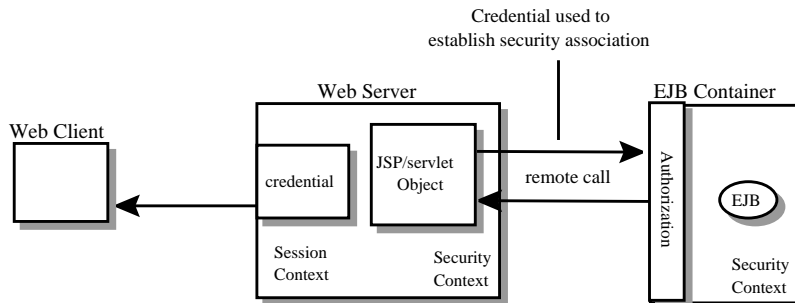
### Figure J2EE.3.4 Fulfilling the Original Request

If the user is authorized, the web server returns the result of the original URL-request, as shown in **Figure J2EE.3.4**.

In our example, the response URL of a JSP page is returned, enabling the user to post form data that needs to be handled by the business logic component of the application.

#### Step 5: Invoking Enterprise Bean Business Methods

The JSP page performs the remote method call to the enterprise bean, using the user's credential to establish a secure association between the JSP page and the enterprise bean (as shown in **Figure J2EE.3.5**). The association is implemented as two related security contexts, one in the web server and one in the EJB container.



**Figure J2EE.3.5** Invoking an Enterprise Bean Business Method

The EJB container is responsible for enforcing access control on the enterprise bean method. It consults the security policy (derived from the deployment descriptor) associated with the enterprise bean to determine the security roles that are permitted access to the method. For each role, the EJB container uses the security context associated with the call to determine if it can map the caller to the role.

The container's evaluation stops with an "is authorized" outcome when the container is able to map the caller's credential to a role. A "not authorized" outcome is reached if the container is unable to map the caller to any of the permitted roles. A "not authorized" result causes an exception to be thrown by the container, and propagated back to the calling JSP page.

If the call "is authorized", the container dispatches control to the enterprise bean method. The result of the bean's execution of the call is returned to the JSP, and ultimately to the user by the web server and the web client.



### **J2EE.3.2.1 Programmatic Determinations of Security Roles**

The J2EE platform provides two sets of methods for use by security aware applications: the `EJBContext` methods `isCallerInRole` and `getCallerPrincipal` available to enterprise beans through the EJB container, and the `HttpServletRequest` methods `isUserInRole` and `getUserPrincipal` available to servlets and JSP pages through the web container.

When an enterprise bean calls the `isCallerInRole` method, the enterprise bean container determines if the caller (as represented by the security context) is in the specified role. When an enterprise bean calls the `getCallerPrincipal` method, the enterprise bean container returns the principal associated with the security context. With the name of the principal, the enterprise bean can determine if the caller is in an appropriate role.

The web container APIs are used programmatically in a similar way.

## **J2EE.3.3 Security Architecture**

This section describes the J2EE security architecture on which the security requirements defined by this specification are based.

### **J2EE.3.3.1 Goals**

The following are goals for the J2EE security architecture:

1. **Portability:** The J2EE security architecture must support the Write Once, Run Anywhere™ application property.
2. **Transparency:** Application Component Providers should not have to know anything about security to write an application.
3. **Isolation:** The J2EE platform should be able to perform authentication and access control according to instructions established by the Deployer using deployment attributes, and managed by the System Administrator.

Note: Divorcing the application from responsibility for security ensures greater portability of J2EE applications.

4. **Extensibility:** The use of platform services by security aware-applications must not compromise application portability.

This specification provides APIs in the component programming model for interacting with container/server security information. Applications that

restrict their interactions to the provided APIs will retain portability.

5. **Flexibility:** The security mechanisms and declarations used by applications under this specification should not impose a particular security policy, but facilitate the implementation of security policies specific to the particular J2EE installation or application.
6. **Abstraction:** An application component's security requirements will be logically specified using deployment descriptors. Deployment descriptors will specify how security roles and access requirements are to be mapped into environment-specific security roles, users, and policies. A Deployer may choose to modify the security properties in ways consistent with the deployment environment. The deployment descriptor should document which security properties can be modified and which cannot.
7. **Independence:** Required security behaviors and deployment contracts should be implementable using a variety of popular security technologies.
8. **Compatibility testing:** The J2EE security requirements architecture must be expressed in a manner that allows for an unambiguous determination of whether or not an implementation is compatible.
9. **Secure interoperability:** Application components executing in a J2EE product must be able to invoke services provided in a J2EE product from a different vendor, whether with the same or a different security policy. The services may be provided by web components or enterprise beans.

### **J2EE.3.3.2 Non Goals**

The following are not goals for the J2EE security architecture:

1. This specification does not dictate a specific security policy. Security policies for applications and for enterprise information systems vary for many reasons unconnected with this specification. Product Providers can provide the technology needed to implement and administer desired security policies while adhering to the requirements of this specification.
2. This specification does not mandate a specific security technology, such as Kerberos, PK, NIS+, or NTLM.
3. This specification does not require that the J2EE security behaviors be universally implementable using any or all security technologies.
4. This specification does not provide any warranty or assurance of the effective

security of a J2EE product.

### **J2EE.3.3.3 Terminology**

This section introduces the terminology that is used to describe the security requirements of the J2EE platform.

#### **Principal**

A *principal* is an entity that can be authenticated by an authentication protocol in a security service that is deployed in an enterprise. A principal is identified using a *principal name* and authenticated using *authentication data*. The content and format of the principal name and the authentication data can vary depending upon the authentication protocol.

#### **Security Policy Domain**

A *security policy domain*, also referred to as *security domain*, is a scope over which a common security policy is defined and enforced by the security administrator of the security service.

A security policy domain is also sometimes referred to as a *realm*. This specification uses the security policy domain, or security domain, terminology.

#### **Security Technology Domain**

A *security technology domain* is the scope over which the same security mechanism (for example Kerberos) is used to enforce a security policy.

A single security technology domain may include multiple security policy domains, for example.

#### **Security Attributes**

A set of *security attributes* is associated with every principal. The security attributes have many uses (for example, access to protected resources, auditing of users, and so forth). Security attributes can be associated with a principal by an authentication protocol and/or by the J2EE Product Provider.

The J2EE platform does not specify what security attributes are associated with a principal.

#### **Credential**

A *credential* contains or references information (security attributes) used to authenticate a principal for J2EE product services. A principal acquires a cre-

dential upon authentication, or from another principal that allows its credential to be used (*delegation*).

This specification does not specify the contents or the format of a credential. Contents and format can vary widely.

#### **J2EE.3.3.4 Container Based Security**

Security for components is provided by their containers in order to achieve the goals for security specified above in a J2EE environment. A container provides two kinds of security (discussed in the following sections):

- Declarative security
- Programmatic security

##### ***J2EE.3.3.4.1 Declarative Security***

Declarative security refers to the means of expressing an application's security structure, including security roles, access control, and authentication requirements in a form external to the application. The deployment descriptor is the primary vehicle for declarative security in the J2EE platform.

A deployment descriptor is a contract between an Application Component Provider and a Deployer or Application Assembler. It can be used by an application programmer to represent an application's security related environmental requirements. A deployment descriptor can be associated with groups of components.

A Deployer maps the deployment descriptor's representation of the application's security policy to a security structure specific to the particular environment. A Deployer uses a deployment tool to process the deployment descriptor.

At runtime, the container uses the security policy security structure derived from the deployment descriptor and configured by the Deployer to enforce authorization (see Section J2EE.3.3.6, "Authorization Model").

##### ***J2EE.3.3.4.2 Programmatic Security***

Programmatic security refers to security decisions made by security aware applications. Programmatic security is useful when declarative security alone is not sufficient to express the security model of the application. The API for programmatic security required by this specification consists of two methods of the

EJB EJBContext interface and two methods of the servlet HttpServletRequest interface:

- isCallerInRole (EJBContext)
- getCallerPrincipal (EJBContext)
- isUserInRole (HttpServletRequest)
- getUserPrincipal (HttpServletRequest)

These methods allow components to make business logic decisions based on the security role of the caller or remote user. For example they allow the component to determine the principal name of the caller or remote user to use as a database key. (Note that the form and content of principal names will vary widely between products and enterprises, and portable components will not depend on the actual contents of a principal name.)

### **J2EE.3.3.5 Distributed Security**

Some Product Providers may produce J2EE products in which the containers for various component types are distributed. In a distributed environment, communication between J2EE components can be subject to security attacks (for example, data modification and replay attacks).

Such threats can be countered by using a *secure association* to secure communications. A secure association is shared security state information that establishes the basis of a secure communication between components. Establishing a secure association could involve several steps, such as:

1. Authenticating the target principal to the client and/or authenticating the client to the target principal.
2. Negotiating a quality of protection, such as confidentiality or integrity.
3. Setting up a security context for the association between the components.

Since a container provides security in J2EE, secure associations for a component are typically established by a container. Secure associations for web access are specified here. Secure associations for access to enterprise beans are described in the EJB specification.

Product Providers may allow for control over the quality of protection or other aspects of secure association at deployment time. Applications can specify their

requirements for access to web resources using elements in their deployment descriptor.

This specification does not define mechanisms that an Application Component Provider can use to communicate requirements for secure associations with an enterprise bean.

### **J2EE.3.3.6 Authorization Model**

The J2EE authorization model is based on the concept of security roles. A security role is a logical grouping of users that is defined by an Application Component Provider or Assembler. A Deployer maps roles to security identities (for example principals, and groups) in the operational environment. Security roles are used with both declarative security and programmatic security.

Declarative authorization can be used to control access to an enterprise bean method and is specified in the enterprise bean deployment descriptor. An enterprise bean method can be associated with a `method-permission` element in the deployment descriptor. The `method-permission` element contains a list of methods that can be accessed by a given security role. If the calling principal is in one of the security roles allowed access to a method, the principal is allowed to execute the method. Conversely, if the calling principal is in none of the roles, the caller is not allowed to execute the method. Access to web resources can be protected in a similar manner.

Security roles are used in the `EJBContext` method `isCallerInRole` and the `HttpServletRequest` method `isUserInRole`. Each method returns `true` if the calling principal is in the specified security role.

#### ***J2EE.3.3.6.1 Role Mapping***

Enforcement of security constraints on web resources or enterprise beans, whether programmatic or declarative, depends upon determination of whether the principal associated with an incoming request is in a given security role. A container makes this determination based on the security attributes of the calling principal. For example,

1. A Deployer may have mapped a security role to a user group in the operational environment. In this case, the user group of the calling principal is retrieved from its security attributes. The principal is in the security role if the principal's user group matches a user group to which the security role has been mapped.
2. A Deployer may have mapped a security role to a principal name in a security policy domain. In this case, the principal name of the calling principal is re-

trieved from its security attributes. If this principal name is the same as a principal name to which the security role was mapped, the calling principal is in the security role.

The source of security attributes may vary across implementations of the J2EE platform. Security attributes may be transmitted in the calling principal's credential or in the security context. In other cases, security attributes may be retrieved from a trusted third party, such as a directory service or a security service.

### **J2EE.3.3.7 HTTP Login Gateways**

Secure interoperability between enterprise beans in different security policy domains is addressed in the EJB specification. In addition, a component may choose to log in to a foreign server via HTTP. An application component can be configured to use SSL mutual authentication for security when accessing a remote resource using HTTP. Applications using HTTP in this way may choose to use XML or some other structured format, rather than HTML.

We call the use of HTTP with SSL mutual authentication to access a remote service an *HTTP Login Gateway*. Requirements in this area are specified in Section J2EE.3.3.8.1, "Authentication by Web Clients."

### **J2EE.3.3.8 User Authentication**

User authentication is the process by which a user proves his or her identity to the system. This authenticated identity is then used to perform authorization decisions for accessing J2EE application components. An end user can authenticate using either of the two supported client types:

- Web client
- Application client

#### ***J2EE.3.3.8.1 Authentication by Web Clients***

It is required that a web client be able to authenticate a user to a web server using any of the following mechanisms. The Deployer or System Administrator determines which method to apply to an application or to a group of applications.

- HTTP Basic Authentication

HTTP Basic Authentication is the authentication mechanism supported by the HTTP protocol. This mechanism is based on a username and password. A web server requests a web client to authenticate the user. As part of the request, the web server passes the *realm* in which the user is to be authenticated. The web client obtains the username and the password from the user and transmits them to the web server. The web server then authenticates the user in the specified realm (referred to as *HTTP Realm* in this document).

HTTP Basic Authentication is not secure. Passwords are sent in simple base64 encoding. The target server is not authenticated. Additional protection can be applied to overcome these weaknesses. The password may be protected by applying security at the transport layer (for example HTTPS) or at the network layer (for example, IPSEC or VPN).

Despite its limitations, the HTTP Basic Authentication mechanism is included in this specification because it is widely used in form based applications.

- HTTPS Client Authentication

End user authentication using HTTPS (HTTP over SSL) is a strong authentication mechanism. This mechanism requires the user to possess a Public Key Certificate (PKC). Currently, a PKC is rarely used by end users on the Internet. However, it is useful for e-commerce applications and also for a single-signon from within the browser. For these reasons, it is a required feature of the J2EE platform.

- Form Based Authentication

The look and feel of a login screen cannot be varied using the web browser's built-in authentication mechanisms. This specification introduces the ability to package standard HTML or servlet/JSP based forms for logging in, allowing customization of the user interface. The form based authentication mechanism introduced by this specification is described in the servlet specification.

HTTP Digest Authentication is not widely supported by web browsers and hence is not required.

A web client can employ a web server as its authentication proxy. In this case, a client's credential is established in the server, where it may be used by the server for various purposes: to perform authorization decisions, to act as the client in



calls to enterprise beans, or to negotiate secure associations with resources. Current web browsers commonly rely on proxy authentication.

### ***J2EE.3.3.8.2 Web Single Signon***

HTTP is a stateless protocol. However, many web applications need support for sessions that can maintain state across multiple requests from a client. Therefore, it is desirable to:

1. Make login mechanisms and policies a property of the environment the web application is deployed in.
2. Be able to use the same login session to represent a user to all the applications that they access.
3. Require re-authentication of users only when a security policy domain boundary has been crossed.

Credentials that are acquired through a web login process are associated with a session. The container uses the credentials to establish a security context for the session. The container uses the security context to determine authorization for access to web resources and for the establishment of secure associations with other components (including enterprise beans).

### ***J2EE.3.3.8.3 Login Session***

In the J2EE platform, login session support is provided by a web container. When a user successfully authenticates with a web server, the container establishes a login session context for the user. The login session contains the credentials associated with the user.<sup>1</sup>

### ***J2EE.3.3.8.4 Authentication by Application Clients***

Application clients (described in detail in Chapter J2EE.9, “Application Clients”) are client programs that may interact with enterprise beans directly (that is without the

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<sup>1</sup> While the client is stateless with respect to authentication, the client requires that the server act as its proxy and maintain its login context. A reference to the login session state is made available to the client through cookies or URL re-writing. If SSL mutual authentication is used as the authentication protocol, the client can manage its own authentication context, and need not depend on references to the login session state.

help of a web browser and without traversing a web server. Application clients may also access web resources.

Application clients, like the other J2EE application component types, execute in a managed environment that is provided by an appropriate container. Application clients are expected to have access to a graphical display and input device, and are expected to communicate with a human user.

Application clients are used to authenticate end users to the J2EE platform, when the users access protected web resources or enterprise beans.

### **J2EE.3.3.9 Lazy Authentication**

There is a cost associated with authentication. For example, an authentication process may require exchanging multiple messages across the network. Therefore, it is desirable to use lazy authentication, that is perform authentication only when it is needed. With lazy authentication, a user is not required to authenticate until there is a request to access a protected resource.

Lazy authentication can be used with first-tier clients (applets, application clients) when they request access to protected resources that require authentication. At that point the user can be asked to provide appropriate authentication data. If a user is successfully authenticated, the user is allowed to access the resource.

## **J2EE.3.4 User Authentication Requirements**

The J2EE Product Provider must meet the following requirements concerning user authentication.

### **J2EE.3.4.1 Login Sessions**

All J2EE web servers must maintain a login session for each web user. It must be possible for a login session to span more than one application, allowing a user to log in once and access multiple applications. The required login session support is described in the servlet specification. This requirement of a session for each web user supports single signon.

Applications can remain independent of the details of implementing the security and maintenance of login information. The J2EE Product Provider has the flexibility to choose authentication mechanisms independent of the applications secured by these mechanisms.

Lazy authentication must be supported by web servers for protected web resources. When authentication is required, one of the three required login mechanisms listed in the next section may be used.

#### **J2EE.3.4.2 Required Login Mechanisms**

All J2EE products are required to support three login mechanisms: HTTP basic authentication, SSL mutual authentication, and form-based login. An application is not required to use any of these mechanisms, but they are required to be available for any application's use.

##### ***J2EE.3.4.2.1 HTTP Basic Authentication***

All J2EE products are required to support HTTP basic authentication (RFC2068). Platform Providers are also required to support basic authentication over SSL.

##### ***J2EE.3.4.2.2 SSL Mutual Authentication***

SSL 3.0<sup>2</sup> and the means to perform mutual (client and server) certificate based authentication are required by this specification.

All J2EE products must support the following cipher suites to ensure interoperable authentication with clients:

- SSL\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC4\_40\_MD5
- SSL\_DHE\_DSS\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA

These cipher suites are supported by the major web browsers and meet the U.S. government export restrictions.

##### ***J2EE.3.4.2.3 Form Based Login***

The web application deployment descriptor contains an element that causes a J2EE product to associate an HTML form resource (perhaps dynamically generated) with the web application. If the Deployer chooses this form of authentication (over HTTP basic, or SSL certificate based authentication), this form must be used as the user interface for login to the application.

The form based login mechanism and web application deployment descriptors are described in the servlet specification.

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<sup>2</sup>. The SSL 3.0 specification is available at: <http://home.netscape.com/eng/ss13>

### **J2EE.3.4.3 Unauthenticated Users**

Web containers are required to support access to web resources by clients that have not authenticated themselves to the container. This is the common mode of access to web resources on the Internet.

A web container reports that no user has been authenticated by returning `null` from the `HttpServletRequest` method `getUserPrincipal`. This is different than the corresponding result for EJB containers. The EJB specification requires that the `EJBContext` method `getCallerPrincipal` always return a valid `Principal` object. The method can never return `null`.

Components running in a web container must be able to call enterprise beans even when no user has been authenticated in the web container. When a call is made in such a case from a component in a web container to an enterprise bean, a J2EE product must provide a principal for use in the call.

A J2EE product may provide a principal for use by unauthenticated callers using many approaches, including, but not limited to:

- Always use a single distinguished principal.
- Use a different distinguished principal per server, or per session, or per application.
- Allow the deployer or system administrator to choose which principal to use through the Run As capability of the web and enterprise bean containers.

This specification does not specify how a J2EE product should choose a principal to represent unauthenticated users, although future versions of this specification may add requirements in this area. Note that the EJB specification does include requirements in this area when using the EJB interoperability protocol. Applications are encouraged to use the Run As capability in cases where the web component may be unauthenticated and needs to call EJB components.

### **J2EE.3.4.4 Application Client User Authentication**

The application client container must provide authentication of application users to satisfy the authentication and authorization constraints enforced by the enterprise bean containers and web containers. The techniques used may vary with the implementation of the application client container, and are beyond the control of the application. The application client container may integrate with a J2EE product's authentication system, to provide a single signon capability, or the container may authenticate the user when the application is started. The container may delay

authentication until there is a request to access a protected resource or enterprise bean.

The container will provide an appropriate user interface for interactions with the user to gather authentication data. In addition, an application client may provide a class that implements the `javax.security.auth.callback.CallbackHandler` interface and specify the class name in its deployment descriptor (see Section J2EE.9.7, “J2EE:application-client XML DTD” for details). The Deployer may override the callback handler specified by the application and require use of the container’s default authentication user interface instead.

If use of a callback handler has been configured by the Deployer, the application client container must instantiate an object of this class and use it for all authentication interactions with the user. The application’s callback handler must support all the `Callback` objects specified in the `javax.security.auth.callback` package.

Application clients execute in an environment controlled by a J2SE security manager and are subject to the security permissions defined in J2EE.6.2, “Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE) Requirements”. Although this specification does not define the relationship between the operating system identity associated with a running application client and the authenticated user identity, support for single signon requires that the J2EE product be able to relate these identities. Additional application client requirements are described in Chapter J2EE.9.7 of this specification.

### **J2EE.3.4.5 Resource Authentication Requirements**

Resources within an enterprise are often deployed in security policy domains different from the security policy domain of the application component. The wide variance of authentication mechanisms used to authenticate the caller to resources leads to the requirement that a J2EE product provide the means to authenticate in the security policy domain of the resource.

A Product Provider must support both of the following:

1. **Configured Identity.** A J2EE container must be able to authenticate for access to the resource using a principal and authentication data specified by a Deployer at deployment time. The authentication must not depend in any way on data provided by the application components. Providing for the confidential storage of the authentication information is the responsibility of the Product Provider.
2. **Programmatic Authentication.** The J2EE product must provide for specifi-

cation of the principal and authentication data for a resource by the application component at runtime using appropriate APIs. The application may obtain the principal and authentication data through a variety of mechanisms, including receiving them as parameters, obtaining them from the component's environment, and so forth.

In addition, the following techniques are recommended but not required by this specification:

3. **Principal Mapping.** A resource can have a principal and attributes that are determined by a mapping from the identity and security attributes of the requesting principal. In this case, a resource principal is not based on inheritance of the identity or security attributes from a requesting principal, but gets its identity and security attributes based on the mapping.
4. **Caller Impersonation.** A resource principal acts on behalf of a requesting principal. Acting on behalf of a caller principal requires delegation of the caller's identity and credentials to the underlying resource manager. In some scenarios, a requesting principal can be a delegate of an initiating principal and the resource principal is transitively impersonating an initiating principal.

The support for principal delegation is typically specific to a security mechanism. For example, Kerberos supports a mechanism for the delegation of authentication. (Refer to the Kerberos v5 specification for more details.)

5. **Credentials Mapping.** This technique may be used when an application server and an EIS support different authentication domains. For example:
  - a. The initiating principal may have been authenticated and have public key certificate-based credentials.
  - b. The security environment for the resource manager may be configured with the Kerberos authentication service.

The application server is configured to map the public key certificate-based credentials associated with the initiating principal to the Kerberos credentials.

Additional information on resource authentication requirements can be found in the Connector specification.

## **J2EE.3.5 Authorization Requirements**

To support the authorization models described in this chapter, the following requirements are imposed on J2EE products.

### **J2EE.3.5.1 Code Authorization**

A J2EE product may restrict the use of certain J2SE classes and methods to secure and insure proper operation of the system. The minimum set of permissions that a J2EE product is required to grant to a J2EE application is defined in Section J2EE.6.2, “Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE) Requirements.” All J2EE products must be capable of deploying application components with exactly these permissions.

A J2EE Product Provider may choose to enable selective access to resources using the Java 2 protection model. The mechanism used is J2EE product dependent.

A future version of the J2EE deployment descriptor definition (see Chapter J2EE.8, “Application Assembly and Deployment) may make it possible to express additional permissions that a component needs for access.

### **J2EE.3.5.2 Caller Authorization**

A J2EE product must enforce the access control rules specified at deployment time (see Section J2EE.3.6, “Deployment Requirements”) and more fully described in the EJB and servlet specifications.

### **J2EE.3.5.3 Propagated Caller Identities.**

It must be possible to configure a J2EE product so that a propagated caller identity is used in all authorization decisions. With this configuration, for all calls to all enterprise beans from a single application within a single J2EE product, the principal name returned by the EJBContext method `getCallerPrincipal` must be the same as that returned by the first enterprise bean in the call chain. If the first enterprise bean in the call chain is called by a servlet or JSP page, the principal name must be the same as that returned by the `HttpServletRequest` method `getUserPrincipal` in the calling servlet or JSP page. (However, if the `HttpServletRequest` method `getUserPrincipal` returns `null`, the principal used in calls to enterprise beans is not specified by this specification, although it must still be possible to configure enterprise beans to be callable by such components.)

Note that this does not require delegation of credentials, only identification of the caller. A single principal must be the principal used in authorization decisions for access to all enterprise beans in the call chain. The requirements in this section apply only when a J2EE product has been configured to propagate caller identity.

#### **J2EE.3.5.4 Run As Identities**

J2EE products must also support the Run As capability that allows the Application Component Provider and the Deployer to specify an identity under which an enterprise bean or web component must run. In this case it is the Run As identity that is propagated to subsequent components, rather than the original caller identity.

Note that this specification doesn't specify any relationship between the Run As identity and any underlying operating system identity that may be used to access system resources such as files.

### **J2EE.3.6 Deployment Requirements**

All J2EE products must implement the access control semantics described in the EJB, JSP, and servlet specifications, and provide a means of mapping the deployment descriptor security roles to the actual roles exposed by a J2EE product.

While most J2EE products will allow the Deployer to customize the role mappings and change the assignment of roles to methods, all J2EE products must support the ability to deploy applications and components using exactly the mappings and assignments specified in their deployment descriptors.

As described in the EJB specification and the servlet specification, a J2EE product must provide a deployment tool or tools capable of assigning the security roles in deployment descriptors to the entities that are used to determine role membership at authorization time.

Application developers will need to specify (in the application's deployment descriptors) the security requirements of an application in which some components may be accessed by unauthenticated users as well as authenticated users (as described above in Section J2EE.3.4.3, "Unauthenticated Users"). Applications express their security requirements in terms of security roles, which the Deployer maps to users (principals) in the operational environment at deployment time. An application might define a role representing all authenticated and unauthenticated users and configure some enterprise bean methods to be accessible by this role.



To support such usage, this specification requires that it be possible to map an application defined security role to the universal set of application principals independent of authentication.

## **J2EE.3.7 Future Directions**

### **J2EE.3.7.1 Auditing**

This specification does not specify requirements for the auditing of security relevant events, nor APIs for application components to generate audit records. A future version of this specification may include such a specification for products that choose to provide auditing.

### **J2EE.3.7.2 Management**

We would like to enable management applications to manage any J2EE product. Such applications may need the ability to inspect, and possibly modify, the security configuration of an application. We're still in the early stages with this, which is being addressed by JSR-77 - [http://java.sun.com/jcp/jsr/jsr\\_077\\_management.html](http://java.sun.com/jcp/jsr/jsr_077_management.html).

### **J2EE.3.7.3 Instance-based Access Control**

Some applications need to control access to their data based on the content of the data, rather than simply the type of the data. We refer to this as "instance-based" rather than "class-based" access control. We hope to address this in a future release.

### **J2EE.3.7.4 User Registration**

Web-based internet applications often need to manage a set of customers dynamically, allowing users to register themselves as new customers. This scenario was widely discussed in the servlet expert group (JSR-53) but we were unable to achieve consensus on the appropriate solution. We had to abandon this work for J2EE 1.3, but hope to pursue it further in a future release.



# CHAPTER J2EE.4

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## Transaction Management

**T**his chapter describes the required Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) transaction management and runtime environment.

Product Providers must transparently support transactions that involve multiple components and transactional resources within a single J2EE product, as described in this chapter. This requirement must be met regardless of whether the J2EE product is implemented as a single process, multiple processes on the same network node, or multiple processes on multiple network nodes.

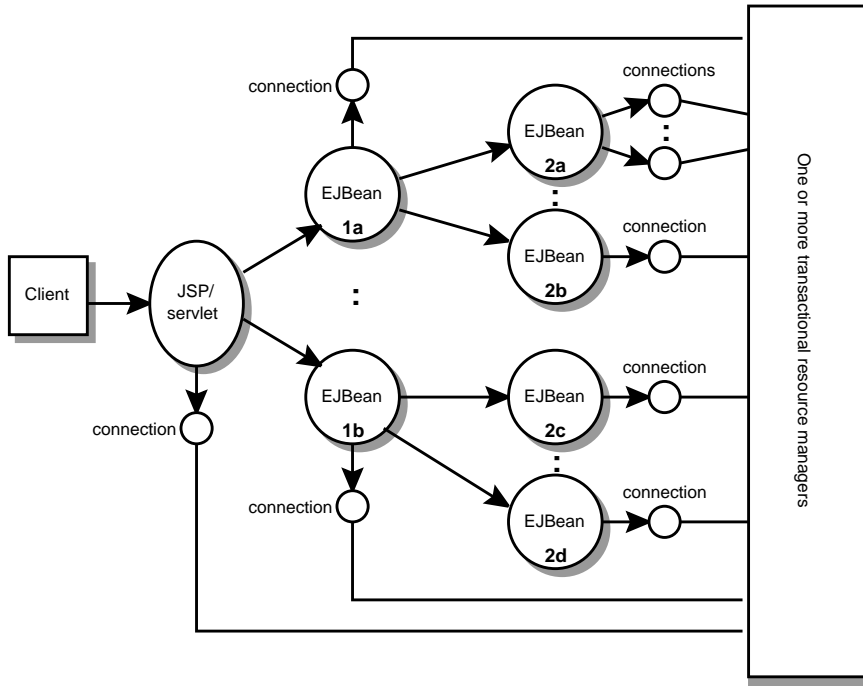
The following components are considered transactional resources and must behave as specified here:

- JDBC connections
- JMS sessions
- Resource adapter connections for resource adapters specifying the `XATransaction` transaction level

### J2EE.4.1 Overview

A J2EE Product Provider must support a transactional application comprised of combinations of servlets or JSP pages accessing multiple enterprise beans within a single transaction. Each component may also acquire one or more connections to access one or more transactional resource managers.

For example, in **Figure J2EE.4.1**, the call tree starts from a servlet or JSP page accessing multiple enterprise beans, which in turn may access other enterprise beans. The components access resource managers via connections.



**Figure J2EE.4.1** Servlets/JSP pages accessing enterprise Beans

The Application Component Provider specifies, using a combination of programmatic and declarative transaction demarcation APIs, how the platform must manage transactions on behalf of the application.

For example, the application may require that all the components in **Figure J2EE.4.1** access resources as part of a single transaction. The Platform Provider must provide the transaction capabilities to support such a scenario.

This specification does not define how the components and the resources are partitioned or distributed within a single J2EE product. In order to achieve the transactional semantics required by the application, the J2EE Product Provider is free to execute the application components sharing a transaction in the same Java virtual machine, or distribute them across multiple virtual machines.

The rest of this chapter describes the transactional requirements for a J2EE product in more detail.

## **J2EE.4.2 Requirements**

This section defines the transaction support requirements of J2EE Products that must be supported by Product Providers.

### **J2EE.4.2.1 Web Components**

Servlets and JSP pages demarcate a transaction using the `javax.transaction.UserTransaction` interface which is defined in the JTA specification. They may access multiple resource managers and invoke multiple enterprise beans within a single transaction. The specified transaction context is automatically propagated to the enterprise beans and transactional resource managers. The result of the propagation may be subject to the enterprise bean transaction attributes (for example, a bean may be required to use Container Managed Transactions).

Servlet filters and web application event listeners must not demarcate transactions using the `javax.transaction.UserTransaction` interface. Servlet filters may use transactional resources in a local transaction mode within their `doFilter` methods but should not use any transactional resources in the methods of any objects used to wrap the request or response objects.

#### ***J2EE.4.2.1.1 Transaction Requirements***

The J2EE platform must meet the following requirements:

- The J2EE platform must provide an object implementing the `javax.transaction.UserTransaction` interface to all web components. The platform must publish the `UserTransaction` object in the Java™ Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) name space available to web components under the name `java:comp/UserTransaction`.
- If a web component invokes an enterprise bean from a thread associated with a JTA transaction, the J2EE platform must propagate the transaction context with the enterprise bean invocation. Whether the target enterprise bean will be invoked in this transaction context or not is determined by the rules defined in the EJB specification.

Note that this transaction propagation requirement applies only to invocations of enterprise beans in the same J2EE product instance<sup>1</sup> as the invoking component. Invocations of enterprise beans in another J2EE product instance (for example, using the EJB interoperability protocol) need not propagate the

transaction context; see the EJB specification for details.

- If a web component accesses a transactional resource manager from a thread associated with a JTA transaction, the J2EE platform must ensure that the resource access is included as part of the JTA transaction.
- If a web component creates a thread, the J2EE platform must ensure that the newly created thread is not associated with any JTA transaction.

#### ***J2EE.4.2.1.2 Transaction Non-Requirements***

The Product Provider is not required to support the importing of a transaction context from a client to a web component.

The Product Provider is not required to support transaction context propagation via an HTTP requests across web components. The HTTP protocol does not support such transaction context propagation. When a web component associated with a transaction makes an HTTP request to another web component, the transaction context is not propagated to the target servlet or page.

However, when a web component is invoked through the `RequestDispatcher` interface, any active transaction context must be propagated to the called servlet or JSP page.

#### **J2EE.4.2.2 Transactions in Web Component Life Cycles**

Transactions may not span web requests from a client. A web component starts a transaction in the `service` method of a servlet (or, for a JSP page, the `service` method of the equivalent JSP page Implementation Class) and it must be completed before the `service` method returns. Returning from the `service` method with an active transaction context is an error. The web container is required to detect this error and abort the transaction.

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<sup>1</sup> A product instance corresponds to a single installation of a J2EE product. A single product instance might use multiple operating system processes, or might support multiple host machines as part of a distributed container. In contrast, it might be possible to run multiple instances of a product on a single host machine, or possibly even in a single Java virtual machine, for example, as part of a virtual hosting solution. The transaction propagation requirement applies within a single product instance and is independent of the number of Java virtual machines, operating system processes, or host machines used by the product instance.

### **J2EE.4.2.3 Transactions and Threads**

There are many subtle and complex interactions between the use of transactional resources and threads. To ensure correct operation, web components should obey the following guidelines, and the web container must support at least these usages.

- JTA transactions should be started and completed in the thread in which the service method is called. Additional threads that are created for any purpose, should not attempt to start JTA transactions.
- Transactional resources may be acquired and released by a thread other than the service method thread, but should not be shared between threads.
- Transactional resource objects (for example, JDBC Connection objects) should not be stored in static fields. Such objects can only be associated with one transaction at a time. Storing them in static fields would make it easy to erroneously share them between threads in different transactions.
- Web components implementing `SingleThreadModel` may store transactional resource objects in class instance fields. The web container ensures that requests to a `SingleThreadModel` servlet are serialized and thus only one thread and one transaction will be able to use the object at a time.
- In web components not implementing `SingleThreadModel`, transactional resource objects should not be stored in class instance fields, and should be acquired and released within the same invocation of the service method.
- Enterprise beans may be invoked from any thread used by a web component. Transaction context propagation requirements are described above and in the EJB specification.

### **J2EE.4.2.4 Enterprise JavaBeans™ Components**

The J2EE Product Provider must provide support for transactions as defined in the EJB specification.

### **J2EE.4.2.5 Application Clients**

The J2EE Product Provider is not required to provide transaction management support for application clients.

#### **J2EE.4.2.6 Applet Clients**

The J2EE Product Provider is not required to provide transaction management support for applets.

#### **J2EE.4.2.7 Transactional JDBC™ Technology Support**

A J2EE product must support a JDBC technology database as a transactional resource manager. The platform must enable transactional JDBC API access from web components and enterprise beans.

It must be possible to access the JDBC technology database from multiple application components within a single transaction. For example, a servlet may wish to start a transaction, access a database, invoke an enterprise bean that accesses the same database as part of the same transaction, and, finally, commit the transaction.

#### **J2EE.4.2.8 Transactional JMS Support**

A J2EE product must support a JMS provider as a transactional resource manager. The platform must enable transactional JMS access from servlets, JSP pages, and enterprise beans.

It must be possible to access the JMS provider from multiple application components within a single transaction. For example, a servlet may wish to start a transaction, send a JMS message, invoke an enterprise bean that also sends a JMS message as part of the same transaction, and, finally, commit the transaction.

#### **J2EE.4.2.9 Transactional Resource Adapter (Connector) Support**

A J2EE product must support resource adapters that use `XATransaction` mode as transactional resource managers. The platform must enable transactional access to the resource adapter from servlets, JSP pages, and enterprise beans.

It must be possible to access the resource adapter from multiple application components within a single transaction. For example, a servlet may wish to start a transaction, access the resource adapter, invoke an enterprise bean that also accesses the resource adapter as part of the same transaction, and, finally, commit the transaction.



## **J2EE.4.3 Transaction Interoperability**

### **J2EE.4.3.1 Multiple J2EE Platform Interoperability**

This specification does not require the Product Provider to implement any particular protocol for transaction interoperability across multiple J2EE products. J2EE compatibility requires neither interoperability among identical J2EE products from the same Product Provider, nor among heterogeneous J2EE products from multiple Product Providers.

We recommend that J2EE Product Providers use the IIOP transaction propagation protocol defined by OMG and described in the OTS specification (and implemented by the Java Transaction Service), for transaction interoperability when using the EJB interoperability protocol based on RMI-IIOP. We plan to require the IIOP transaction propagation protocol as the EJB server transaction interoperability protocol in a future release of this specification.

### **J2EE.4.3.2 Support for Transactional Resource Managers**

This specification requires all J2EE products to support the `javax.transaction.xa.XAResource` interface, as specified in the Connector specification. This specification does not require that JDBC drivers or JMS providers use the `javax.transaction.xa.XAResource` interface, although they must meet the transactional resource manager requirements described in this chapter. In particular, it must be possible to combine operations on one or more JDBC databases, one or more JMS sessions, one or more enterprise beans, and multiple resource adapters supporting the `XATransaction` mode in a single JTA transaction.

## **J2EE.4.4 Local Transaction Optimization**

### **J2EE.4.4.1 Requirements**

If a transaction uses a single resource manager, performance may be improved by using a resource manager specific, local optimization. A local transaction is typically more efficient than a global transaction and provides better performance. Local optimization is not available for transactions that are imported from a different container.

Containers may choose to provide local transaction optimization, but are not required to do so. Local transaction optimization must be transparent to a J2EE application.

The following section describes a possible mechanism for local transaction optimization by containers.

#### **J2EE.4.4.2 A Possible Design**

This section illustrates how the previously described requirements might be implemented.

When the first connection to a resource manager is established as part of the transaction, a resource manager specific local transaction is started on the connection. Any subsequent connection acquired as part of the transaction that can share the local transaction on the first connection is allowed to share the local transaction.

A global transaction is started lazily under the following conditions:

- When a subsequent connection cannot share the resource manager local transaction on the first connection, or if it uses a different resource manager.
- When a transaction is exported to a different container.

After the lazy start of a global transaction, any subsequent connection acquired may either share the local transaction on the first connection, or be part of the global transaction, depending on the resource manager it accesses.

When a transaction completion (commit or rollback) is attempted, there are two possibilities:

- If only a single resource manager had been accessed as part of the transaction, the transaction is completed using the resource manager specific local transaction mechanism.
- If a global transaction had been started, the transaction is completed treating the resource manager local transaction as a last resource in the global 2-phase commit protocol, that is using the last resource 2-phase commit optimization.

#### **J2EE.4.5 Connection Sharing**

When multiple connections acquired by a J2EE application use the same resource manager, containers may choose to provide connection sharing within the same transaction scope. Sharing connections typically results in efficient usage of

resources and better performance. Containers may choose to provide connection sharing, but are not required to do so.

Connections to resource managers acquired by J2EE applications are considered potentially shared or shareable. A J2EE application component that intends to use a connection in an unshareable way must provide deployment information to that effect, to prevent the connection from being shared by the container. Examples of when this may be needed include situations with changed security attributes, isolation levels, character settings, and localization configuration. Containers must not attempt to share connections that are marked unshareable. If a connection is not marked unshareable, it must be transparent to the application whether the connection is actually shared or not.

J2EE application components may use the optional deployment descriptor element `res-sharing-scope` to indicate whether a connection to a resource manager is shareable or unshareable. Containers should assume connections to be shareable if no deployment hint is provided. Section J2EE.9.7, “J2EE:application-client XML DTD”, the EJB specification, and the servlet specification provide descriptions of the deployment descriptor element.

J2EE application components may cache connection objects and reuse them across multiple transactions. Containers that provide connection sharing should transparently switch such cached connection objects (at dispatch time) to point to an appropriate shared connection with the correct transaction scope. Refer to the Connector specification for a detailed description of connection sharing.

## **J2EE.4.6 JDBC and JMS Deployment Issues**

The JDBC transaction requirements in Section J2EE.4.2.7, “Transactional JDBC™ Technology Support” and the JMS transaction requirements in Section J2EE.4.2.8, “Transactional JMS Support” may impose some restrictions on a Deployer’s configuration of an application’s JDBC and JMS resources. J2EE Product Providers may impose the restrictions described in this section to meet these requirements.

A J2EE Product Provider may restrict all JDBC access within a transaction to a single JDBC resource manager. In addition, a J2EE Product Provider may restrict the security configuration of all JDBC connections within a transaction to a single user identity. A J2EE Product Provider is not required to support transactions where more than one JDBC identity is used. Specifically, this means that transactions that require the use of more than one JDBC security identity (as can explicitly be done via component provided user name and password) may not be portable.

A J2EE Product Provider may make the same restrictions as above, resulting in a transaction being restricted to a single JMS resource manager and user identity.

In addition, when both a JDBC resource manager and a JMS resource manager are used in the same transaction, a J2EE Product Provider may restrict both to a pairing that allows their combination to deliver the full transactional semantics required by the application, and may restrict the security identity of both to a single identity.

Although these restrictions are allowed, it is recommended that J2EE Product Providers support JDBC and JMS resource managers that provide full two-phase commit functionality and, as a result, do not impose these restrictions. A future version of this specification may require complete two-phase commit support.

#### **J2EE.4.7 System Administration Tools**

Although there are no compatibility requirements for system administration capabilities, the J2EE Product Provider will typically include tools that allow the System Administrator to perform the following tasks:

- Integrate transactional resource managers with the platform.
- Configure the transaction management parts of the platform.
- Monitor transactions at runtime.
- Receive notifications of abnormal transaction processing conditions (such as abnormally high number of transaction rollbacks).

# CHAPTER J2EE.5

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## Naming

**T**his chapter describes the naming system requirements for the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE). These requirements are based on features defined in the JNDI specification.

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**Note** – This chapter is largely derived from the EJB specification chapter, “Enterprise bean environment.”

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### J2EE.5.1 Overview

The naming requirements for the J2EE platform address the following two issues:

- The Application Assembler and Deployer should be able to customize an application’s business logic without accessing the application’s source code.
- Application must be able to access resources and external information in their operational environment without knowledge of how the external information is named and organized in that environment.

#### J2EE.5.1.1 Chapter Organization

The following sections contain the J2EE platform solutions to the above issues:

- Section J2EE.5.2, “Java Naming and Directory Interface™ (JNDI) Naming Context” defines the interfaces that specify and access the application component’s naming environment. The section illustrates the use of the application

component's naming environment for generic customization of the application component's business logic.

- Section J2EE.5.3, “Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) References” defines the interfaces for obtaining the home interface of an enterprise bean using an EJB reference. An EJB reference is a special entry in the application component's environment.
- Section J2EE.5.4, “Resource Manager Connection Factory References” defines the interfaces for obtaining a resource manager connection factory using a resource manager connection factory reference. A resource manager connection factory reference is a special entry in the application component's environment.
- Section J2EE.5.5, “Resource Environment References” defines the interfaces for obtaining an administered object that is associated with a resource (e.g., a JMS destination) using a resource environment reference. A resource environment reference is a special entry in the application component's environment.
- Section J2EE.5.6, “UserTransaction References” describes the use by eligible application components of references to a `UserTransaction` object in the component's environment to start, commit, and abort transactions.

### **J2EE.5.1.2 Required Access to the JNDI Naming Environment**

J2EE application clients, enterprise beans, and web components are required to have access to a JNDI naming environment. The containers for these application component types are required to provide the naming environment support described here.

Deployment descriptors are the main vehicle for conveying access information to the Application Assembler and Deployer about application components' requirements for customization of business logic and access to external information. The deployment descriptor entries described here are present in identical form in the deployment descriptor DTDs for each of these application component types. See the corresponding specification of each application component type for the details.

## J2EE.5.2 Java Naming and Directory Interface™ (JNDI) Naming Context

The application component's naming environment is a mechanism that allows customization of the application component's business logic during deployment or assembly. Use of the application component's environment allows the application component to be customized without the need to access or change the application component's source code.

The container implements the application component's environment, and provides it to the application component instance as a JNDI naming context. The application component's environment is used as follows:

1. The application component's business methods access the environment using the JNDI interfaces. The Application Component Provider declares in the deployment descriptor all the environment entries that the application component expects to be provided in its environment at runtime.
2. The container provides an implementation of the JNDI naming context that stores the application component environment. The container also provides the tools that allow the Deployer to create and manage the environment of each application component.
3. The Deployer uses the tools provided by the container to initialize the environment entries that are declared in the application component's deployment descriptor. The Deployer can set and modify the values of the environment entries.
4. The container makes the environment naming context available to the application component instances at runtime. The application component's instances use the JNDI interfaces to obtain the values of the environment entries.

Each application component defines its own set of environment entries. All instances of an application component within the same container share the same environment entries. Application component instances are not allowed to modify the environment at runtime.

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**Note** – Terminology warning: The application component's "environment" should not be confused with the "environment properties" defined in the JNDI documentation. The JNDI environment properties are used to initialize and configure the JNDI naming context itself. The application component's environment

is accessed through a JNDI naming context for direct use by the application component.

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The following subsections describe the responsibilities of each J2EE Role.

### **J2EE.5.2.1 Application Component Provider's Responsibilities**

This section describes the Application Component Provider's view of the application component's environment, and defines his or her responsibilities. It does so in two sections, the first describing the API for accessing environment entries, and the second describing syntax for declaring the environment entries.

#### ***J2EE.5.2.1.1 Access to application component's environment***

An application component instance locates the environment naming context using the JNDI interfaces. An instance creates a `javax.naming.InitialContext` object by using the constructor with no arguments, and looks up the naming environment via the `InitialContext` under the name `java:comp/env`. The application component's environment entries are stored directly in the environment naming context, or in its direct or indirect subcontexts.

Environment entries have the Java programming language type declared by the Application Component Provider in the deployment descriptor.

The following code example illustrates how an application component accesses its environment entries.

```
public void setTaxInfo(int numberOfExemptions,...)
    throws InvalidNumberOfExemptionsException {
    ...
    // Obtain the application component's
    // environment naming context.
    Context initCtx = new InitialContext();
    Context myEnv = (Context)initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env");

    // Obtain the maximum number of tax exemptions
    // configured by the Deployer.
    Integer max = (Integer)myEnv.lookup("maxExemptions");

    // Obtain the minimum number of tax exemptions
    // configured by the Deployer.
    Integer min = (Integer)myEnv.lookup("minExemptions");

    // Use the environment entries to
```



```
// customize business logic.
if (numberOfExceptions > max.intValue() ||
    numberOfExceptions < min.intValue())
    throw new InvalidNumberOfExemptionsException();

// Get some more environment entries. These environment
// entries are stored in subcontexts.
String val1 = (String)myEnv.lookup("foo/name1");
Boolean val2 = (Boolean)myEnv.lookup("foo/bar/name2");

// The application component can also
// lookup using full pathnames.
Integer val3 = (Integer)initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env/name3");
Integer val4 =
    (Integer)initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env/foo/name4");
...
}
```

#### ***J2EE.5.2.1.2 Declaration of environment entries***

The Application Component Provider must declare all the environment entries accessed from the application component's code. The environment entries are declared using the `env-entry` elements in the deployment descriptor. Each `env-entry` element describes a single environment entry. The `env-entry` element consists of an optional description of the environment entry, the environment entry name relative to the `java:comp/env` context, the expected Java programming language type of the environment entry value (the type of the object returned from the JNDI lookup method), and an optional environment entry value.

An environment entry is scoped to the application component whose declaration contains the `env-entry` element. This means that the environment entry is not accessible from other application components at runtime, and that other application components may define `env-entry` elements with the same `env-entry-name` without causing a name conflict.

The environment entry values may be one of the following Java types: `String`, `Character`, `Byte`, `Short`, `Integer`, `Long`, `Boolean`, `Double`, and `Float`.

If the Application Component Provider provides a value for an environment entry using the `env-entry-value` element, the value can be changed later by the Application Assembler or Deployer. The value must be a string that is valid for the constructor of the specified type that takes a single `String` parameter, or in the case of `Character`, a single character.

The following example is the declaration of environment entries used by the application component whose code was illustrated in the previous subsection.

```
...
<env-entry>
  <description>
    The maximum number of tax exemptions
    allowed to be set.
  </description>
  <env-entry-name>maxExemptions</env-entry-name>
  <env-entry-type>java.lang.Integer</env-entry-type>
  <env-entry-value>15</env-entry-value>
</env-entry>
<env-entry>
  <description>
    The minimum number of tax exemptions
    allowed to be set.
  </description>
  <env-entry-name>minExemptions</env-entry-name>
  <env-entry-type>java.lang.Integer</env-entry-type>
  <env-entry-value>1</env-entry-value>
</env-entry>
<env-entry>
  <env-entry-name>foo/name1</env-entry-name>
  <env-entry-type>java.lang.String</env-entry-type>
  <env-entry-value>value1</env-entry-value>
</env-entry>
<env-entry>
  <env-entry-name>foo/bar/name2</env-entry-name>
  <env-entry-type>java.lang.Boolean</env-entry-type>
  <env-entry-value>true</env-entry-value>
</env-entry>
<env-entry>
  <description>Some description.</description>
  <env-entry-name>name3</env-entry-name>
  <env-entry-type>java.lang.Integer</env-entry-type>
</env-entry>
<env-entry>
  <env-entry-name>foo/name4</env-entry-name>
  <env-entry-type>java.lang.Integer</env-entry-type>
  <env-entry-value>10</env-entry-value>
</env-entry>
...
```

### **J2EE.5.2.2 Application Assembler's Responsibilities**

The Application Assembler is allowed to modify the values of the environment entries set by the Application Component Provider, and is allowed to set the values of those environment entries for which the Application Component Provider has not specified any initial values.

### **J2EE.5.2.3 Deployer's Responsibilities**

The Deployer must ensure that all the environment entries declared by an application component are set to meaningful values.

The Deployer can modify the values of the environment entries that have been previously set by the Application Component Provider and/or Application Assembler, and must set the values of those environment entries for which no value has been specified.

The `description` elements provided by the Application Component Provider or Application Assembler help the Deployer with this task.

### **J2EE.5.2.4 J2EE Product Provider's Responsibilities**

The J2EE Product Provider has the following responsibilities:

- Provide a deployment tool that allows the Deployer to set and modify the values of the application component's environment entries.
- Implement the `java:comp/env` environment naming context, and provide it to the application component instances at runtime. The naming context must include all the environment entries declared by the Application Component Provider, with their values supplied in the deployment descriptor or set by the Deployer. The environment naming context must allow the Deployer to create subcontexts if they are needed by an application component.
- The container must ensure that the application component instances have only read access to their environment variables. The container must throw the `javax.naming.OperationNotSupportedException` from all the methods of the `javax.naming.Context` interface that modify the environment naming context and its subcontexts.

## J2EE.5.3 Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) References

This section describes the programming and deployment descriptor interfaces that allow the Application Component Provider to refer to the homes of enterprise beans using “logical” names called EJB references. The EJB references are special entries in the application component’s naming environment. The Deployer binds the EJB references to the enterprise bean’s homes in the target operational environment.

The deployment descriptor also allows the Application Assembler to *link* an EJB reference declared in one application component to an enterprise bean contained in an `ejb-jar` file in the same J2EE application. The link is an instruction to the tools used by the Deployer describing the binding of the EJB reference to the home of the specified target enterprise bean.

### J2EE.5.3.1 Application Component Provider’s Responsibilities

This subsection describes the Application Component Provider’s view and responsibilities with respect to EJB references. It does so in two sections, the first describing the API for accessing EJB references, and the second describing the syntax for declaring the EJB references.

#### *J2EE.5.3.1.1 Programming Interfaces for EJB References*

The Application Component Provider must use EJB references to locate the home interfaces of enterprise bean as follows.

- Assign an entry in the application component’s environment to the reference. (See subsection 5.3.1.2 for information on how EJB references are declared in the deployment descriptor.)
- This specification recommends, but does not require, that all references to enterprise beans be organized in the `ejb` subcontext of the application component’s environment (that is, in the `java:comp/env/ejb` JNDI context).
- Look up the home interface of the referenced enterprise bean in the application component’s environment using JNDI.

The following example illustrates how an application component uses an EJB reference to locate the home interface of an enterprise bean.

```
public void changePhoneNumber(...) {  
    ...  
    // Obtain the default initial JNDI context.
```

```
Context initCtx = new InitialContext();

// Look up the home interface of the EmployeeRecord
// enterprise bean in the environment.
Object result = initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env/ejb/Emp1Record");

// Convert the result to the proper type.
EmployeeRecordHome emp1RecordHome = (EmployeeRecordHome)
    javax.rmi.PortableRemoteObject.narrow(result,
        EmployeeRecordHome.class);
    ...
}
```

In the example, the Application Component Provider assigned the environment entry `ejb/Emp1Record` as the EJB reference name to refer to the home of an enterprise bean.

### ***J2EE.5.3.1.2 Declaration of EJB References***

Although the EJB reference is an entry in the application component's environment, the Application Component Provider must not use a `env-entry` element to declare it. Instead, the Application Component Provider must declare all the EJB references using the `ejb-ref` elements of the deployment descriptor. This allows the consumer of the application component's jar file (the Application Assembler or Deployer) to discover all the EJB references used by the application component.

Each `ejb-ref` element describes the interface requirements that the referencing application component has for the referenced enterprise bean. The `ejb-ref` element contains an optional `description` element; and the mandatory `ejb-ref-name`, `ejb-ref-type`, `home`, and `remote` elements.

The `ejb-ref-name` element specifies the EJB reference name; its value is the environment entry name used in the application component code. The `ejb-ref-type` element specifies the expected type of the enterprise bean; its value must be either `Entity` or `Session`. The `home` and `remote` elements specify the expected Java programming language types of the referenced enterprise bean's home and remote interfaces.

An EJB reference is scoped to the application component whose declaration contains the `ejb-ref` element. This means that the EJB reference is not accessible from other application components at runtime, and that other application components may define `ejb-ref` elements with the same `ejb-ref-name` without causing a name conflict.

The following example illustrates the declaration of EJB references in the deployment descriptor.

```

...
<ejb-ref>
  <description>
    This is a reference to the entity bean that
    encapsulates access to employee records.
  </description>
  <ejb-ref-name>ejb/EmplRecord</ejb-ref-name>
  <ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>
  <home>com.wombat.empl.EmployeeRecordHome</home>
  <remote>com.wombat.empl.EmployeeRecord</remote>
</ejb-ref>

<ejb-ref>
  <ejb-ref-name>ejb/Payroll</ejb-ref-name>
  <ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>
  <home>com.aardvark.payroll.PayrollHome</home>
  <remote>com.aardvark.payroll.Payroll</remote>
</ejb-ref>

<ejb-ref>
  <ejb-ref-name>ejb/PensionPlan</ejb-ref-name>
  <ejb-ref-type>Session</ejb-ref-type>
  <home>com.wombat.empl.PensionPlanHome</home>
  <remote>com.wombat.empl.PensionPlan</remote>
</ejb-ref>
...

```

### **J2EE.5.3.2 Application Assembler's Responsibilities**

The Application Assembler can use the `ejb-link` element in the deployment descriptor to link an EJB reference to a target enterprise bean.

The Application Assembler specifies the link to an enterprise bean as follows:

- The Application Assembler uses the optional `ejb-link` element of the `ejb-ref` element of the referencing application component. The value of the `ejb-link` element is the name of the target enterprise bean. (It is the name defined in the `ejb-name` element of the target enterprise bean.) The target enterprise bean can

be in any `ejb-jar` file in the same J2EE application as the referencing application component.

- Alternatively, to avoid the need to rename enterprise beans to have unique names within an entire J2EE application, the Application Assembler may use the following syntax in the `ejb-link` element of the referencing application component. The Application Assembler specifies the path name of the `ejb-jar` file containing the referenced enterprise bean and appends the `ejb-name` of the target bean separated from the path name by “#”. The path name is relative to the referencing application component jar file. In this manner, multiple beans with the same `ejb-name` may be uniquely identified when the Application Assembler cannot change `ejb-names`.
- The Application Assembler must ensure that the target enterprise bean is type-compatible with the declared EJB reference. This means that the target enterprise bean must be of the type indicated in the `ejb-ref-type` element, and that the home and remote interfaces of the target enterprise bean must be Java type-compatible with the interfaces declared in the EJB reference.

The following example illustrates the use of the `ejb-link` element in the deployment descriptor. The enterprise bean reference should be satisfied by the bean named `EmployeeRecord`. The `EmployeeRecord` enterprise bean may be packaged in the same module as the component making this reference, or it may be packaged in another module within the same J2EE application as the component making this reference.

```

...
<ejb-ref>
  <description>
    This is a reference to the entity bean that
    encapsulates access to employee records. It
    has been linked to the entity bean named
    EmployeeRecord in this application.
  </description>
  <ejb-ref-name>ejb/EmplRecord</ejb-ref-name>
  <ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>
  <home>com.wombat.empl.EmployeeRecordHome</home>
  <remote>com.wombat.empl.EmployeeRecord</remote>
  <ejb-link>EmployeeRecord</ejb-link>
</ejb-ref>
...

```

The following example illustrates using the `ejb-link` element to indicate an enterprise bean reference to the `ProductEJB` enterprise bean that is in the same J2EE application unit but in a different `ejb-jar` file.

```

...
<ejb-ref>
  <description>
    This is a reference to the entity bean that
    encapsulates access to a product. It
    has been linked to the entity bean named
    ProductEJB in the product.jar file in this
    application.
  </description>
  <ejb-ref-name>ejb/Product</ejb-ref-name>
  <ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>
  <home>com.acme.products.ProductHome</home>
  <remote>com.acme.products.Product</remote>
  <ejb-link>../products/product.jar#ProductEJB</ejb-link>
</ejb-ref>
...

```

### J2EE.5.3.3 Deployer's Responsibilities

The Deployer is responsible for the following:

- The Deployer must ensure that all the declared EJB references are bound to the homes of enterprise beans that exist in the operational environment. The Deployer may use, for example, the JNDI `LinkRef` mechanism to create a symbolic link to the actual JNDI name of the target enterprise bean's home.
- The Deployer must ensure that the target enterprise bean is type-compatible with the types declared for the EJB reference. This means that the target enterprise bean must be of the type indicated in the `ejb-ref-type` element, and that the home and remote interfaces of the target enterprise bean must be Java type-compatible with the home and remote interfaces declared in the EJB reference.
- If an EJB reference declaration includes the `ejb-link` element, the Deployer should bind the enterprise bean reference to the home of the enterprise bean specified as the link's target.



### **J2EE.5.3.4 J2EE Product Provider's Responsibilities**

The J2EE Product Provider must provide the deployment tools that allow the Deployer to perform the tasks described in the previous subsection. The deployment tools provided by the J2EE Product Provider must be able to process the information supplied in the `ejb-ref` elements in the deployment descriptor.

At the minimum, the tools must be able to:

- Preserve the application assembly information in the `ejb-link` elements by binding an EJB reference to the home interface of the specified target enterprise bean.
- Inform the Deployer of any unresolved EJB references, and allow him or her to resolve an EJB reference by binding it to a specified compatible target enterprise bean.

### **J2EE.5.4 Resource Manager Connection Factory References**

A resource manager connection factory is an object that is used to create connections to a resource manager. For example, an object that implements the `javax.sql.DataSource` interface is a resource manager connection factory for `java.sql.Connection` objects that implement connections to a database management system.

This section describes the application component programming and deployment descriptor interfaces that allow the application component code to refer to resource factories using logical names called resource manager connection factory references. The resource manager connection factory references are special entries in the application component's environment. The Deployer binds the resource manager connection factory references to the actual resource manager connection factories that exist in the target operational environment. Because these resource manager connection factories allow the Container to affect resource management, the connections acquired through the resource manager connection factory references are called managed resources (for example, these resource manager connection factories allow the Container to implement connection pooling and automatic enlistment of the connection with a transaction).

Resource manager connection factory objects accessed through the naming environment are only valid within the component instance that performed the lookup. See the individual component specifications for additional restrictions that may apply.

### **J2EE.5.4.1 Application Component Provider's Responsibilities**

This subsection describes the Application Component Provider's view of locating resource factories and defines his or her responsibilities. It does so in two sections, the first describing the API for accessing resource manager connection factory references, and the second describing the syntax for declaring the factory references.

#### ***J2EE.5.4.1.1 Programming Interfaces for Resource Manager Connection Factory References***

The Application Component Provider must use resource manager connection factory references to obtain connections to resources as follows.

- Assign an entry in the application component's naming environment to the resource manager connection factory reference. (See subsection 5.4.1.2 for information on how resource manager connection factory references are declared in the deployment descriptor.)
- This specification recommends, but does not require, that all resource manager connection factory references be organized in the subcontexts of the application component's environment, using a different subcontext for each resource manager type. For example, all JDBC™ DataSource references should be declared in the `java:comp/env/jdbc` subcontext, all JMS connection factories in the `java:comp/env/jms` subcontext, all JavaMail connection factories in the `java:comp/env/mail` subcontext, and all URL connection factories in the `java:comp/env/url` subcontext.
- Lookup the resource manager connection factory object in the application component's environment using the JNDI interface.
- Invoke the appropriate method on the resource manager connection factory object to obtain a connection to the resource. The factory method is specific to the resource type. It is possible to obtain multiple connections by calling the factory object multiple times.

The Application Component Provider can control the shareability of the connections acquired from the resource manager connection factory. By default, connections to a resource manager are shareable across other application components in the application that use the same resource in the same transaction context. The Application Component Provider can specify that connections obtained from a resource manager connection factory reference are not shareable by specifying the value of the `res-sharing-scope` deployment descriptor element

to be `Unshareable`. The sharing of connections to a resource manager allows the container to optimize the use of connections and enables the container's use of local transaction optimizations.

The Application Component Provider has two choices with respect to dealing with associating a principal with the resource manager access:

- Allow the Deployer to set up principal mapping or resource manager signon information. In this case, the application component code invokes a resource manager connection factory method that has no security-related parameters.
- Sign on to the resource from the application component code. In this case, the application component invokes the appropriate resource manager connection factory method that takes the signon information as method parameters.

The Application Component Provider uses the `res-auth` deployment descriptor element to indicate which of the two resource authentication approaches is used.

We expect that the first form (that is letting the Deployer set up the resource signon information) will be the approach used by most application components.

The following code sample illustrates obtaining a JDBC connection.

```
public void changePhoneNumber(...) {
    ...

    // obtain the initial JNDI context
    Context initCtx = new InitialContext();

    // perform JNDI lookup to obtain resource manager
    // connection factory
    javax.sql.DataSource ds = (javax.sql.DataSource)
        initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/EmployeeAppDB");

    // Invoke factory to obtain a resource. The security
    // principal for the resource is not given, and
    // therefore it will be configured by the Deployer.
    java.sql.Connection con = ds.getConnection();
    ...
}
```

### ***J2EE.5.4.1.2 Declaration of Resource Manager Connection Factory References in Deployment Descriptor***

Although a resource manager connection factory reference is an entry in the application component's environment, the Application Component Provider must not use an `env-entry` element to declare it.

Instead, the Application Component Provider must declare all the resource manager connection factory references in the deployment descriptor using the `resource-ref` elements. This allows the consumer of the application component's jar file (the Application Assembler or Deployer) to discover all the resource manager connection factory references used by an application component.

Each `resource-ref` element describes a single resource manager connection factory reference. The `resource-ref` element consists of the `description` element; and the mandatory `res-ref-name`, `res-type`, and `res-auth` elements; and the optional `res-sharing-scope` element. The `res-ref-name` element contains the name of the environment entry used in the application component's code. The name of the environment entry is relative to the `java:comp/env` context (for example, the name should be `jdbc/EmployeeAppDB` rather than `java:comp/env/jdbc/EmployeeAppDB`). The `res-type` element contains the Java programming language type of the resource manager connection factory that the application component code expects. The `res-auth` element indicates whether the application component code performs resource signon programmatically, or whether the container signs on to the resource based on the principal mapping information supplied by the Deployer. The Application Component Provider indicates the signon responsibility by setting the value of the `res-auth` element to `Application` or `Container`. The `res-sharing-scope` element indicates whether connections to the resource manager obtained through the given resource manager connection factory reference can be shared or whether connections are unshareable. The value of the `res-sharing-scope` element is `Shareable` or `Unshareable`. If the `res-sharing-scope` element is not specified, connections are assumed to be shareable.

A resource manager connection factory reference is scoped to the application component whose declaration contains the `resource-ref` element. This means that the resource manager connection factory reference is not accessible from other application components at runtime, and that other application components may define `resource-ref` elements with the same `res-ref-name` without causing a name conflict.

The type declaration allows the Deployer to identify the type of the resource manager connection factory.

Note that the indicated type is the Java programming language type of the resource manager connection factory, not the type of the connection.

The following example is the declaration of resource references used by the application component illustrated in the previous subsection.

```
...
<resource-ref>
  <description>
    A data source for the database in which
    the EmployeeService enterprise bean will
    record a log of all transactions.
  </description>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/EmployeeAppDB</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
  <res-sharing-scope>Shareable</res-sharing-scope>
</resource-ref>
```

### ***J2EE.5.4.1.3 Standard Resource Manager Connection Factory Types***

The Application Component Provider must use the `javax.sql.DataSource` resource manager connection factory type for obtaining JDBC API connections.

The Application Component Provider must use the `javax.jms.QueueConnectionFactory` or the `javax.jms.TopicConnectionFactory` for obtaining JMS connections.

The Application Component Provider must use the `javax.mail.Session` resource manager connection factory type for obtaining JavaMail API connections.

The Application Component Provider must use the `java.net.URL` resource manager connection factory type for obtaining URL connections.

It is recommended that the Application Component Provider name JDBC API data sources in the `java:comp/env/jdbc` subcontext, all JMS connection factories in the `java:comp/env/jms` subcontext, all JavaMail API connection factories in the `java:comp/env/mail` subcontext, and all URL connection factories in the `java:comp/env/url` subcontext.

The J2EE Connector Architecture allows an application component to use the API described in this section to obtain resource objects that provide access to additional back-end systems.

### **J2EE.5.4.2     Deployer's Responsibilities**

The Deployer uses deployment tools to bind the resource manager connection factory references to the actual resource factories configured in the target operational environment.

The Deployer must perform the following tasks for each resource manager connection factory reference declared in the deployment descriptor:

- Bind the resource manager connection factory reference to a resource manager connection factory that exists in the operational environment. The Deployer may use, for example, the JNDI `LinkRef` mechanism to create a symbolic link to the actual JNDI name of the resource manager connection factory. The resource manager connection factory type must be compatible with the type declared in the `res-type` element.
- Provide any additional configuration information that the resource manager needs for opening and managing the resource. The configuration mechanism is resource manager specific, and is beyond the scope of this specification.
- If the value of the `res-auth` element is `Container`, the Deployer is responsible for configuring the signon information for the resource manager. This is performed in a manner specific to the container and resource manager; it is beyond the scope of this specification.

For example, if principals must be mapped from the security domain and principal realm used at the application component level to the security domain and principal realm of the resource manager, the Deployer or System Administrator must define the mapping. The mapping is performed in a manner specific to the container and resource manager; it is beyond the scope of this specification.

### **J2EE.5.4.3     J2EE Product Provider's Responsibilities**

The J2EE Product Provider is responsible for the following:

- Provide the deployment tools that allow the Deployer to perform the tasks described in the previous subsection.
- Provide the implementation of the resource manager connection factory classes that are required by this specification.

- If the Application Component Provider set the `res-auth` of a resource reference to `Application`, the container must allow the application component to perform explicit programmatic signon using the resource manager's API.
- If the Application Component Provider sets the `res-sharing-scope` of a resource manager connection factory reference to `Unshareable`, the container must not attempt to share the connections obtained from the resource manager connection factory reference<sup>1</sup>.
- The container must provide tools that allow the Deployer to set up resource signon information for the resource manager references whose `res-auth` element is set to `Container`. The minimum requirement is that the Deployer must be able to specify the user/password information for each resource manager connection factory reference declared by the application component, and the container must be able to use the user/password combination for user authentication when obtaining a connection by invoking the resource manager connection factory.

Although not required by this specification, we expect that containers will support some form of a single signon mechanism that spans the application server and the resource managers. The container will allow the Deployer to set up the resources such that the principal can be propagated (directly or through principal mapping) to a resource manager, if required by the application.

While not required by this specification, most J2EE products will provide the following features:

- A tool to allow the System Administrator to add, remove, and configure a resource manager for the J2EE Server.
- A mechanism to pool resources for the application components and otherwise manage the use of resources by the container. The pooling must be transparent to the application components.

#### **J2EE.5.4.4 System Administrator's Responsibilities**

The System Administrator is typically responsible for the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Connections obtained from the same resource manager connection factory through a different resource manager connection factory reference may be shareable.

- Add, remove, and configure resource managers in the J2EE Server environment.

In some scenarios, these tasks can be performed by the Deployer.

## **J2EE.5.5 Resource Environment References**

This section describes the programming and deployment descriptor interfaces that allow the Application Component Provider to refer to administered objects that are associated with a resource (for example, JMS Destinations) by using “logical” names called resource environment references. The resource environment references are special entries in the application component’s environment. The Deployer binds the resource environment references to administered objects in the target operational environment.

### **J2EE.5.5.1 Application Component Provider’s Responsibilities**

This subsection describes the Application Component Provider’s view and responsibilities with respect to resource environment references.

#### ***J2EE.5.5.1.1 Resource Environment Reference Programming Interfaces***

The Application Component Provider is required to use resource environment references to locate administered objects, such as JMS Destinations, that are associated with resources as follows.

- Assign an entry in the application component’s environment to the reference. (See subsection 5.5.1.2 for information on how resource environment references are declared in the deployment descriptor.)
- This specification recommends, but does not require, that all resource environment references be organized in the appropriate subcontext of the component’s environment for the resource type (for example, in the `java:comp/env/jms` JNDI context for JMS Destinations).
- Look up the administered object in the application component’s environment using JNDI.

The following example illustrates how an application component uses a resource environment reference to locate a JMS Destination.



```
// Obtain the default initial JNDI context.
Context initCtx = new InitialContext();

// Look up the JMS StockQueue in the environment.
Object result = initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env/jms/StockQueue");

// Convert the result to the proper type.
javax.jms.Queue queue = (javax.jms.Queue)result;
```

In the example, the Application Component Provider assigned the environment entry `jms/StockQueue` as the resource environment reference name to refer to a JMS queue.

### ***J2EE.5.5.1.2 Declaration of Resource Environment References in Deployment Descriptor***

Although the resource environment reference is an entry in the application component's environment, the Application Component Provider must not use a `env-entry` element to declare it. Instead, the Application Component Provider must declare all references to administered objects associated with resources using the `resource-env-ref` elements of the deployment descriptor. This allows the application component's jar file consumer to discover all the resource environment references used by the application component.

Each `resource-env-ref` element describes the requirements that the referencing application component has for the referenced administered object. The `resource-env-ref` element contains an optional `description` element; and the mandatory `resource-env-ref-name` and `resource-env-ref-type` elements.

The `resource-env-ref-name` element specifies the resource environment reference name; its value is the environment entry name used in the application component code. The name of the environment entry is relative to the `java:comp/env` context (for example, the name should be `jms/StockQueue` rather than `java:comp/env/jms/StockQueue`). The `resource-env-ref-type` element specifies the expected type of the referenced object. For example, in the case of a JMS Destination, its value must be either `javax.jms.Queue` or `javax.jms.Topic`.

A resource environment reference is scoped to the application component whose declaration contains the `resource-env-ref` element. This means that the resource environment reference is not accessible to other application components at runtime, and that other application components may define `resource-env-ref` elements with the same `resource-env-ref-name` without causing a name conflict.

The following example illustrates the declaration of resource environment references in the deployment descriptor.

```

...
<resource-env-ref>
  <description>
    This is a reference to a JMS queue used in the
    processing of Stock info
  </description>
  <resource-env-ref-name>jms/StockInfo</resource-env-ref-name>
  <resource-env-ref-type>javax.jms.Queue</resource-env-ref-type>
</resource-env-ref>
...

```

### J2EE.5.5.2 Deployer's Responsibilities

The Deployer is responsible for the following:

- The Deployer must ensure that all the declared resource environment references are bound to administered objects that exist in the operational environment. The Deployer may use, for example, the JNDI `LinkRef` mechanism to create a symbolic link to the actual JNDI name of the target object.
- The Deployer must ensure that the target object is type-compatible with the type declared for the resource environment reference. This means that the target object must be of the type indicated in the `resource-env-ref-type` element.

### J2EE.5.5.3 J2EE Product Provider's Responsibilities

The J2EE Product Provider must provide the deployment tools that allow the Deployer to perform the tasks described in the previous subsection. The deployment tools provided by the J2EE Product Provider must be able to process the information supplied in the `resource-env-ref` elements in the deployment descriptor.

At the minimum, the tools must be able to inform the Deployer of any unresolved resource environment references, and allow him or her to resolve a resource environment reference by binding it to a specified compatible target object in the environment.

## J2EE.5.6 UserTransaction References

Certain J2EE application component types are allowed to use the JTA `UserTransaction` interface to start, commit, and abort transactions. Such

application components can find an appropriate object implementing the `UserTransaction` interface by looking up the JNDI name `java:comp/UserTransaction`. The container is only required to provide the `java:comp/UserTransaction` name for those components that can validly make use of it. Any such reference to a `UserTransaction` object is only valid within the component instance that performed the lookup. See the individual component definitions for further information.

The following example illustrates how an application component acquires and uses a `UserTransaction` object.

```
public void updateData(...) {
    ...
    // Context initCtx = new InitialContext();

    // Look up the UserTransaction object.
    UserTransaction tx = (UserTransaction)initCtx.lookup(
        "java:comp/UserTransaction");

    // Start a transaction.
    tx.begin();
    ...
    // Perform transactional operations on data.
    ...
    // Commit the transaction.
    tx.commit();
    ...
}
```

### **J2EE.5.6.1 Application Component Provider's Responsibilities**

The Application Component Provider is responsible for using the defined name to look up the `UserTransaction` object.

Only some application component types are required to have access to a `UserTransaction` object; see **Table J2EE.6-1** in this specification and the EJB specification for details.

### **J2EE.5.6.2 Deployer's Responsibilities**

The Deployer has no specific responsibilities associated with the `UserTransaction` object.

**J2EE.5.6.3 J2EE Product Provider's Responsibilities**

The J2EE Product Provider is responsible for providing an appropriate `UserTransaction` object as required by this specification.

**J2EE.5.6.4 System Administrator's Responsibilities**

The System Administrator has no specific responsibilities associated with the `UserTransaction` object.

# CHAPTER J2EE.6

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## Application Programming Interface

**T**his Chapter describes API requirements for the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE). J2EE requires the provision of a number of APIs for use by J2EE applications, starting with the core Java APIs and including several Java optional packages<sup>1</sup>.

### **J2EE.6.1 Required APIs**

J2EE application components execute in runtime environments provided by the containers that are a part of the J2EE platform. The J2EE platform supports four types of containers corresponding to J2EE application component types: application client containers, applet containers, web containers for servlets and JSP pages, and enterprise bean containers.

#### **J2EE.6.1.1 Java Compatible APIs**

The containers provide all application components with the Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition, v1.3 (J2SE) APIs, which include the following enterprise APIs:

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<sup>1</sup> Note that “optional packages” were previously called “standard extensions”. The packages described here are optional relative to J2SE, but **required** for J2EE.

- Java IDL API
- JDBC Core API
- RMI-IIOP API
- JNDI API

In particular, the applet execution environment must be J2SE 1.3 compatible. Since typical browsers don't yet provide such support, J2EE products may make use of the Java Plugin to provide the required applet execution environment. Use of the Java Plugin is not required, but is one method of meeting the requirement to provide a J2SE 1.3 compatible applet execution environment.

The specifications for the J2SE APIs are available at <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/>.

### J2EE.6.1.2 Java Optional Packages

The J2EE platform also requires a number of Java optional packages. **Table J2EE.6-1:** indicates the required optional packages with their required versions.

**Table J2EE.6-1: J2EE-Required Java Optional Packages**

Optional Package	App Client	Applet	Web	EJB
JDBC 2.0 Extension	Y	N	Y	Y
EJB 2.0	Y <sup>a</sup>	N	Y <sup>b</sup>	Y
Servlets 2.3	N	N	Y	N
JSP 1.2	N	N	Y	N
JMS 1.0	Y	N	Y	Y
JTA 1.0	N	N	Y	Y
JavaMail 1.2	N	N	Y	Y
JAF 1.0	N	N	Y	Y
JAXP 1.1	Y	N	Y	Y
Connector 1.0	N	N	Y	Y
JAAS 1.0	Y	N	Y	Y

a. Client APIs only.

b. Client APIs only.

All classes and interfaces required by the specifications for the APIs must be provided by the J2EE containers. In some cases, a J2EE product is not required to provide objects that implement interfaces intended to be implemented by an application server, nevertheless, the definitions of such interfaces must be included in the J2EE platform.

## **J2EE.6.2 Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE) Requirements**

### **J2EE.6.2.1 Programming Restrictions**

The J2EE programming model divides responsibilities between Application Component Providers and J2EE Product Providers: Application Component Providers focus on writing business logic and the J2EE Product Providers focus on providing a managed system infrastructure in which the application components can be deployed.

This division leads to a restriction on the functionality that application components can contain. If application components contain the same functionality provided by J2EE system infrastructure, there are clashes and mis-management of the functionality.

For example, if enterprise beans were allowed to manage threads, the J2EE platform could not manage the life cycle of the enterprise beans, and it could not properly manage transactions.

Since we do not want to subset the J2SE platform, and we want J2EE Product Providers to be able to use J2SE products without modification in the J2EE platform, we use the J2SE security permissions mechanism to express the programming restrictions imposed on Application Component Providers.

In this section, we specify the J2SE security permissions that the J2EE Product Provider must provide for each application component type. We call these permissions the J2EE security permissions set. The J2EE security permissions set is a required part of the J2EE API contract.

### **J2EE.6.2.2 The J2EE Security Permissions Set**

The J2EE security permissions set defines the minimum set of permissions that application components can expect. All J2EE products must be capable of deploying application components that require the set of permissions described

here. The Product Provider must ensure that the application components do not use functions that conflict with the J2EE security permission set.

The exact set of security permissions for application components in use at a particular installation is a matter of policy outside the scope of this specification. Some J2EE products will allow the set of permissions available to a component to be configurable, providing some components with more or fewer permissions than those described here. A future version of this specification will allow these security requirements to be specified in the deployment descriptor for application components. At the present time, application components that need permissions not in this minimal set should describe their requirements in their documentation.

The J2SE security permissions are fully described in <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/guide/security/permissions.html>.

### J2EE.6.2.3 Listing of the J2EE Security Permissions Set

**Table J2EE.6-2:** lists the J2EE security permissions set. This is the typical set of permissions that components of each type should expect to have.

**Table J2EE.6-2: J2EE Security Permissions Set**

Security Permissions	Target	Action
Application Clients		
java.awt.AWTPermission	accessClipboard	
java.awt.AWTPermission	accessEventQueue	
java.awt.AWTPermission	showWindowWithoutWarningBanner	
java.lang.RuntimePermission	exitVM	
java.lang.RuntimePermission	loadLibrary	
java.lang.RuntimePermission	queuePrintJob	
java.net.SocketPermission	*	connect
java.net.SocketPermission	localhost:1024-	accept,listen
java.io.FilePermission	*	read,write
java.util.PropertyPermission	*	read
Applet Clients		



**Table J2EE.6-2: J2EE Security Permissions Set**

Security Permissions	Target	Action
java.net.SocketPermission	<i>codebase</i>	connect
java.util.PropertyPermission	<i>limited</i>	read
Web Components		
java.lang.RuntimePermission	loadLibrary	
java.lang.RuntimePermission	queuePrintJob	
java.net.SocketPermission	*	connect
java.io.FilePermission	*	read,write
java.util.PropertyPermission	*	read
EJB Components		
java.lang.RuntimePermission	queuePrintJob	
java.net.SocketPermission	*	connect
java.util.PropertyPermission	*	read

Note that an operating system that hosts a J2EE product may impose additional security restrictions of its own that must be taken into account. For instance, the user identity under which a servlet executes is not likely to have permission to read and write all files.

## **J2EE.6.2.4 Additional Requirements**

### ***J2EE.6.2.4.1 Networking***

The J2SE platform includes a pluggable mechanism for supporting multiple URL protocols through the `java.net.URLStreamHandler` class and the `java.net.URLStreamHandlerFactory` interface.

The following URL protocols must be supported:

- **file:** Only reading from a file URL need be supported, that is, the corresponding `URLConnection` object's `getOutputStream` method may fail with an

UnknownServiceException. File access is restricted according to the permissions described above.

- **http:** Only version 1.0 of the HTTP protocol need be supported, although HTTP 1.1 is allowed. An http URL must support both input and output.
- **https:** SSL version 3.0 must be supported by https URL objects. Both input and output must be supported.

The J2SE platform also includes a mechanism for converting a URL's byte stream to an appropriate object, using the `java.net.ContentHandler` class and `java.net.ContentHandlerFactory` interface. A `ContentHandler` object can convert a MIME byte stream to an object. `ContentHandler` objects are typically accessed indirectly using the `getContent` method of `URL` and `URLConnection`.

When accessing data of the following MIME types using the `getContent` method, objects of the corresponding Java type listed in **Table J2EE.6-1:** must be returned.

**Table J2EE.6-1: Java Type of Objects Returned When Using the `getContent` Method**

MIME Type	Java Type
image/gif	<code>java.awt.Image</code>
image/jpeg	<code>java.awt.Image</code>

Many environments will use HTTP proxies rather than connecting directly to HTTP servers. If HTTP proxies are being used in the local environment, the HTTP support in the J2SE platform should be configured to use the proxy appropriately. Application components must not be required to configure proxy support in order to use an http URL.

Most enterprise environments will include a firewall that limits access from the internal network (intranet) to the public Internet, and vice versa. It is typical for access using the HTTP protocol to pass through such firewalls, perhaps by using proxy servers. It is not typical that general TCP/IP traffic, including RMI-JRMP, RMI-IIOP, can pass through firewalls.

These considerations have implications on the use of various protocols to communicate between application components. This specification requires that HTTP access through firewalls be possible where local policy allows. Some J2EE products may provide support for tunneling other communication through firewalls, but this is neither specified nor required.

**J2EE.6.2.4.2 AWT**

AWT provides the ability to read binary image data and convert it into a `java.awt.image` object, using the `createImage` methods in `java.awt.Toolkit`. The AWT Toolkit must support binary data in the GIF and JPEG formats.

**J2EE.6.2.4.3 JDBC™ API**

The JDBC API, which is part of the J2SE platform, allows for access to a wide range of data storage systems. The J2SE platform, however, does not require that a system meeting the Java Compatible™ quality standards provide a database that is accessible through the JDBC API.

To allow for the development of portable applications, the J2EE specification does require that such a database be available and accessible from a J2EE product through the JDBC API. Such a database must be accessible from web components, enterprise beans, and application clients, but need not be accessible from applets. In addition, the driver for the database must meet the JDBC Compatible requirements in the JDBC specification.

J2EE applications should not attempt to load JDBC drivers directly. Instead, they should use the technique recommended in the JDBC specification and perform a JNDI lookup to locate a `DataSource` object. The JNDI name of the `DataSource` object should be chosen as described in Section J2EE.5.4, “Resource Manager Connection Factory References”. The J2EE platform must be able to supply a `DataSource` that does not require the application to supply any authentication information when obtaining a database connection. In the usual case, applications typically will supply a user name and password when connecting to the database.

When a JDBC API connection is used in an enterprise bean, the transaction characteristics will typically be controlled by the container. The component should not attempt to change the transaction characteristics of the connection, commit the transaction, roll back the transaction, or set autocommit mode. Attempts to make changes that are incompatible with the current transaction context may result in a `SQLException` being thrown. The EJB specification contains the precise rules for enterprise beans.

Note that similar restrictions apply when a component creates a transaction using the JTA `UserTransaction` interface. The component should not attempt operations on the JDBC `Connection` object that would conflict with the transaction context.

Drivers supporting the JDBC API in a J2EE environment must meet a number of additional requirements in their implementation of JDBC APIs, as described below:

- Drivers are required to provide accurate and complete metadata through the `Connection.getMetaData` method. J2EE applications should examine the `DatabaseMetaData` object and adapt their behavior to the capabilities of the current database. How this information is used to create portable applications that are independent of the underlying database vendor and driver is beyond the scope of this specification.
- Drivers must support stored procedures. The `DatabaseMetaData.supportsStoredProcedures` method must return `true`. The driver must also support the full JDBC API escape syntax for calling stored procedures with the following methods on the `Statement`, `PreparedStatement`, and `CallableStatement` classes:
  - `executeUpdate`
  - `executeQuery`

Support for calling stored procedures using the method `execute` on the `Statement`, `PreparedStatement`, and `CallableStatement` interfaces is not required because some databases don't support returning more than a single `ResultSet` from a stored procedure.

- Drivers must support all of the `CallableStatement` methods that apply to SQL92 types, including the following:
  - `getBigDecimal(int parameterIndex)`
  - `getBoolean`
  - `getByte`
  - `getBytes`
  - `getDate(int parameterIndex)`
  - `getDate(int parameterIndex, Calendar cal)`
  - `getDouble(int parameterIndex)`
  - `getFloat(int parameterIndex)`
  - `getInt`
  - `getLong`
  - `getObject(int parameterIndex)`

- `getShort`
- `getString`
- `getTime(int parameterIndex)`
- `getTime(int parameterIndex, Calendar cal)`
- `getTimestamp(int parameterIndex)`
- `getTimestamp(int parameterIndex, Calendar cal)`
- `registerOutParameter(int parameterIndex, int sqlType)`
- `registerOutParameter(int parameterIndex, int sqlType, int scale)`
- `wasNull()`

Support for the new BLOB, CLOB, ARRAY, REF, STRUCT and JAVA\_OBJECT types is not required. All parameter types (IN, OUT, and INOUT) must be supported.

- Full support for PreparedStatements is required. This implies support for the following methods:
  - `setAsciiStream`
  - `setBigDecimal`
  - `setBinaryStream(int parameterIndex, InputStream x, int length)`
  - `setBoolean`
  - `setByte`
  - `setBytes`
  - `setCharacterStream`
  - `setDate(int parameterIndex, Date x)`
  - `setDate(int parameterIndex, Date x, Calendar cal)`
  - `setDouble`
  - `setFloat`
  - `setInt`
  - `setLong`
  - `setNull`
  - `setObject(int parameterIndex, Object x)`
  - `setObject(int parameterIndex, Object x, int targetSqlType)`
  - `setObject(int parameterIndex, Object x, int targetSqlType, int scale)`
  - `setShort`
  - `setString`

- setTime(int parameterIndex, Time x)
- setTime(int parameterIndex, Time x, Calendar cal)
- setTimestamp(int parameterIndex, Timestamp x)
- setTimestamp(int parameterIndex, Timestamp x, Calendar cal)

Support for the new BLOB, CLOB, ARRAY, REF, STRUCT and JAVA\_OBJECT types is not required. Support for the `PreparedStatement` method `getMetaData` is not required. This method must throw an `SQLException` if it is not supported.

- Full support for batch updates is required. This implies support for the following methods on the `Statement`, `PreparedStatement`, and `CallableStatement` classes:
  - `addBatch`
  - `clearBatch`
  - `executeBatch`

Drivers are free to implement these methods any way they choose (including a non-batching implementation) as long as the semantics are correct.

- Drivers must support the `ResultSet` type `TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`, with a concurrency of `CONCUR_READ_ONLY`. Support for other `ResultSet` types `TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE` and `TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE`, and concurrency `CONCUR_UPDATABLE`, is not required.
- A driver must provide full support for `DatabaseMetaData` and `ResultSetMetaData`. This implies that all of the methods in the `DatabaseMetaData` interface must be implemented and must behave as specified in the JDBC 2.1 specification. None of the methods in `DatabaseMetaData` and `ResultSetMetaData` may throw an exception because they are not implemented.
- The JDBC API core specification requires that JDBC compliant drivers provide support for the SQL92, Transitional Level, `DROP TABLE` command, full support for the `CASCADE` and `RESTRICT` options is required. As many popular databases do not support `DROP TABLE` as specified in the SQL92 specification, the following clarification is required.

A JDBC 2.1 compliant driver is required to support the `DROP TABLE` command as specified by the SQL92, Transitional Level. However, support for the `CASCADE` and `RESTRICT` options of `DROP TABLE` is optional. In addition, the behavior of `DROP TABLE` is implementation defined when there are views or

integrity constraints defined that reference the table that is being dropped.

- A driver must support the Statement escape syntax for the following functions as specified by the JDBC 2.1 specification:
  - CONCAT
  - SUBSTRING
  - LOCATE
  - LENGTH
  - ABS
  - SQRT

#### ***J2EE.6.2.4.4 Java IDL***

JavaIDL allows applications to access any CORBA object, written in any language, using the standard IIOP protocol. The J2EE security restrictions typically prevent all application component types except application clients from creating and exporting a CORBA object, but all J2EE application component types can be clients of CORBA objects.

A J2EE product must support JavaIDL as defined by chapters 1 - 8, 13, and 15 of the CORBA 2.3.1 specification, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?formal/99-10-07>, and the IDL To Java Language Mapping Specification, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?ptc/2000-01-08>.

J2EE applications need to use an instance of `org.omg.CORBA.ORB` to perform many JavaIDL and RMI-IIOP operations. The default ORB returned by a call to `ORB.init(new String[0], null)` must be usable for such purposes; an application need not be aware of the implementation classes used for the ORB and RMI-IIOP support.

In addition, for performance reasons it is often advantageous to share an ORB instance among components in an application. To support such usage, all web and enterprise bean containers are required to provide an ORB instance in the JNDI namespace under the name `java:comp/ORB`. The container is allowed, but not required, to share this instance between components. The container may also use this ORB instance itself. To support isolation between applications, an ORB instance should not be shared between components in different applications. To allow this ORB instance to be safely shared between components, components must restrict their usage of certain ORB APIs and functionality:

- Do not call the ORB shutdown method.
- Do not call the `org.omg.CORBA_2_3.ORB` methods `register_value_factory`

and `unregister_value_factory` with an `id` used by the container.

A J2EE product must provide a `COSNaming` service to support the EJB interoperability requirements. It must be possible to access this `COSNaming` service using the JavaIDL `COSNaming` APIs. Applications with appropriate privileges must be able to lookup objects in the `COSNaming` service. `COSNaming` is defined in the Interoperable Naming Service specification, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?formal/2000-06-19>.

#### ***J2EE.6.2.4.5 RMI-JRMP***

JRMP is the Java technology-specific Remote Method Invocation (RMI) protocol. The J2EE security restrictions typically prevent all application component types except application clients from creating and exporting an RMI object, but all J2EE application component types can be clients of RMI objects.

#### ***J2EE.6.2.4.6 RMI-IIOP***

RMI-IIOP allows objects defined using RMI style interfaces to be accessed using the IIOP protocol. It must be possible to make any enterprise bean accessible via RMI-IIOP. Some J2EE products will simply make all enterprise beans always (and only) accessible via RMI-IIOP; other products might control this via an administrative or deployment action. These and other approaches are allowed, provided that any enterprise bean (or by extension, all enterprise beans) can be made accessible using RMI-IIOP.

All components accessing enterprise beans must use the `narrow` method of the `javax.rmi.PortableRemoteObject` class, as described in the EJB specification. Because enterprise beans may be deployed using other RMI protocols, portable applications must not depend on the characteristics of RMI-IIOP objects (for example, the use of the `Stub` and `Tie` base classes) beyond what is specified in the EJB specification.

The J2EE security restrictions typically prevent all application component types, except application clients, from creating and exporting an RMI-IIOP object. All J2EE application component types can be clients of RMI-IIOP objects. J2EE applications should also use JNDI to lookup non-EJB RMI-IIOP objects. The JNDI names used for such non-EJB RMI-IIOP objects should be configured at deployment time using the standard environment entries mechanism (see Section J2EE.5.2, “Java Naming and Directory Interface™ (JNDI) Naming Context”). The application should fetch a name from JNDI using an environment



entry, and use the name to lookup the RMI-IIOP object. Typically such names will be configured to be names in the COSNaming name service.

This specification does not provide a portable way for applications to bind objects to names in a name service. Some products may support use of JNDI and COSNaming for binding objects, but this is not required. Portable J2EE application clients can create non-EJB RMI-IIOP server objects for use as callback objects, or to pass in calls to other RMI-IIOP objects.

Note that while RMI-IIOP doesn't specify how to propagate the current security context or transaction context, the EJB interoperability specification does define such context propagation. This specification only requires that the propagation of context information as defined in the EJB specification be supported in the use of RMI-IIOP to access enterprise beans. The propagation of context information is not required in the uses of RMI-IIOP to access objects other than enterprise beans.

The RMI-IIOP specification describes how portable Stub and Tie classes can be created. A J2EE application that defines or uses RMI-IIOP objects other than enterprise beans must include such portable Stub and Tie classes in the application package. Stub and Tie objects for enterprise beans, however, must not be included with the application: they will be generated, if needed, by the J2EE product at deployment time or at run time.

RMI-IIOP is defined by chapters 5, 6, 13, 15, and section 10.6.2 of the CORBA 2.3.1 specification, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?formal/99-10-07>, and by the *Java™ Language To IDL Mapping Specification*, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?ptc/2000-01-06>.

#### **J2EE.6.2.4.7 JNDI**

A J2EE product must make the following types of objects available in the application's JNDI namespace - EJBHome objects, JTA UserTransaction objects, JDBC API DataSource objects, JMS ConnectionFactory and Destination objects, JavaMail Session objects, and resource manager ConnectionFactory objects (as specified in the Connector specification). The JNDI implementation in a J2EE product must be capable of supporting all of these uses in a single application component using a single JNDI InitialContext. Application components will generally create a JNDI InitialContext using the default constructor with no arguments. The application component may then perform lookups on that InitialContext to find objects as specified above.

The names used to perform lookups for J2EE objects are application dependent. The application component's deployment descriptor is used to list the names and types of objects expected. The Deployer configures the JNDI

namespace to make appropriate components available. The JNDI names used to lookup such objects must be in the JNDI `java: namespace`. See Chapter J2EE.5, “Naming” for details.

One particular name is defined by this specification. For all application components that have access to the JTA `UserTransaction` interface, the appropriate `UserTransaction` object can be found using the name `java:comp/UserTransaction`.

The name used to lookup a particular J2EE object may be different in different application components. In general, JNDI names can not be meaningfully passed as arguments in remote calls from one application component to another remote component (for example, in a call to an enterprise bean).

The JNDI `java: namespace` is commonly implemented as *symbolic links* to other naming systems. Different underlying naming services may be used to store different kinds of objects, or even different instances of objects. It is up to a J2EE product to provide the necessary JNDI service providers for accessing the various objects defined in this specification.

This specification requires that the J2EE platform provide the ability to perform lookup operations as described above. Different JNDI service providers may provide different capabilities, for instance, some service providers may provide only read-only access to the data in the name service.

All J2EE products must provide a `COSNaming` name service to meet the EJB interoperability requirements. In addition, a `COSNaming` JNDI service provider must be available through the web, EJB, and application client containers. It will also typically be available in the applet container, but this is not required.

A `COSNaming` JNDI service provider is a part of the J2SE 1.3 SDK and JRE from Sun, but is not a required component of the J2SE specification. The `COSNaming` JNDI service provider specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/guide/jndi/jndi-cos.html>.

See Chapter J2EE.5, “Naming” for the complete naming requirements for the J2EE platform. The JNDI specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jndi/docs.html>.

#### ***J2EE.6.2.4.8 Context Class Loader***

This specification requires that J2EE containers provide a per thread context class loader for the use of system or library classes in dynamically loading classes provided by the application. The EJB specification requires that all EJB client containers provide a per thread context class loader for dynamically loading system value

classes. The per thread context class loader is accessed using the Thread method `getContextClassLoader`.

The classes used by an application will typically be loaded by a hierarchy of class loaders. There may be a top level application class loader, an extension class loader, and so on, down to a system class loader. The top level application class loader delegates to the lower class loaders as needed. Classes loaded by lower class loaders, such as portable EJB system value classes, need to be able to discover the top level application class loader used to dynamically load application classes.

We require that containers provide a per thread context class loader that can be used to load top level application classes as described above.

### **J2EE.6.3     JDBC™ 2.0 Extension Requirements**

The JDBC 2.0 extension includes APIs for row sets, connection naming via JNDI, connection pooling, and distributed transaction support. The connection pooling and distributed transaction features are intended for use by JDBC drivers to coordinate with an application server. J2EE products are not required to support the application server facilities described by these APIs, although they may prove useful.

The Connector architecture defines an SPI that essentially extends the functionality of the JDBC SPI with additional security functionality, and a full packaging and deployment functionality for resource adapters. A future version of this specification may require support for deploying JDBC drivers as resource adapters using the Connector architecture.

The JDBC 2.0 extension specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jdbc/jdbcse2.html>.

### **J2EE.6.4     Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) 2.0 Requirements**

This specification requires that a J2EE product provide support for enterprise beans as specified in the EJB 2.0 specification. The EJB specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/ejb/docs.html>.

This specification does not impose any additional requirements at this time. Note that the EJB 2.0 specification includes the specification of the EJB interoperability protocol based on RMI-IIOP. All containers that support EJB clients must be capable of using the EJB interoperability protocol to invoke enterprise beans. All EJB containers must support the invocation of local

enterprise beans using the EJB interoperability protocol. A J2EE product may also support other protocols for the invocation of enterprise beans.

A J2EE product may support multiple object systems (for example, RMI-IIOP and RMI-JRMP). It may not always be possible to pass object references from one object system to objects in another object system. However, when an enterprise bean is using the RMI-IIOP protocol, it must be possible to pass object references for RMI-IIOP or JavaIDL objects as arguments to methods on such an enterprise bean, and to return such object references as return values of a method on such an enterprise bean. In addition, it must be possible to pass a reference to an RMI-IIOP-based enterprise bean's Home or Remote interface to a method on an RMI-IIOP or JavaIDL object, or to return such an enterprise bean object reference as a return value from such an RMI-IIOP or JavaIDL object.

The EJB container is required to support access to local enterprise beans. We recommend that the web container also support access to local enterprise beans. No support is provided for access to local enterprise beans from the application client container or the applet container.

## **J2EE.6.5     Servlet 2.3 Requirements**

The servlet specification defines the packaging and deployment of web applications, whether standalone or as part of a J2EE application. The servlet specification also addresses security, both standalone and within the J2EE platform. These optional components of the servlet specification are requirements of the J2EE platform.

The servlet specification includes additional requirements for web containers that are part of a J2EE product and a J2EE product must meet these requirements as well.

The servlet specification defines *distributable* web applications. To support J2EE applications that are distributable, this specification adds the following requirements.

A J2EE distributable web application may place only objects of the following types into a `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession` object using the `setAttribute` or `putValue` methods:

- `java.io.Serializable`
- `javax.ejb.EJBObject`
- `javax.ejb.EJBHome`
- `javax.transaction.UserTransaction`
- a `javax.naming.Context` object for the `java:comp/env` context

Web containers may throw an `IllegalArgumentException` if an object that is not one of the above types is passed to the `setAttribute` or `putValue` methods of an `HttpSession` object corresponding to a J2EE distributable session. This exception indicates to the programmer that the web container does not support moving the object between VMs. A web container that supports multi-VM operation must ensure that, when a session is moved from one VM to another, all objects of the above types are accurately recreated on the target VM.

The servlet specification defines access to local enterprise beans as an optional feature. This specification also does not require such support, but we strongly recommend that J2EE products provide support for access to local enterprise beans from the web container. Such support will be required in the next release of this specification.

The servlet specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/servlet>.

## **J2EE.6.6    JavaServer Pages™ (JSP) 1.2 Requirements**

The JSP specification depends on and builds on the servlet framework. A J2EE product must support the entire JSP specification.

The JSP specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jsp>.

## **J2EE.6.7    Java™ Message Service (JMS) 1.0 Requirements**

A Java Message Service provider must be included in a J2EE product. The JMS implementation must provide support for both JMS point-to-point and publish/subscribe messaging, and thus must make those facilities available using the `ConnectionFactory` and `Destination` APIs.

The JMS specification defines several interfaces intended for integration with an application server. A J2EE product need not provide objects that implement these interfaces, and portable J2EE applications must not use the following interfaces:

- `javax.jms.ServerSession`
- `javax.jms.ServerSessionPool`
- `javax.jms.ConnectionConsumer`
- all `javax.jms` XA interfaces

Note that the JMS API creates threads to deliver messages to message listeners. The use of this message listener facility may be limited by the restrictions on the use of threads in various containers. In EJB containers, for instance, it is typically not possible to create threads. The following methods must not be used by application components executing in containers that prevent them from creating threads:

- `javax.jms.Session` method `setMessageListener`
- `javax.jms.Session` method `getMessageListener`
- `javax.jms.Session` method `run`
- `javax.jms.QueueConnection` method `createConnectionConsumer`
- `javax.jms.TopicConnection` method `createConnectionConsumer`
- `javax.jms.TopicConnection` method `createDurableConnectionConsumer`
- `javax.jms.MessageConsumer` method `getMessageListener`
- `javax.jms.MessageConsumer` method `setMessageListener`

In addition, use of the following methods on `javax.jms.Connection` objects by applications in web and EJB containers may interfere with the connection management functions of the container and must not be used:

- `setExceptionHandler`
- `stop`
- `setClientID`

A J2EE container may throw a `JMSEException` if the application component violates these restrictions.

The latest JMS 1.0 specification is version 1.0.2 and is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jms>.

## **J2EE.6.8    Java™ Transaction API (JTA) 1.0 Requirements**

JTA defines the `UserTransaction` interface that is used by applications to start, and commit or abort transactions. Enterprise beans are expected to get `UserTransaction`

objects through the `EJBContext`'s `getUserTransaction` method. Other application components get a `UserTransaction` object through a JNDI lookup using the name `java:comp/UserTransaction`.

JTA also defines a number of interfaces that are used by an application server to communicate with a transaction manager, and for a transaction manager to interact with a resource manager. These interfaces must be supported as described in the Connector specification. In addition, support for other transaction facilities may be provided transparently to the application by a J2EE product.

The latest JTA 1.0 specification is version 1.0.1 and is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jta>.

## **J2EE.6.9    JavaMail™ 1.2 Requirements**

The JavaMail API allows for access to email messages contained in message stores, and for the creation and sending of email messages using a message transport. Specific support is included for Internet standard MIME messages. Access to message stores and transports is through protocol providers supporting specific store and transport protocols. The JavaMail API specification does not require any specific protocol providers, but the JavaMail reference implementation includes an IMAP message store provider and an SMTP message transport provider.

Configuration of the JavaMail API is typically done by setting properties in a `Properties` object that is used to create a `javax.mail.Session` object using a static factory method. To allow the J2EE platform to configure and manage JavaMail API sessions, an application component that uses the JavaMail API should request a `Session` object using JNDI, and should list its need for a `Session` object in its deployment descriptor using a `resource-ref` element. A JavaMail API `Session` object should be considered a resource factory, as described in Section J2EE.5.4, "Resource Manager Connection Factory References." This specification requires that the J2EE platform support `javax.mail.Session` objects as resource factories, as described in that section.

The J2EE platform requires that a message transport be provided that is capable of handling addresses of type `javax.mail.internet.InternetAddress` and messages of type `javax.mail.internet.MimeMessage`. The default message transport must be properly configured to send such messages using the `send` method of the `javax.mail.Transport` class. Any authentication needed by the default transport must be handled without need for the application to provide a `javax.mail.Authenticator` or to explicitly connect to the transport and supply authentication information.

This specification does not require that a J2EE product support any message store protocols.

Note that the JavaMail API creates threads to deliver notifications of `Store`, `Folder`, and `Transport` events. The use of these notification facilities may be limited by the restrictions on the use of threads in various containers. In EJB containers, for instance, it is typically not possible to create threads.

The JavaMail API uses the JavaBeans Activation Framework API to support various MIME data types. The JavaMail API must include `javax.activation.DataContentHandlers` for the following MIME data types, corresponding to the Java programming language type indicated in **Table J2EE.6-1**:

**Table J2EE.6-1: JavaMail API MIME Data Type to Java Type Mappings**

Mime Type	Java Type
text/plain	<code>java.lang.String</code>
multipart/*	<code>javax.mail.internet.MimeMultipart</code>
message/rfc822	<code>javax.mail.internet.MimeMessage</code>

The JavaMail API specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/javamail>.

## **J2EE.6.10 JavaBeans™ Activation Framework 1.0 Requirements**

The JavaBeans Activation Framework integrates support for MIME data types into the Java platform. MIME byte streams can be converted to and from Java programming language objects, using `javax.activation.DataContentHandler` objects. JavaBeans components can be specified for operating on MIME data, such as viewing or editing the data. The JavaBeans Activation Framework also provides a mechanism to map filename extensions to MIME types.

The JavaBeans Activation Framework is used by the JavaMail API to handle the data included in email message. Typical J2EE applications will not need to use the JavaBeans Activation Framework directly, although applications making sophisticated use of email may need it.

This specification requires that a J2EE product provide only the `DataContentHandlers` specified above for the JavaMail API. This includes



requirement of a `javax.activation.MimetypesFileTypeMap` that supports the mappings listed in **Table J2EE.6-2**:

**Table J2EE.6-2: Filename Extension to MIME Type Mappings**

MIME Type	Filename Extensions
text/html	html htm
text/plain	txt text
image/gif	gif GIF
image/jpeg	jpeg jpg jpe JPG

The JavaBeans Activation Framework 1.0 specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/beans/glasgow/jaf.html>.

### **J2EE.6.11 Java™ API for XML Parsing (JAXP) 1.1 Requirements**

JAXP includes the industry standard SAX and DOM APIs, as well as a pluggability API that allows SAX and DOM parsers and XSLT transform engines to be plugged into the framework, and allows applications to find parsers that support the features needed by the application.

All J2EE products must meet the JAXP conformance requirements and must provide at least one SAX 2 parser, at least one DOM 2 parser, and at least one XSLT transform engine. There must be a SAX parser or parsers that support all combinations of validation modes and namespace support. There must be a DOM parser or parsers that support all combinations of validation modes and namespace support.

The JAXP specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/xml>.

### **J2EE.6.12 J2EE™ Connector Architecture 1.0 Requirements**

All EJB containers and all web containers must support the Connector APIs. All such containers must support Resource Adapters that use any of the specified transaction capabilities. The J2EE deployment tools must support deployment of Resource Adapters, as defined in the Connector specification, and must support the deployment of applications that use Resource Adapters.

The Connector specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/j2ee/connector/>.

### **J2EE.6.13 Java™ Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS) 1.0 Requirements**

All EJB containers and all web containers must support the use of the JAAS APIs as specified in the Connector specification. All application client containers must support use of the JAAS APIs as specified in Chapter J2EE.9, “Application Clients.”

The JAAS specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jaas>.

# CHAPTER J2EE.7

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## Interoperability

This chapter describes the interoperability requirements for the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE).

### **J2EE.7.1 Introduction to Interoperability**

The J2EE platform will be used by enterprise environments that support clients of many different types. The enterprise environments will add new services to existing Enterprise Information Systems (EISs). They will be using various hardware platforms and applications written in various languages.

In particular, the J2EE platform in enterprise environments may be used in enterprise environments to bring together any of the following kinds of applications:

- applications written in such languages as C++ and Visual Basic.
- applications running on a personal computer platform, or Unix® workstation.
- standalone Java technology-based applications that are not directly supported by the J2EE platform.

It is the interoperability requirements of the J2EE platform, set out in this chapter, that make it possible for it to provide indirect support for various types of clients, different hardware platforms, and a multitude of software applications. The interoperability features of the J2EE platform permit the underlying disparate systems to work together seamlessly, while hiding much of the complexity required to join these pieces.

The interoperability requirements for the current J2EE platform release allow:

- J2EE applications to connect to legacy systems using CORBA or low-level Socket interfaces.
- J2EE applications to connect to other J2EE applications across multiple J2EE products, whether from different Product Providers or from the same Provider, and multiple J2EE platforms.

In this version of the specification, interoperability between J2EE applications running in different platforms is accomplished through the HTTP protocol, possibly using SSL, or the EJB interoperability protocol based on IIOP.

## **J2EE.7.2 Interoperability Protocols**

This specification requires that a J2EE product support a standard set of protocols and formats to ensure interoperability. The specification requires support for the following groups of protocols and formats:

- Internet protocols
- OMG protocols
- Java technology protocols
- Data formats

Most of these protocols and formats are supported by J2SE and by the underlying operating system.

### **J2EE.7.2.1 Internet Protocols**

Standards based Internet protocols are the means by which different pieces of the platform communicate. The J2EE platform requires support for the following Internet protocols:

- TCP/IP protocol family—This is the core component of Internet communication. TCP/IP and UDP/IP are the standard transport protocols for the Internet. TCP/IP is supported by J2SE and the underlying operating system.
- HTTP 1.0—This is the core protocol of Web communication. As with TCP/IP, HTTP 1.0 is supported by J2SE and the underlying operating system. A J2EE web container must be capable of advertising its HTTP services on the standard HTTP port, port 80.

- **SSL 3.0, TLS 1.0**—SSL 3.0 (Secure Socket Layer) represents the security layer for Web communication. It is available indirectly when using the `https` URL as opposed to the `http` URL. A J2EE web container must be capable of advertising its HTTPS service on the standard HTTPS port, port 443. SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0 are also required as part of the EJB interoperability protocol in the EJB specification.

### **J2EE.7.2.2      OMG Protocols**

This specification requires the J2EE platform to support the following Object Management Group (OMG) based protocols:

- **IIOP (Internet Inter-ORB Protocol)**—Supported by Java IDL and RMI-IIOP in J2SE. Java IDL provides standards-based interoperability and connectivity through the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA). CORBA specifies the Object Request Broker (ORB) which allows applications to communicate with each other regardless of location. This interoperability is delivered through IIOP, and is typically found in an intranet setting. IIOP can be used as an RMI protocol using the RMI-IIOP technology. IIOP is defined in Chapters 13 and 15 of the CORBA 2.3.1 specification, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?formal/99-10-07>.
- **EJB interoperability protocol**—The EJB interoperability protocol is based on IIOP (GIOP 1.2) and the (draft) CSIv2 CORBA Secure Interoperability specification. The EJB interoperability protocol is defined in the EJB specification.
- **COSNaming**—The COSNaming protocol is an IIOP-based protocol for accessing a name service. The EJB interoperability protocol requires the use of the COSNaming protocol for lookup of EJB objects using the JNDI API. In addition, it must be possible to use the JavaIDL COSNaming API to access the COSNaming name service. All J2EE products must provide a COSNaming name service that meets the requirements of the Interoperable Naming Service specification, available at <http://cgi.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?formal/2000-06-19>. This name service may be provided as a separate name server or as a protocol bridge or gateway to another name service. Either approach is consistent with this specification.

### **J2EE.7.2.3      Java Technology Protocols**

This specification requires the J2EE platform to support the JRMP protocol, which is the Java technology-specific Remote Method Invocation (RMI) protocol. JRMP is

a required component of J2SE and is one of two required RMI protocols. (IIOP is the other required RMI protocol, see above.)

JRMP is a distributed object model for the Java programming language. Distributed systems, running in different address spaces and often on different hosts, must be able to communicate with each other. JRMP permits program-level objects in different address spaces to invoke remote objects using the semantics of the Java programming language object model.

Complete information on the JRMP specification can be found at <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/guide/rmi>.

#### **J2EE.7.2.4 Data Formats**

In addition to the protocols that allow communication between components, this specification requires J2EE platform support for a number of data formats. These formats provide the definition for data exchanged between components.

The following data formats must be supported:

- **HTML 3.2**—This represents the minimum web standard. While not directly supported by J2EE APIs, J2EE web clients must be able to display it.
- **Image file formats**—The J2EE platform must support both GIF and JPEG images. Support for these formats is provided by the `java.awt.image` APIs (see the URL: <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/api/java/awt/image/package-summary.html>) and by J2EE web clients.
- **JAR files**—JAR (Java Archive) files are the standard packaging format for Java technology-based application components, including the `ejb-jar` specialized format, the Web application archive (`war`) format, the Resource Adapter archive (`rar`), and the J2EE enterprise application archive (`ear`) format. JAR is a platform-independent file format that permits many files to be aggregated into one file. This allows multiple Java components to be bundled into one JAR file and downloaded to a browser in a single HTTP transaction. JAR file formats are supported by the `java.util.jar` and `java.util.zip` packages. For complete information on the JAR specification, see the URL: <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/guide/jar>.
- **Class file format**—The class file format is specified in the Java Virtual Machine specification. Each class file contains one Java programming language type—either a class or an interface—and consists of a stream of 8-bit bytes. For complete information on the class file format, see the URL: <http://java.sun.com/docs/books/vmspec>.

# CHAPTER J2EE.8

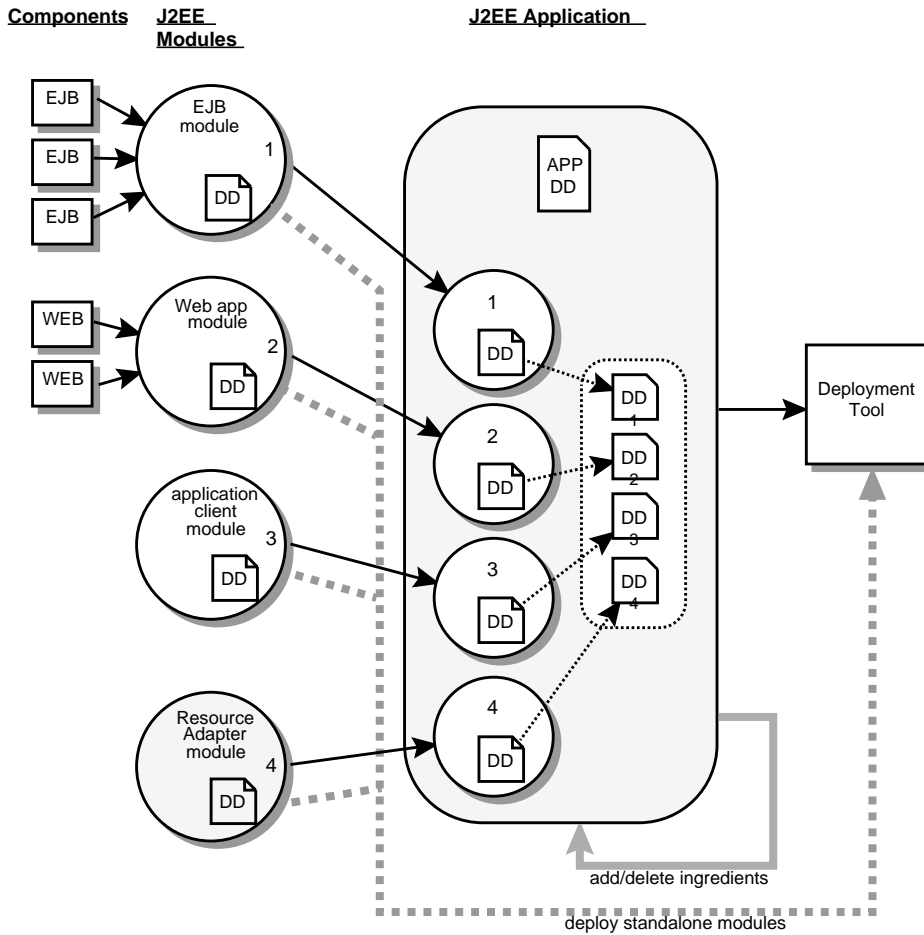
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## Application Assembly and Deployment

This chapter specifies Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) requirements for assembling, packaging, and deploying a J2EE application. The main goal of these requirements is to provide scalable and modular application assembly, and portable deployment of J2EE applications into any J2EE product.

J2EE applications are composed of one or more J2EE components and one J2EE application deployment descriptor. The deployment descriptor lists the application's components as modules. A J2EE module represents the basic unit of composition of a J2EE application. J2EE modules consist of one or more J2EE components and one module level deployment descriptor. The flexibility and extensibility of the J2EE component model facilitates the packaging and deployment of J2EE components as individual components, component libraries, or J2EE applications.

**Figure J2EE.8.1** shows the composition model for J2EE deployment units and includes the optional usage of alternate deployment descriptors by the application package to preserve any digital signatures of the original J2EE modules.



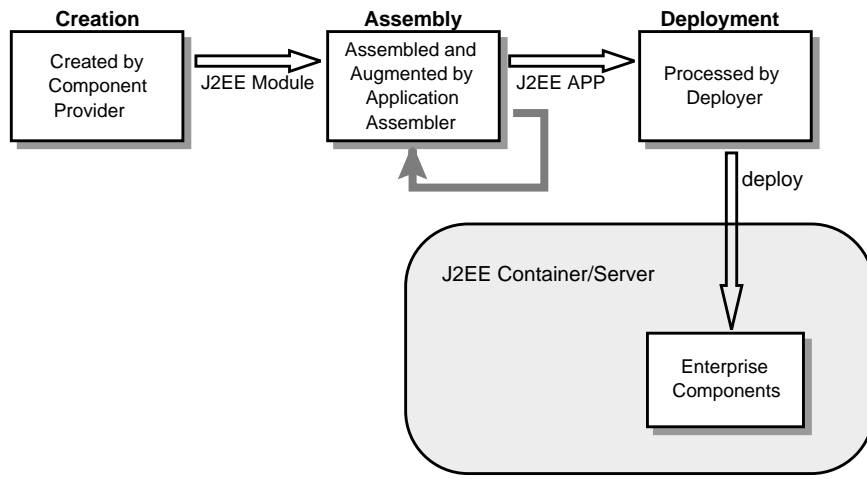
**Figure J2EE.8.1** J2EE Deployment

## J2EE.8.1 Application Development Life Cycle

The development life cycle of a J2EE application begins with the creation of discrete J2EE components. These components are then packaged with a module level deployment descriptor to create a J2EE module. J2EE modules can be deployed as stand-alone units or can be assembled with a J2EE application deployment descriptor and deployed as a J2EE application.

**Figure J2EE.8.2** shows the life cycle of a J2EE application.





**Figure J2EE.8.2** J2EE Application Life Cycle

### J2EE.8.1.1 Component Creation

The EJB, servlet, application client, and Connector specifications include the XML document type definition (DTD) of the associated module level deployment descriptors and component packaging architecture required to produce J2EE modules. (The application client specification is found in Chapter J2EE.9 of this document.)

#### *J2EE.8.1.1.1 Component Packaging: Composing a J2EE module*

A J2EE module is a collection of one or more J2EE components of the same component type (web, EJB, application client, or Connector) with one module deployment descriptor of that type. Any number of components of the same container type can be packaged together with a single J2EE deployment descriptor appropriate to that container type to produce a J2EE module.

- A J2EE module represents the basic unit of composition of a J2EE application. In some cases a single J2EE module will contain an entire application; in other cases an application will be composed of multiple J2EE modules.
- The deployment descriptor for a J2EE module contains declarative data required to deploy the components in the module. The deployment descriptor

for a J2EE module also contains assembly instructions that describe how the components are composed into an application.

- An individual J2EE module can be deployed as a stand-alone J2EE module without an application level deployment descriptor.
- J2EE modules may express dependencies on libraries as described below in Section J2EE.8.1.1.2, “Dependencies.”

### ***J2EE.8.1.1.2 Dependencies***

The J2EE platform supports the use of bundled optional packages as specified in *Extension Mechanism Architecture* (available at <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.3/docs/guide/extensions/spec.html>). Using this mechanism a J2EE .jar file can reference utility classes or other shared classes or resources packaged in a separate .jar file that is included in the same J2EE application package.

A .jar file can reference another .jar file by naming the referenced .jar file in a Class-Path header in the referencing .jar file’s Manifest file. The referenced .jar file is named using a URL relative to the URL of the referencing .jar file. The Manifest file is named META-INF/MANIFEST.MF in the .jar file. The Class-Path entry in the Manifest file is of the form

Class-Path: *list-of-jar-files-separated-by-spaces*

The J2EE deployment tools must process all such referenced files when processing a J2EE module that is or contains a .jar file. Any deployment descriptors in referenced .jar files are ignored when processing the referencing .jar file. The deployment tool must install the .jar files in a way that preserves the relative references between .jar files. Typically this is done by installing the .jar files into a directory hierarchy that matches the original application directory hierarchy. All referenced .jar files must appear in the logical class path of the referencing .jar files at runtime.

The requirement here only applies to JAR format files containing class files or resources to be loaded directly by a standard `ClassLoader`; such files are always named with a .jar extension. It does not cover other JAR format files such as .ear files that are not typically loaded directly by a `ClassLoader`, but see the specifications for such files for details.

J2EE products need not support this mechanism for reference to classes or resources that are not in .jar files included in the .ear file. However, support for such usage is encouraged. Applications are encouraged to make use of such support only when necessary and where available, although currently such usage is non-

portable. A future version of this specification may require support for this mechanism to reference “libraries” that are installed separately into a J2EE application server.

The following example illustrates a simple use of this mechanism to reference a library of utility classes that are shared between enterprise beans in two separate `ejb-jar` files.

```
app1.ear:
  META-INF/application.xml
  ejb1.jar      Class-Path: util.jar
  ejb2.jar      Class-Path: util.jar
  util.jar
```

The next example illustrates a more complex use of the `Class-Path` mechanism. In this example the Developer has chosen to package the enterprise bean client view classes in a separate `jar` file and reference that `jar` file from the other `jar` files that need those classes. Those classes are needed both by `ejb2.jar`, packaged in the same application as `ejb1.jar`, and by `ejb3.jar` and `servlet1.jar`, packaged in a different application. Those classes are also needed by `ejb1.jar` itself because they define the remote interface of the enterprise beans in `ejb1.jar`, and the developer has chosen the *by reference* model of making these classes available, as described in the EJB spec. The deployment descriptor for `ejb1.jar` names the client view `jar` file in the `ejb-client-jar` element.

The `Class-Path` mechanism must be used by components in `app3.ear` to reference the client view `jar` file that corresponds to the enterprise beans packaged in `ejb1.jar` of `app2.ear`. These enterprise beans are referenced by enterprise beans in `ejb3.jar` and by the `servlet` packaged in `servlet1.jar` inside `webapp.war`. Note that the client view `jar` file must be included both directly in the `app3.ear` file as well as in the `webapp.war` file that is also included in the `app3.ear` file.

```
app2.ear:
  META-INF/application.xml
  ejb1.jar      Class-Path: ejb1_client.jar
                deployment descriptor contains:
                <ejb-client-jar>ejb1_client.jar</ejb-client-jar>
  ejb1_client.jar
  ejb2.jar      Class-Path: ejb1_client.jar
```

```
app3.ear:
  META-INF/application.xml
  ejb1_client.jar
  ejb3.jar      Class-Path: ejb1_client.jar
  webapp.war

webapp.war:
  WEB-INF/web.xml
  WEB-INF/servlets/servlet1.jar
      Class-Path: ../client_views/ejb1_client.jar
  WEB-INF/client_views/ejb1_client.jar
```

### **J2EE.8.1.2 Application Assembly**

A J2EE application consists of one or more J2EE modules and one J2EE application deployment descriptor. A J2EE application is packaged using the Java Archive (JAR) file format into a file with a .ear (Enterprise ARchive) filename extension. A minimal J2EE application package will only contain J2EE modules and the application deployment descriptor. A J2EE application package may also include libraries referenced by J2EE modules (using the Class-Path mechanism described above in Section J2EE.8.1.1.2, “Dependencies”), help files, and documentation to aid the deployer.

The deployment of a portable J2EE application should not depend on any entities that may be contained in the package other than those defined by this specification. Deployment of a portable J2EE application must be possible using only the application deployment descriptor and the J2EE modules (and their dependent libraries) and descriptors listed in it.

The J2EE application deployment descriptor represents the top level view of a J2EE application’s contents. The J2EE application deployment descriptor is specified by the J2EE:application XML document type definition (DTD) (see Section J2EE.8.4, “J2EE:application XML DTD”).

In certain cases, a J2EE application will need customization before it can be deployed into the enterprise. New J2EE modules may be added to the application. Existing modules may be removed from the application. Some J2EE modules may need custom content created, changed, or replaced. For example, an application consumer may need to use an HTML editor to add company graphics to a template login page that was provided with a J2EE web application.

### **J2EE.8.1.3 Deployment**

During the deployment phase of an application's life cycle, the application is installed on the J2EE platform and then is configured and integrated into the existing infrastructure. Each J2EE module listed in the application deployment descriptor must be deployed according to the requirements of the specification for the respective J2EE module type. Each module listed must be installed in the appropriate container type and the environment properties of each module must be set appropriately in the target container to reflect the values declared by the deployment descriptor element for each component.

## **J2EE.8.2 Application Assembly**

This section specifies the sequence of steps that are typically followed when composing a J2EE application.

### **J2EE.8.2.1 Assembling a J2EE Application**

1. Select the J2EE modules that will be used by the application.
2. Create an application directory structure.

The directory structure of an application is arbitrary. The structure should be designed around the requirements of the contained components.

3. Reconcile J2EE module deployment descriptors.

The deployment descriptors for the J2EE modules must be edited to link internally satisfied dependencies and eliminate any redundant security role names. An optional element `alt-dd` (described in Section J2EE.8.4, "J2EE:application XML DTD") may be used when it is desirable to preserve the original deployment descriptor. The element `alt-dd` specifies an alternate deployment descriptor to use at deployment time. The edited copy of the deployment descriptor file may be saved in the application directory tree in a location determined by the Application Assembler. If the `alt-dd` element is not present, the Deployer must read the deployment descriptor directly from the JAR.

- a. Link the internally satisfied dependencies of all components in every module contained in the application. For each component dependency, there must only be one corresponding component that fulfills that

dependency in the scope of the application.

- i. For each `ejb-link`, there must be only one matching `ejb-name` in the scope of the entire application (see Section J2EE.5.3, “Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) References”).
  - ii. Dependencies that are not linked to internal components must be handled by the Deployer as external dependencies that must be met by resources previously installed on the platform. External dependencies must be linked to the resources on the platform during deployment.
- b. Synchronize security role-names across the application. Rename unique role-names with redundant meaning to a common name. Rename role-names with common names but different meanings to unique names. Descriptions of role-names that are used by many components of the application can be included in the application-level deployment descriptor.
  - c. Assign a context root for each web module included in the J2EE application. The context root is a relative name in the web namespace for the application. Each web module must be given a distinct and non-overlapping name for its context root. The web modules will be assigned a complete name in the namespace of the web server at deployment time. If there is only one web module in the J2EE application, the context root may be the empty string. See the servlet spec for detailed requirements of context root naming.
  - d. Make sure that each component in the application properly describes any dependencies it may have on other components in the application. A J2EE application should not assume that all components in the application will be available on the “classpath” of the application at run time. Each component might be loaded into a separate class loader with a separate namespace. If the classes in a JAR file depend on classes in another JAR file, the first JAR file should reference the second JAR file using the `Class-Path` mechanism. A notable exception to this rule is JAR files located in the `WEB-INF/lib` directory of a web application. All such JAR files are included in the class path of the web application at runtime; explicit references to them using the `Class-Path` mechanism are not needed.
  - e. There must be only one version of each class in an application. If one component depends on one version of an optional package, and another component depends on another version, it may not be possible to deploy an

application containing both components. A J2EE application should not assume that each component is loaded in a separate class loader and has a separate namespace. All components in a single application may be loaded in a single class loader and share a single namespace. (Note that it is not currently possible to reference a single copy of an optional package between multiple web modules, for instance. There may need to be multiple copies of the optional package included in the application package, but all copies should be identical.) Note, however, that it must be possible to deploy an application such that all components of the application are in a namespace (or namespaces) separate from that of other applications. Typically, this will be the normal method of deployment.

#### 4. Create an XML deployment descriptor for the application.

The deployment descriptor must be named “`application.xml`” and must reside in the top level of the `META-INF` directory of the application `.ear` file. The deployment descriptor must be a valid XML document according to the document type definition (DTD) for a J2EE:application XML document. The deployment descriptor must include an XML document type definition with a PUBLIC identifier of either “`-//Sun Microsystems//J2EE Application 1.2/EN`” or “`-//Sun Microsystems//J2EE Application 1.3/EN`”.

#### 5. Package the application.

- a. Place the J2EE modules and the deployment descriptor in the appropriate directories. The deployment descriptor must be located at `META-INF/application.xml`.
- b. Package the application directory hierarchy in a file using the Java Archive (JAR) file format. The file should be named with a `.ear` filename extension.

### **J2EE.8.2.2 Adding and Removing Modules**

After the application is created, J2EE modules may be added or removed before deployment. When adding or removing a module the following steps must be performed:

1. Decide on a location in the application package for the new module. Optionally create new directories in the application package hierarchy to contain any J2EE modules that are being added to the application.

2. Copy the new J2EE modules to the desired location in the application package. The packaged modules are inserted directly in the desired location; the modules are not unpackaged.
3. Edit the deployment descriptors for the J2EE modules to link the dependencies which are internally satisfied by the J2EE modules included in the application.
4. Edit the J2EE application deployment descriptor to meet the content requirements of the J2EE platform and the validity requirements of the J2EE:application XML DTD.

### **J2EE.8.3    Deployment**

The J2EE platform supports two types of deployment units:

- Stand-alone J2EE modules.
- J2EE applications, consisting of one or more J2EE modules. A J2EE application must include one J2EE application deployment descriptor.

Any J2EE platform must be able to accept a J2EE application delivered as a .ear file or a stand-alone J2EE module delivered as a .jar, .war, or .rar file (as appropriate to its type). Whatever the unit of deployment, the deployment tool must be able to deploy the application such that the Java classes in the application are in a separate namespace from classes in other Java applications. Typically this will require the use of a separate class loader for each application.

#### **J2EE.8.3.1    Deploying a Stand-Alone J2EE Module**

This section specifies the requirements for deployment of a stand-alone J2EE module.

1. The deployment tool must first read the J2EE module deployment descriptor from the package. See the component specifications for the required location and name of the deployment descriptor for each component type.
2. The deployment tool must deploy all of the components listed in the J2EE module deployment descriptor according to the deployment requirements of the respective J2EE component specification. If the module is a type that contains .jar files (for example, Web and Connector modules), all classes in .jar files within the module referenced from other .jar files within the module us-



ing the `Class-Path` manifest header must be included in the deployment.

3. The deployment tool must allow the Deployer to configure the container to reflect the values of all the properties declared by the deployment descriptor element for each component.
4. The deployment tool must allow the Deployer to deploy the same module multiple times, as multiple independent applications, possibly with different configurations. For example, the enterprise beans in an `ejb-jar` file might be deployed multiple times under different JNDI names and with different configurations of their resources.

### **J2EE.8.3.2 Deploying a J2EE Application**

This section specifies the requirements for deployment of a J2EE application.

1. The deployment tool must first read the J2EE application deployment descriptor from the application `.ear` file (`META-INF/application.xml`).
2. The deployment tool must open each of the J2EE modules listed in the J2EE application deployment descriptor and read the J2EE module deployment descriptor from the package. See the Enterprise JavaBeans, servlet, J2EE Connector and application client specifications for the required location and name of the deployment descriptor for each component type. (The application client specification is Chapter J2EE.9, “Application Clients”.)
3. The deployment tool must install all of the components described by each module deployment descriptor into the appropriate container according to the deployment requirements of the respective J2EE component specification. All classes in `.jar` files referenced from other `.jar` files using the `Class-Path` manifest header must be included in the deployment.
4. The deployment tool must allow the Deployer to configure the container to reflect the values of all the properties declared by the deployment descriptor element for each component.
5. The deployment tool must allow the Deployer to deploy the same J2EE application multiple times, as multiple independent applications, possibly with different configurations. For example, the enterprise beans in an `ejb-jar` file might be deployed multiple times under different JNDI names and with different configurations of their resources.
6. When presenting security role descriptions to the Deployer, the deployment tool must use the descriptions in the J2EE application deployment descriptor

rather than the descriptions in any module deployment descriptors for security roles with the same name. However, for security roles that appear in a module deployment descriptor but do not appear in the application deployment descriptor, the deployment tool must use the description provided in the module deployment descriptor.

## J2EE.8.4 J2EE:application XML DTD

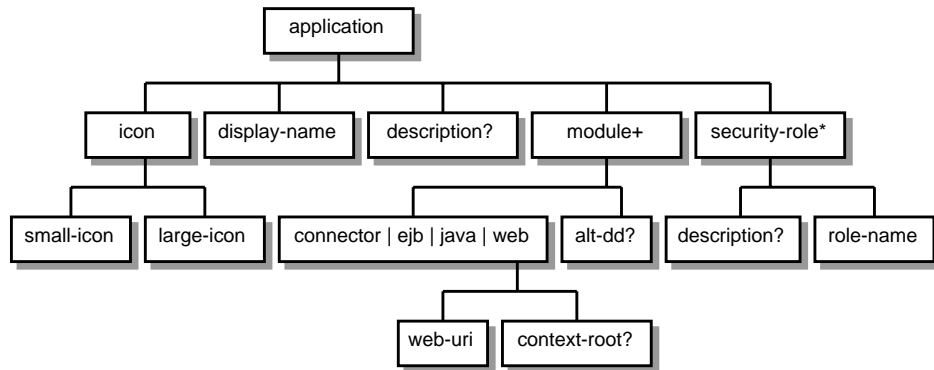
This section provides the XML DTD for the J2EE application deployment descriptor. The XML grammar for a J2EE application deployment descriptor is defined by the J2EE:application document type definition. The granularity of composition for J2EE application assembly is the J2EE module. A J2EE:application deployment descriptor contains a name and description for the application and the URI of a UI icon for the application, as well a list of the J2EE modules that comprise the application. The content of the XML elements is in general case sensitive. This means, for example, that `<role-name>Manager</role-name>` is a different role than `<role-name>manager</role-name>`.

All valid J2EE application deployment descriptors must contain the following DOCTYPE declaration:

```
<!DOCTYPE application PUBLIC "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD J2EE
Application 1.3//EN" "http://java.sun.com/dtd/application_1_3.dtd">
```

or the DOCTYPE declaration from a previous version of this specification. (See Appendix , “Previous Version DTDs.”) The deployment descriptor must be named META-INF/application.xml in the .ear file.

**Figure J2EE.8.3** shows a graphic representation of the structure of the J2EE:application XML DTD.



**Figure J2EE.8.3** J2EE:application XML DTD Structure

The DTD that follows defines the XML grammar for a J2EE application deployment descriptor.

```

<!--
This is the XML DTD for the J2EE 1.3 application deployment
descriptor. All J2EE 1.3 application deployment descriptors must
include a DOCTYPE of the following form:
  <!DOCTYPE application PUBLIC
    "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD J2EE Application 1.3//EN"
    "http://java.sun.com/dtd/application_1_3.dtd">
-->

```

```

<!--
The following conventions apply to all J2EE deployment descriptor
elements unless indicated otherwise.
- In elements that contain PCDATA, leading and trailing whitespace
  in the data may be ignored.
- In elements whose value is an "enumerated type", the value is
  case sensitive.
- In elements that specify a pathname to a file within the same
  JAR file, relative filenames (i.e., those not starting with "/")
  are considered relative to the root of the JAR file's namespace.
  Absolute filenames (i.e., those starting with "/") also specify
  names in the root of the JAR file's namespace. In general, relative
  names are preferred. The exception is .war files where absolute
  names are preferred for consistency with the servlet API.
-->

```

```
<!--
```

The application element is the root element of a J2EE application deployment descriptor.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT application (icon?, display-name, description?, module+, security-role*)>
```

```
<!--
```

The alt-dd element specifies an optional URI to the post-assembly version of the deployment descriptor file for a particular J2EE module. The URI must specify the full pathname of the deployment descriptor file relative to the application's root directory. If alt-dd is not specified, the deployer must read the deployment descriptor from the default location and file name required by the respective component specification.

Used in: module

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT alt-dd (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The connector element specifies the URI of a resource adapter archive file, relative to the top level of the application package.

Used in: module

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT connector (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The context-root element specifies the context root of a web application.

Used in: web

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT context-root (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The description element is used to provide text describing the parent element. The description element should include any information that the application ear file producer wants to provide to the consumer of the application ear file (i.e., to the Deployer). Typically, the tools used by the application ear file consumer will display the description when processing the parent element that contains the description.

Used in: application, security-role  
-->

**<!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>**

<!--  
The display-name element contains a short name that is intended to be displayed by tools. The display name need not be unique.  
Used in: application  
Example:  
<display-name>Employee Self Service</display-name>  
-->

**<!ELEMENT display-name (#PCDATA)>**

<!--  
The ejb element specifies the URI of an ejb-jar, relative to the top level of the application package.  
Used in: module  
-->

**<!ELEMENT ejb (#PCDATA)>**

<!--  
The icon element contains small-icon and large-icon elements that specify the file names for small and a large GIF or JPEG icon images used to represent the parent element in a GUI tool.  
Used in: application  
-->

**<!ELEMENT icon (small-icon?, large-icon?)>**

<!--  
The java element specifies the URI of a java application client module, relative to the top level of the application package.  
Used in: module  
-->

**<!ELEMENT java (#PCDATA)>**

<!--  
The large-icon element contains the name of a file containing a large (32 x 32) icon image. The file name is a relative path within the application's ear file.

The image may be either in the JPEG or GIF format. The icon can be used by tools.

Used in: icon

Example:

```
<large-icon>employee-service-icon32x32.jpg</large-icon>
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT large-icon (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The module element represents a single J2EE module and contains a connector, ejb, java, or web element, which indicates the module type and contains a path to the module file, and an optional alt-dd element, which specifies an optional URI to the post-assembly version of the deployment descriptor.

The application deployment descriptor must have one module element for each J2EE module in the application package.

Used in: application

-->

**<!ELEMENT module ((connector | ejb | java | web), alt-dd?)>**

<!--

The role-name element contains the name of a security role. The name must conform to the lexical rules for an NMTOKEN.

Used in: security-role

-->

**<!ELEMENT role-name (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The security-role element contains the definition of a security role. The definition consists of an optional description of the security role, and the security role name.

Used in: application

Example:

```
<security-role>
<description>
  This role includes all employees who are authorized
  to access the employee service application.
</description>
<role-name>employee</role-name>
</security-role>
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT security-role (description?, role-name)>**

<!--

The small-icon element contains the name of a file containing a small (16 x 16) icon image. The file name is a relative path within the application's ear file.

The image may be either in the JPEG or GIF format. The icon can be used by tools.

Used in: icon

Example:

```
<small-icon>employee-service-icon16x16.jpg</small-icon>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT small-icon (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The web element contains the web-uri and context-root of a web application module.

Used in: module

-->

**<!ELEMENT web (web-uri, context-root)>**

<!--

The web-uri element specifies the URI of a web application file, relative to the top level of the application package.

Used in: web

-->

**<!ELEMENT web-uri (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The ID mechanism is to allow tools that produce additional deployment information (i.e., information beyond the standard deployment descriptor information) to store the non-standard information in a separate file, and easily refer from these tool-specific files to the information in the standard deployment descriptor.

Tools are not allowed to add the non-standard information into the standard deployment descriptor.

-->

**<!ATTLIST alt-dd id ID #IMPLIED>**

**<!ATTLIST application id ID #IMPLIED>**

**<!ATTLIST connector id ID #IMPLIED>**

**<!ATTLIST context-root id ID #IMPLIED>**

```
<!ATTLIST description id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST display-name id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST ejb id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST icon id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST java id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST large-icon id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST module id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST role-name id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST security-role id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST small-icon id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST web id ID #IMPLIED>  
<!ATTLIST web-uri id ID #IMPLIED>
```



# CHAPTER J2EE.9

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## Application Clients

This chapter describes application clients in the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE).

### **J2EE.9.1 Overview**

Application clients are first tier client programs that execute in their own Java™ virtual machines. Application clients follow the model for Java technology-based applications: they are invoked at their main method and run until the virtual machine is terminated. However, like other J2EE application components, application clients depend on a container to provide system services. The application client container may be very light-weight compared to other J2EE containers, providing only the security and deployment services described below

### **J2EE.9.2 Security**

The J2EE authentication requirements for application clients are the same as for other J2EE components, and the same authentication techniques may be used as for other J2EE application components.

No authentication is necessary when accessing unprotected web resources. When accessing protected web resources, the usual varieties of authentication may be used, namely HTTP Basic authentication, SSL client authentication, or HTTP Login Form authentication. Lazy authentication may be used.

Authentication is required when accessing protected enterprise beans. The authentication mechanisms for enterprise beans include those required in the EJB specification for enterprise bean interoperability. Lazy authentication may be used.

An application client makes use of an authentication service provided by the application client container for authenticating its users. The container's service may be integrated with the native platform's authentication system, so that a single signon capability is employed. The container may authenticate the user when the application is started, or it may use lazy authentication, authenticating the user when a protected resource is accessed. This specification does not describe the technique used to authenticate the user, although a later version may do so.

If the container interacts with the user to gather authentication data, the container must provide an appropriate user interface. In addition, an application client may provide a class that implements the `javax.security.auth.callback.CallbackHandler` interface and specify the class name in its deployment descriptor (see Section J2EE.9.7, "J2EE:application-client XML DTD" for details). The Deployer may override the callback handler specified by the application and use of the container's default authentication user interface instead.

If a callback handler is configured by the Deployer, the application client container must instantiate an object of this class and use it for all authentication interactions with the user. The application's callback handler must fully support `Callback` objects specified in the `javax.security.auth.callback` package.

Note that when an HTTP Login Form authentication is used, the authentication user interface provided by the server (in the form of an HTML page delivered in response to an HTTP request) must be displayed by the application client.

Application clients execute in an environment with a `SecurityManager` installed, and have similar security `Permission` requirements as servlets. The security permission requirements are described fully in Section J2EE.6.2, "Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE) Requirements."

### **J2EE.9.3 Transactions**

Application clients are not required to have direct access to the transaction facilities of the J2EE platform. A J2EE product is not required to provide a `JTA UserTransaction` object for use by application clients. Application clients can invoke enterprise beans that start transactions, and they can use the transaction facilities of the JDBC API. If a JDBC API transaction is open when an application client invokes an enterprise bean, the transaction context is not required to be propagated to the EJB server.

## **J2EE.9.4 Naming**

As with all J2EE components, application clients use JNDI to look up enterprise beans, to get access to resource managers, to reference configurable parameters set at deployment time, etc. Application clients use the `java:JNDI` namespace to access these items, see Chapter J2EE.5, “Naming” for details.

## **J2EE.9.5 Application Programming Interfaces**

Application clients have all the facilities of the Java™ 2 Platform, Standard Edition (subject to security restrictions), as well as various standard extensions, as described in Chapter J2EE.6 “Application Programming Interface”. Each application client executes in its own Java virtual machine. Application clients start execution at the `main` method of the class specified in the `Main-Class` attribute in the manifest file of the application client’s jar file (although note that application client container code will typically execute before the application client itself, in order to prepare the environment of the container, install a `SecurityManager`, initialize the name service client library, etc.).

## **J2EE.9.6 Packaging and Deployment**

Application clients are packaged in JAR format files with a `.jar` extension and include a deployment descriptor similar to other J2EE application components. The deployment descriptor describes the enterprise beans and external resources referenced by the application. As with other J2EE application components, access to resources must be configured at deployment time, names assigned for enterprise beans and resources, etc.

The tool used to deploy an application client, and the mechanism used to install the application client, is not specified. Very sophisticated J2EE products may allow the application client to be deployed on a J2EE server and automatically made available to some set of (usually intranet) clients. Other J2EE products may require the J2EE application bundle containing the application client to be manually deployed and installed on each client machine. And yet another approach would be for the deployment tool on the J2EE server to produce an installation package that could be used by each client to install the application client. There are many possibilities here and this specification doesn’t prescribe any one; it only defines the package format for the application client and the things that must be possible during the deployment process.

How an application client is invoked by an end user is unspecified. Typically a J2EE Product Provider will provide an application launcher that integrates with the application client machine's native operating system, but the level of such integration is unspecified.

## J2EE.9.7 J2EE:application-client XML DTD

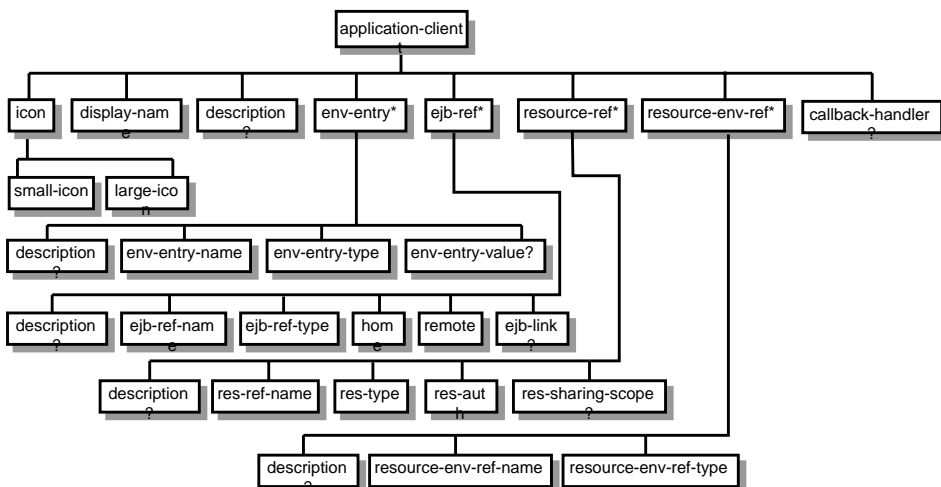
The XML grammar for a J2EE application client deployment descriptor is defined by the J2EE:application-client document type definition. The root element of the deployment descriptor for an application client is `application-client`. The content of the XML elements is in general case sensitive. This means, for example, that `<res-auth>Container</res-auth>` must be used, rather than `<res-auth>container</res-auth>`.

All valid `application-client` deployment descriptors must contain the following DOCTYPE declaration:

```
<!DOCTYPE application-client PUBLIC "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD
J2EE Application Client 1.3//EN" "http://java.sun.com/dtd/
application-client_1_3.dtd">
```

or the DOCTYPE declaration from a previous version of this specification. (See Appendix , "Previous Version DTDs.") The deployment descriptor must be named `META-INF/application-client.xml` in the application client's `.jar` file.

Figure J2EE.9.1 shows the structure of the J2EE:application-client XML DTD.



**Figure J2EE.9.1** J2EE:application-client XML DTD Structure

```
<!--
This is the XML DTD for the J2EE 1.3 application client deployment
descriptor. All J2EE 1.3 application client deployment descriptors
must include a DOCTYPE of the following form:
```

```
  <!DOCTYPE application-client PUBLIC
    "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD J2EE Application Client 1.3//EN"
    "http://java.sun.com/dtd/application-client_1_3.dtd">
```

```
-->
```

```
<!--
```

The following conventions apply to all J2EE deployment descriptor elements unless indicated otherwise.

- In elements that contain PCDATA, leading and trailing whitespace in the data may be ignored.
- In elements whose value is an "enumerated type", the value is case sensitive.
- In elements that specify a pathname to a file within the same JAR file, relative filenames (i.e., those not starting with "/") are considered relative to the root of the JAR file's namespace. Absolute filenames (i.e., those starting with "/") also specify names in the root of the JAR file's namespace. In general, relative names are preferred. The exception is .war files where absolute names are preferred for consistency with the servlet API.

```
-->
```

```
<!--
```

The application-client element is the root element of an application client deployment descriptor. The application client deployment descriptor describes the EJB components and external resources referenced by the application client.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT application-client (icon?, display-name, description?,
  env-entry*, ejb-ref*, resource-ref*, resource-env-ref*,
  callback-handler?)>
```

```
<!--
```

The callback-handler element names a class provided by the application. The class must have a no args constructor and must implement the javax.security.auth.callback.CallbackHandler interface. The class will be instantiated by the application client container and used by the container to collect authentication information from the user.

Used in: application-client

```
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT callback-handler (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The description element is used to provide text describing the parent element. The description element should include any information that the application client jar file producer wants to provide to the consumer of the application client jar file (i.e., to the Deployer). Typically, the tools used by the application client jar file consumer will display the description when processing the parent element that contains the description.

Used in: application-client, ejb-ref, env-entry, resource-env-ref, resource-ref

-->

**<!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The display-name element contains a short name that is intended to be displayed by tools. The display name need not be unique.

Used in: application-client

Example:

```
<display-name>Employee Self Service</display-name>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT display-name (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The ejb-link element is used in the ejb-ref or ejb-local-ref elements to specify that an EJB reference is linked to another enterprise bean.

The name in the ejb-link element is composed of a path name specifying the ejb-jar containing the referenced enterprise bean with the ejb-name of the target bean appended and separated from the path name by "#". The path name is relative to the jar file containing the application client that is referencing the enterprise bean. This allows multiple enterprise beans with the same ejb-name to be uniquely identified.

Used in: ejb-ref

Examples:

```
<ejb-link>EmployeeRecord</ejb-link>
```

```
<ejb-link>../products/product.jar#ProductEJB</ejb-link>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT ejb-link (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The `ejb-ref` element is used for the declaration of a reference to an enterprise bean's home. The declaration consists of:

- an optional description
- the EJB reference name used in the code of the application client that's referencing the enterprise bean
- the expected type of the referenced enterprise bean
- the expected home and remote interfaces of the referenced enterprise bean
- optional `ejb-link` information, used to specify the referenced enterprise bean

Used in: `application-client`

-->

**<!ELEMENT `ejb-ref` (description?, `ejb-ref-name`, `ejb-ref-type`, `home`, `remote`, `ejb-link`?)>**

<!--

The `ejb-ref-name` element contains the name of an EJB reference. The EJB reference is an entry in the application client's environment and is relative to the `java:comp/env` context. The name must be unique within the application client.

It is recommended that name is prefixed with "ejb/".

Used in: `ejb-ref`

Example:

```
<ejb-ref-name>ejb/Payroll</ejb-ref-name>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT `ejb-ref-name` (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The `ejb-ref-type` element contains the expected type of the referenced enterprise bean.

The `ejb-ref-type` element must be one of the following:

```
<ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>
<ejb-ref-type>Session</ejb-ref-type>
```

Used in: `ejb-ref`

-->

**<!ELEMENT `ejb-ref-type` (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The `env-entry` element contains the declaration of an application client's environment entry. The declaration consists of an optional description, the name of the environment entry, and an optional value. If a value is not specified, one must be supplied during deployment.

Used in: `application-client`

-->

**<!ELEMENT env-entry (description?, env-entry-name, env-entry-type, env-entry-value?)>**

<!--

The `env-entry-name` element contains the name of an application client's environment entry. The name is a JNDI name relative to the `java:comp/env` context. The name must be unique within an application client.

Used in: `env-entry`

Example:

`<env-entry-name>minAmount</env-entry-name>`

-->

**<!ELEMENT env-entry-name (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The `env-entry-type` element contains the fully-qualified Java type of the environment entry value that is expected by the application client's code.

The following are the legal values of `env-entry-type`:

- `java.lang.Boolean`
- `java.lang.Byte`
- `java.lang.Character`
- `java.lang.String`
- `java.lang.Short`
- `java.lang.Integer`
- `java.lang.Long`
- `java.lang.Float`
- `java.lang.Double`

Used in: `env-entry`

Example:

`<env-entry-type>java.lang.Boolean</env-entry-type>`

-->

**<!ELEMENT env-entry-type (#PCDATA)>**



<!--

The env-entry-value element contains the value of an application client's environment entry. The value must be a String that is valid for the constructor of the specified type that takes a single String parameter, or for java.lang.Character, a single character.

Used in: env-entry

Example:

```
<env-entry-value>100.00</env-entry-value>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT env-entry-value (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The home element contains the fully-qualified name of the enterprise bean's home interface.

Used in: ejb-ref

Example:

```
<home>com.aardvark.payroll.PayrollHome</home>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT home (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The icon element contains small-icon and large-icon elements that specify the file names for small and a large GIF or JPEG icon images used to represent the parent element in a GUI tool.

Used in: application-client

-->

**<!ELEMENT icon (small-icon?, large-icon?)>**

<!--

The large-icon element contains the name of a file containing a large (32 x 32) icon image. The file name is a relative path within the application client's jar file.

The image may be either in the JPEG or GIF format. The icon can be used by tools.

Used in: icon

Example:

```
<large-icon>employee-service-icon32x32.jpg</large-icon>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT large-icon (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
```

```
The remote element contains the fully-qualified name of the enterprise bean's remote interface.
```

```
Used in: ejb-ref
```

```
Example:
```

```
<remote>com.wombat.empl.EmployeeService</remote>
```

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT remote (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

```
The res-auth element specifies whether the application client code signs on programmatically to the resource manager, or whether the Container will sign on to the resource manager on behalf of the application client. In the latter case, the Container uses information that is supplied by the Deployer.
```

```
The value of this element must be one of the two following:
```

```
    <res-auth>Application</res-auth>
```

```
    <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
```

```
Used in: resource-ref
```

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT res-auth (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

```
The res-ref-name element specifies the name of a resource manager connection factory reference. The name is a JNDI name relative to the java:comp/env context. The name must be unique within an application client.
```

```
Used in: resource-ref
```

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT res-ref-name (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

```
The res-sharing-scope element specifies whether connections obtained through the given resource manager connection factory reference can be shared. The value of this element, if specified, must be one of the two following:
```

```
    <res-sharing-scope>Shareable</res-sharing-scope>
```

```
    <res-sharing-scope>Unshareable</res-sharing-scope>
```

```
The default value is Shareable.
```

```
Used in: resource-ref
```

```
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT res-sharing-scope (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The res-type element specifies the type of the data source. The type is specified by the fully qualified Java language class or interface expected to be implemented by the data source.

Used in: resource-ref

-->

**<!ELEMENT res-type (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The resource-env-ref element contains a declaration of an application client's reference to an administered object associated with a resource in the application client's environment. It consists of an optional description, the resource environment reference name, and an indication of the resource environment reference type expected by the application client code.

Used in: application-client

Example:

```
<resource-env-ref>
```

```
    <resource-env-ref-name>jms/StockQueue</resource-env-ref-name>
```

```
    <resource-env-ref-type>javax.jms.Queue</resource-env-ref-type>
```

```
</resource-env-ref>
```

```
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT resource-env-ref (description?, resource-env-ref-name, resource-env-ref-type)>**

<!--

The resource-env-ref-name element specifies the name of a resource environment reference; its value is the environment entry name used in the application client code. The name is a JNDI name relative to the java:comp/env context and must be unique within an application client.

Used in: resource-env-ref

-->

**<!ELEMENT resource-env-ref-name (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The resource-env-ref-type element specifies the type of a resource environment reference. It is the fully qualified name of a Java language class or interface.

Used in: resource-env-ref

-->

**<!ELEMENT resource-env-ref-type (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The resource-ref element contains a declaration of an application client's reference to an external resource. It consists of an optional description, the resource manager connection factory reference name, the indication of the resource manager connection factory type expected by the application client code, the type of authentication (Application or Container), and an optional specification of the shareability of connections obtained from the resource (Shareable or Unshareable).

Used in: application-client

Example:

```
<resource-ref>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/EmployeeAppDB</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
  <res-sharing-scope>Shareable</res-sharing-scope> </resource-ref>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT resource-ref (description?, res-ref-name, res-type, res-auth, res-sharing-scope?)>**

<!--

The small-icon element contains the name of a file containing a small (16 x 16) icon image. The file name is a relative path within the application client's jar file.

The image may be either in the JPEG or GIF format. The icon can be used by tools.

Used in: icon

Example:

```
<small-icon>employee-service-icon16x16.jpg</small-icon>
```

-->

**<!ELEMENT small-icon (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The ID mechanism is to allow tools that produce additional deployment information (i.e., information beyond the standard deployment descriptor information) to store the non-standard information in a separate file, and easily refer from these tool-specific files to the information in the standard deployment descriptor.

Tools are not allowed to add the non-standard information into the standard deployment descriptor.

-->

```
<!ATTLIST application-client id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST callback-handler id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST description id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST display-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST ejb-link id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST ejb-ref id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST ejb-ref-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST ejb-ref-type id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST env-entry id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST env-entry-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST env-entry-type id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST env-entry-value id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST home id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST icon id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST large-icon id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST remote id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST res-auth id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST res-ref-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST res-sharing-scope id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST res-type id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST resource-env-ref id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST resource-env-ref-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST resource-env-ref-type id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST resource-ref id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST small-icon id ID #IMPLIED>
```



# CHAPTER J2EE.10

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## Service Provider Interface

The Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) includes the J2EE Connector Architecture as its service provider interface. The Connector API defines how resource adapters are packaged and integrated with any J2EE product. All J2EE products must support the Connector APIs, as specified in the Connector specification.

The Connector specification is available at <http://java.sun.com/j2ee/connector>.





# CHAPTER J2EE.11

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## Future Directions

This version of the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) specification includes most of the facilities needed by enterprise applications. Still, there is always more to be done. This chapter briefly describes our plans for future versions of this specification. Please keep in mind that all of this is subject to change. Your feedback is encouraged.

The following sections describe additional facilities we would like to include in future versions of this specification. Many of the APIs included in the J2EE platform will continue to evolve on their own and we will include the latest version of each API.

### **J2EE.11.1 Web Services**

Support for web services is likely to be a primary focus for the next version of J2EE. A number of JSRs contribute to the definition of web services, including:

- JSR-67 - Java APIs for XML Messaging 1.0 (JAXM)
- JSR-93 - Java API for XML Registries 1.0 (JAXR)
- JSR-101 - Java APIs for XML RPC (JAX-RPC)
- JSR-109 - Implementing Enterprise Web Services

These JSRs can all be found at <http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess>.

## **J2EE.11.2 XML Data Binding API**

As XML becomes more important in the industry, more and more enterprise applications will need to make use of XML. This specification requires basic XML SAX and DOM support through the JAXP API, but many applications will benefit from the easier to use XML Data Binding technology. The XML Data Binding API is being defined through the Java Community Process as JSR-031.

XML Data Binding depends on schema languages to define the XML data. The current widely used schema language is the DTD language. W3C is in the process of standardizing a new XML Schema language. In addition, there are several other schema languages in use and proposed in the industry.

In order to support emerging schema language standards quickly, the XML Data Binding API will need to evolve more quickly than the J2EE platform. Inclusion of the XML Data Binding API as a required component of J2EE at this time would constrain its evolution. We expect that the next version of the J2EE platform will require support for XML Data Binding. In the mean time, we strongly encourage the use of this new technology by enterprise applications as it becomes available. We expect the XML Data Binding technology to be portable to any J2EE product.

The XML Data Binding JSR is available at [http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr\\_031\\_xmlbd.html](http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr_031_xmlbd.html).

## **J2EE.11.3 JNLP (Java™ Web Start)**

The Java Network Launch Protocol defines a mechanism for deploying Java applications on a server and launching them from a client. A future version of this specification may require that J2EE products be able to deploy application clients in a way that allows them to be launched by a JNLP client, and that application client containers be able to launch application clients deployed using the JNLP technology. Java Web Start is the reference implementation of a JNLP client.

More information on JNLP is available at [http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr\\_056\\_jnlp.html](http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr_056_jnlp.html); more information on Java Web Start is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/javawebstart>.

## **J2EE.11.4 J2EE SPI**

Many of the APIs that make up the J2EE platform include an SPI layer that allows service providers or other system level components to be plugged in. This

specification does not describe the execution environment for all such service providers, nor the packaging and deployment requirements for all service providers. However, the J2EE Connector Architecture does define the requirements for certain types of service providers called resource adapters. Future versions of this specification will more fully define the J2EE SPI.

The Connector 2.0 specification ([http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr\\_112\\_connector.html](http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr_112_connector.html)) will define additional J2EE SPIs. The Java Service Framework specification ([http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr\\_111\\_jsf.html](http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr_111_jsf.html)) provides a standard mechanism for assembling service components into Java server applications and may be considered as an SPI for a future version of J2EE.

### **J2EE.11.5 JDBC RowSets**

RowSets provide a standard way to send tabular data between the remote components of a distributed enterprise application. The JDBC 2.0 Optional Package API defines the RowSet APIs, and in the future will contain rowset implementations, as well. Future versions of this specification will require that the JDBC rowset implementations be supported. More information is available at <http://java.sun.com/products/jdbc>.

### **J2EE.11.6 Security APIs**

It is a goal of the J2EE platform to separate security from business logic, providing declarative security controls for application components. However, some applications need more control over security than can be provided by this approach. A future version of this specification may include additional APIs to control authentication and authorization, and to allow the integration of new security technologies.

The Java Authorization service provider Contract for Containers (JACC) specification ([http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr\\_112\\_connector.html](http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/jsr/jsr_112_connector.html)) will define a contract between containers and authorization service providers.

### **J2EE.11.7 Deployment APIs**

This specification assumes that deployment tools will be provided by the Product Provider with a J2EE product. J2EE Tool Providers would also like to be able to provide deployment tools that could work with all J2EE products. Future versions of this specification may define deployment APIs to allow the creation of such tools.

The J2EE Deployment API is being defined by JSR-088, see [http://java.sun.com/jcp/jsr/jsr\\_088\\_deploy.html](http://java.sun.com/jcp/jsr/jsr_088_deploy.html).

### **J2EE.11.8 Management APIs**

J2EE applications and J2EE products must be manageable. Future versions of this specification will include APIs to support management functions.

The J2EE Management APIs are being defined by JSR-077, see [http://java.sun.com/jcp/jsr/jsr\\_077\\_management.html](http://java.sun.com/jcp/jsr/jsr_077_management.html).

### **J2EE.11.9 SQLJ Part 0**

SQLJ Part 0 supports embedding of SQL statements in programs written in the Java programming language. A compiler translates the program into a program that uses the SQLJ Part 0 runtime. The runtime supports access to a database using the JDBC API while also allowing platform-dependent and database-specific optimizations of such access. The SQLJ Part 0 runtime classes can be packaged with a J2EE application that uses SQLJ Part 0, allowing that application to run on any J2EE platform. At the current time, customer demand for SQLJ Part 0 is not sufficient to include it as a part of the J2EE platform. If customer demand increases, a future version of this specification may require the platform to provide the SQLJ Part 0 runtime classes so that they do not need to be packaged with the application. For information on SQLJ, see <http://www.sqlj.org>.

# A P P E N D I X J2EE.A

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## Previous Version DTDs

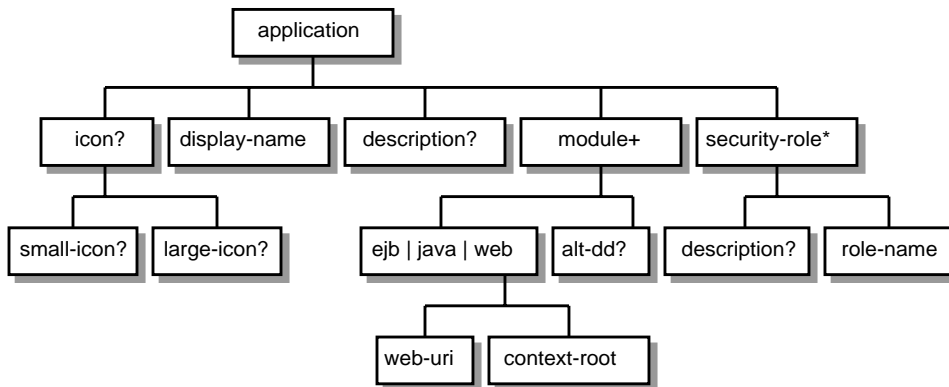
This appendix contains Document Type Definitions for Deployment Descriptors from previous versions of the J2EE specification. All J2EE products are required to support these DTDs as well as the DTDs specified in this version of the specification. This ensures that applications written to previous versions of this specification can be deployed on products supporting the current version of this specification. In addition, there are no restrictions on mixing versions of deployment descriptors in a single application; any combination of valid deployment descriptor versions must be supported.

### **J2EE.A.1 J2EE:application XML DTD**

This section provides the XML DTD for the previous version of the J2EE application deployment descriptor. A valid J2EE application deployment descriptor may contain the following DOCTYPE declaration:

```
<!DOCTYPE application PUBLIC "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD J2EE
Application 1.2//EN" "http://java.sun.com/j2ee/dtds/
application_1_2.dtd">
```

**Figure J2EE.1.1** shows a graphic representation of the structure of the J2EE:application XML DTD.



**Figure J2EE.1.1** J2EE:application XML DTD Structure

The DTD that follows defines the XML grammar for a J2EE application deployment descriptor.

```
<!--
```

The alt-dd element specifies an optional URI to the post-assembly version of the deployment descriptor file for a particular J2EE module.

The URI must specify the full pathname of the deployment descriptor file relative to the application's root directory. If alt-dd is not specified, the deployer must read the deployment descriptor from the default location and file name required by the respective component specification.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT alt-dd (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The application element is the root element of a J2EE application deployment descriptor.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT application (icon?, display-name, description?, module+, security-role*)>
```

```
<!--  
The context-root element specifies the context root of a web  
application  
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT context-root (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--  
The description element provides a human readable description of the  
application.  
The description element should include any information that the  
application assembler wants to provide the deployer.  
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--  
The display-name element specifies an application name.  
The application name is assigned to the application by the  
application assembler and is used to identify the application to the  
deployer at deployment time.  
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT display-name (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--  
The ejb element specifies the URI of an ejb-jar, relative to the top  
level of the application package.  
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT ejb (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--  
The icon element contains a small-icon and large-icon element which  
specify the URIs for a small and a large GIF or JPEG icon image to  
represent the application in a GUI.  
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT icon (small-icon?, large-icon?)>**

```
<!--
```

The `java` element specifies the URI of a java application client module, relative to the top level of the application package.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT java (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The `large-icon` element specifies the URI for a large GIF or JPEG icon image to represent the application in a GUI.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT large-icon (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The `module` element represents a single J2EE module and contains an `ejb`, `java`, or `web` element, which indicates the module type and contains a path to the module file, and an optional `alt-dd` element, which specifies an optional URI to the post-assembly version of the deployment descriptor.

The application deployment descriptor must have one `module` element for each J2EE module in the application package.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT module ((ejb | java | web), alt-dd?)>
```

```
<!--
```

The `role-name` element contains the name of a security role.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT role-name (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The `security-role` element contains the definition of a security role which is global to the application.

The definition consists of a description of the security role, and the security role name.

The descriptions at this level override those in the component level `security-role` definitions and must be the descriptions tool display to the deployer.

```
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT security-role (description?, role-name)>
```



```
<!--
The small-icon element specifies the URI for a small GIF or JPEG icon
image to represent the application in a GUI.
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT small-icon (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
The web element contains the web-uri and context-root of a web
application module.
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT web (web-uri, context-root)>**

```
<!--
The web-uri element specifies the URI of a web application file,
relative to the top level of the application package.
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT web-uri (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
The ID mechanism is to allow tools to easily make tool-specific
references to the elements of the deployment descriptor.
-->
```

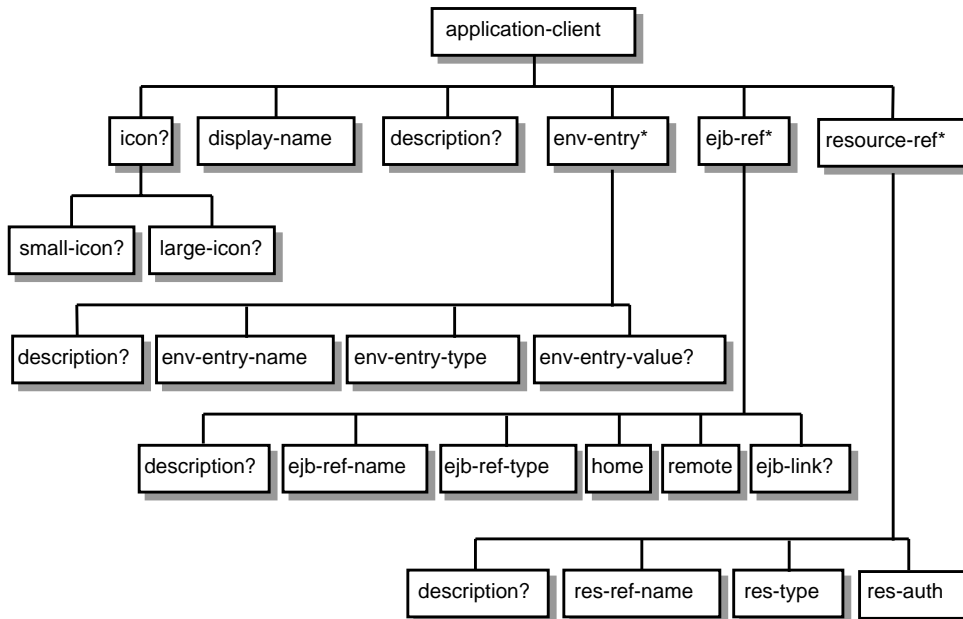
```
<!ATTLIST alt-dd id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST application id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST context-root id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST description id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST display-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST ejb id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST icon id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST java id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST large-icon id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST module id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST role-name id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST security-role id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST small-icon id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST web id ID #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST web-uri id ID #IMPLIED>
```

## J2EE.A.2 J2EE:application-client XML DTD

This section contains the XML DTD for the previous version of the application client deployment descriptor. A valid application client deployment descriptor may contain the following DOCTYPE declaration:

```
<!DOCTYPE application-client PUBLIC "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD
J2EE Application Client 1.2//EN" "http://java.sun.com/j2ee/dtds/ap-
plication-client_1_2.dtd">
```

**Figure J2EE.1.2** shows the structure of the J2EE:application-client XML DTD.



**Figure J2EE.1.2** J2EE:application-client XML DTD Structure

```
<!--
The application-client element is the root element of an application
client deployment descriptor.
The application client deployment descriptor describes the EJB
components and external resources referenced by the application
client.
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT application-client (icon?, display-name, description?, env-entry\*, ejb-ref\*, resource-ref\*)>**

<!--

The description element is used to provide text describing the parent element.

The description element should include any information that the application-client file producer wants to provide to the consumer of the application-client file (i.e., to the Deployer).

Typically, the tools used by the application-client file consumer will display the description when processing the parent element that contains the description.

-->

**<!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The display-name element contains a short name that is intended to be displayed by tools.

-->

**<!ELEMENT display-name (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The ejb-link element is used in the ejb-ref element to specify that an EJB reference is linked to an enterprise bean in the encompassing J2EE Application package.

The value of the ejb-link element must be the ejb-name of an enterprise bean in the same J2EE Application package.

Used in: ejb-ref

Example: <ejb-link>EmployeeRecord</ejb-link>

-->

**<!ELEMENT ejb-link (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The ejb-ref element is used for the declaration of a reference to an enterprise bean's home.

The declaration consists of an optional description; the EJB reference name used in the code of the referencing application client; the expected type of the referenced enterprise bean; the expected home and remote interfaces of the referenced enterprise bean; and an optional ejb-link information.

The optional `ejb-link` element is used to specify the referenced enterprise bean.

-->

**<!ELEMENT `ejb-ref` (description?, `ejb-ref-name`, `ejb-ref-type`, `home`, `remote`, `ejb-link`?)>**

<!--

The `ejb-ref-name` element contains the name of an EJB reference. The EJB reference is an entry in the application client's environment.

It is recommended that name is prefixed with "ejb/".

Used in: `ejb-ref`

Example: `<ejb-ref-name>ejb/Payroll</ejb-ref-name>`

-->

**<!ELEMENT `ejb-ref-name` (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The `ejb-ref-type` element contains the expected type of the referenced enterprise bean.

The `ejb-ref-type` element must be one of the following:

`<ejb-ref-type>Entity</ejb-ref-type>`

`<ejb-ref-type>Session</ejb-ref-type>`

Used in: `ejb-ref`

-->

**<!ELEMENT `ejb-ref-type` (#PCDATA)>**

<!--

The `env-entry` element contains the declaration of an application client's environment entries.

The declaration consists of an optional description, the name of the environment entry, and an optional value.

-->

**<!ELEMENT `env-entry` (description?, `env-entry-name`, `env-entry-type`, `env-entry-value`?)>**

<!--

The `env-entry-name` element contains the name of an application client's environment entry.

Used in: env-entry

Example: <env-entry-name>EmployeeAppDB</env-entry-name>  
-->

### <!ELEMENT env-entry-name (#PCDATA)>

<!--

The env-entry-type element contains the fully-qualified Java type of the environment entry value that is expected by the application client's code.

The following are the legal values of env-entry-type:

java.lang.Boolean, java.lang.String, java.lang.Integer,  
java.lang.Double, java.lang.Byte, java.lang.Short, java.lang.Long,  
and java.lang.Float.

Used in: env-entry

Example:

<env-entry-type>java.lang.Boolean</env-entry-type>  
-->

### <!ELEMENT env-entry-type (#PCDATA)>

<!--

The env-entry-value element contains the value of an application client's environment entry. The value must be a String that is valid for the constructor of the specified type that takes a single String parameter.

Used in: env-entry

Example:

<env-entry-value>/datasources/MyDatabase</env-entry-value>  
-->

### <!ELEMENT env-entry-value (#PCDATA)>

<!--

The home element contains the fully-qualified name of the enterprise bean's home interface.

Used in: ejb-ref Example: <home>com.aardvark.payroll.PayrollHome</home>

-->

### <!ELEMENT home (#PCDATA)>

```
<!--
```

The icon element contains a small-icon and large-icon element which specify the URIs for a small and a large GIF or JPEG icon image used to represent the application client in a GUI tool.

```
-->
```

### **<!ELEMENT icon (small-icon?, large-icon?)>**

```
<!--
```

The large-icon element contains the name of a file containing a large (32 x 32) icon image. The file name is a relative path within the application-client jar file. The image must be either in the JPEG or GIF format, and the file name must end with the suffix ".jpg" or ".gif" respectively. The icon can be used by tools.

Example:

```
<large-icon>lib/images/employee-service-icon32x32.jpg</large-icon>
```

```
-->
```

### **<!ELEMENT large-icon (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
```

The remote element contains the fully-qualified name of the enterprise bean's remote interface.

Used in: ejb-ref

Example:

```
<remote>com.wombat.empl.EmployeeService</remote>
```

```
-->
```

### **<!ELEMENT remote (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
```

The res-auth element specifies whether the enterprise bean code signs on programmatically to the resource manager, or whether the Container will sign on to the resource manager on behalf of the bean. In the latter case, the Container uses information that is supplied by the Deployer.

The value of this element must be one of the two following:

```
<res-auth>Application</res-auth>
```

```
<res-auth>Container</res-auth>
```

```
-->
```

### **<!ELEMENT res-auth (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
The res-ref-name element specifies the name of the resource factory
reference name. The resource factory reference name is the name of
the application client's environment entry whose value contains the
JNDI name of the data source.
Used in: resource-ref
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT res-ref-name (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
The res-type element specifies the type of the data source. The type
is specified by the Java interface (or class) expected to be
implemented by the data source.
Used in: resource-ref
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT res-type (#PCDATA)>**

```
<!--
The resource-ref element contains a declaration of application
clients's reference to an external resource. It consists of an
optional description, the resource factory reference name, the
indication of the resource factory type expected by the application
client's code, and the type of authentication (bean or container).
Example:
```

```
<resource-ref>
  <res-ref-name>EmployeeAppDB</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
-->
```

**<!ELEMENT resource-ref (description?, res-ref-name, res-type, res-auth)>**

```
<!--
The small-icon element contains the name of a file containing a small
(16 x 16) icon image.
The file name is a relative path within the application-client jar
file.
The image must be either in the JPEG or GIF format, and the file name
must end with the suffix ".jpg" or ".gif" respectively.
```

The icon can be used by tools.

Example:

```
<small-icon>lib/images/employee-service-icon16x16.jpg</small-icon>
-->
```

```
<!ELEMENT small-icon (#PCDATA)>
```

```
<!--
```

The ID mechanism is to allow tools to easily make tool-specific references to the elements of the deployment descriptor.

```
-->
```

```
<!ATTLIST application-client id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST description id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST display-name id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST ejb-link id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST ejb-ref id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST ejb-ref-name id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST ejb-ref-type id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST env-entry id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST env-entry-name id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST env-entry-type id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST env-entry-value id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST home id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST icon id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST large-icon id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST remote id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST res-auth id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST res-ref-name id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST res-type id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST resource-ref id ID #IMPLIED>
```

```
<!ATTLIST small-icon id ID #IMPLIED>
```



# A P P E N D I X **J2EE.B**

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## Revision History

### **J2EE.B.1 Changes in Expert Draft 1**

#### **J2EE.B.1.1 Additional Requirements**

- J2EE 1.3 requires J2SE 1.3.
- A JMS provider supporting both Topics and Queues is required.
- All referenced specifications are updated to reference their most recent versions.
- Added the following required APIs: JAXP 1.0, JCX 1.0, JAAS 1.0.
- Updated application and application client deployment descriptors to new versions, requiring support for previous versions as well.
- Updated Chapter J2EE.4, “Transaction Management” to specify requirements for the new transactional resources in J2EE 1.3.
- Updated Chapter J2EE.10, “Service Provider Interface” to include the JCX API as the J2EE SPI.

### **J2EE.B.1.2    Removed Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.1.3    Editorial Changes**

- Corrected Table J2EE.6-1: to properly refer to `java.awt.Image`.
- Corrected Section J2EE.5.4.1.2, “Declaration of Resource Manager Connection Factory References in Deployment Descriptor” to indicate that the valid values for the `res-auth` element are `Application` (not `Bean`) and `Container`.
- Updated Chapter J2EE.5, “Naming” to use terminology consistent with EJB 2.0 spec.
- Updated references to JNDI and RMI-IIOP to reflect the fact that they’re part of J2SE 1.3.
- Updated Chapter J2EE.11, “Future Directions” to remove items that are now required by J2EE 1.3.

## **J2EE.B.2    Changes in Expert Draft 2**

### **J2EE.B.2.1    Additional Requirements**

- Updated Section J2EE.5.3, “Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) References,” and Section J2EE.9.7, “J2EE:application-client XML DTD,” to be consistent with the EJB 2.0 requirements for the `ejb-link` element.
- Application client containers are required to support JAAS callback handlers. See Section J2EE.3.4.4, “Application Client User Authentication” and Chapter J2EE.9, “Application Clients.”
- Generalized JMS Destination references to resource environment references, per the EJB specification. See Section J2EE.5.5, “Resource Environment References.”
- Expanded restrictions on use of JMS APIs, based on EJB specification. See Section J2EE.6.7, “Java™ Message Service (JMS) 1.0 Requirements.”

### **J2EE.B.2.2    Removed Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.2.3    Editorial Changes**

- Fixed names of JDBC classes in Section J2EE.5.4, “Resource Manager Connection Factory References.”
- Clarified roles of JRMP and RMI-IIOP in Section J2EE.7.2.2, “OMG Protocols” and Section 7.2.3, “RMI Protocols.”
- Added resource authentication recommendations from Connector spec to Section J2EE.3.4.5, “Resource Authentication Requirements.”
- Added reference to XML Data Binding in Chapter J2EE.11, “Future Directions.”
- Changed references to “JCX” to use “Connector Architecture.”
- Removed description of new JDBC 2.1 requirements; JDBC 2.1 is included in J2SE 1.3.

## **J2EE.B.3    Changes in Participant Draft**

### **J2EE.B.3.1    Additional Requirements**

- Added TLS 1.0 requirement to Section J2EE.7.2.1, “Internet Protocols” to be consistent with the EJB specification.
- Clarified requirements on use of RMI-IIOP by enterprise beans, see Section J2EE.6.2.4.6, “RMI-IIOP.”
- Updated JavaMail API requirement to version 1.2.
- Updated JAXP API requirement to version 1.1.
- Clarified transaction propagation requirements in Section J2EE.4.2.1, “Web Components.”

### **J2EE.B.3.2 Removed Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.3.3 Editorial Changes**

- Added acknowledgements.
- Cleaned up several of the figures.
- Added references to more specifications in Appendix , “Related Documents.”
- Moved secure interoperability requirement from Section J2EE.3.3.2, “Non Goals” to Section J2EE.3.3.1, “Goals” to be consistent with the rest of this specification.
- Moved J2EE-specific servlet requirements back into Section J2EE.6.5, “Servlet 2.3 Requirements.”

## **J2EE.B.4 Changes in Public Draft**

### **J2EE.B.4.1 Additional Requirements**

- Required that the COSNaming JNDI service provider be included, see Section J2EE.6.2.4.7, “JNDI.”

### **J2EE.B.4.2 Removed Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.4.3 Editorial Changes**

- Clarified that the EJB interoperability requirements require a COSNaming name service to be provided, see Section J2EE.6.2.4.4, “Java IDL” and Section J2EE.7.2.2, “OMG Protocols.”
- Added description of Run As capability to security requirements, see Section J2EE.3.5.2, “Caller Authorization.”

- Clarified that all J2EE products must support the use of the manifest `Class-Path` header to reference other `.jar` files, see Section J2EE.8.1.1.1, “Component Packaging: Composing a J2EE module.”
- Clarified that all J2EE products must be able to deploy stand-alone J2EE modules, see Section J2EE.8.3, “Deployment.”
- Rewrote callback handler requirements to be clearer, see Section J2EE.3.4.4, “Application Client User Authentication” and Section J2EE.9.2, “Security.”
- The JDBC SPI will likely be replaced by the Connector SPI; updated recommendations accordingly, see Section J2EE.6.3, “JDBC™ 2.0 Extension Requirements.”

## **J2EE.B.5 Changes in Proposed Final Draft**

### **J2EE.B.5.1 Additional Requirements**

- Added requirement for JDBC drivers to support the escape syntax for certain functions, see Section J2EE.6.2.4.3, “JDBC™ API.”
- Added requirement that the default ORB be usable for JavaIDL and RMI-IIOP, see Section J2EE.6.2.4.4, “Java IDL.”
- Added requirements for local transactions and connection sharing, see Section J2EE.4.4, “Local Transaction Optimization” and Section J2EE.4.5, “Connection Sharing.”
- Added requirements for a shared ORB instance, see Section J2EE.6.2.4.4, “Java IDL.”

### **J2EE.B.5.2     Removed Requirements**

- When deploying a standalone J2EE module in a .jar file, the deployment tool is no longer required to process the Class-Path header. See Section J2EE.8.3.1, “Deploying a Stand-Alone J2EE Module.”

### **J2EE.B.5.3     Editorial Changes**

- Further clarified that all J2EE products must support the use of the manifest Class-Path header to reference other .jar files, see Section J2EE.8.1.1.1, “Component Packaging: Composing a J2EE module.”
- Further clarified that all J2EE products must be able to deploy stand-alone J2EE modules, including application clients and Connectors, see Section J2EE.8.3, “Deployment.”
- Clearly document the required names of the deployment descriptors, see Section J2EE.8.4, “J2EE:application XML DTD” and Section J2EE.9.7, “J2EE:application-client XML DTD.”
- Clarify packaging requirements, deployment requirements, and runtime requirements for J2EE applications, see Section J2EE.8.2, “Application Assembly” and Section J2EE.8.3, “Deployment.”
- Updated Chapter J2EE.6, “Application Programming Interface” to use the new terminology “optional package” instead of the old terminology “standard extension.”
- Changed URLs for new versions of deployment descriptors to be located under <http://java.sun.com/dtd/>, see Section J2EE.8.4, “J2EE:application XML DTD” and Section J2EE.9.7, “J2EE:application-client XML DTD.”
- Added JNLP to Section J2EE.11.3, “JNLP (Java™ Web Start).”

## **J2EE.B.6 Changes in Proposed Final Draft 2**

### **J2EE.B.6.1 Additional Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.6.2 Removed Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.6.3 Editorial Changes**

- Changed style of document to match Addison Wesley standard.
- Numerous editorial changes to improve consistency, clarity, and style.

## **J2EE.B.7 Changes in Proposed Final Draft 3**

### **J2EE.B.7.1 Additional Requirements**

- Added `javax.jms.MessageConsumer` methods to list in Section J2EE.6.7, “Java™ Message Service (JMS) 1.0 Requirements.”
- Clarified that web filters have the same transactional requirements as servlets. See Section J2EE.4.2.1, “Web Components.”
- Clarified that the EJB interoperability requirements apply to application clients as well. See Section J2EE.9.2, “Security.”
- Clarified that it must be possible to deploy an application in its own Java class namespace. See Section J2EE.8.2.1, “Assembling a J2EE Application.”
- Updated deployment descriptors in Section J2EE.8.4, “J2EE:application XML DTD” and Section J2EE.9.7, “J2EE:application-client XML DTD.” (Note - there are no change bars marking the changes due to the way the deployment descriptors are produced.)

### **J2EE.B.7.2     Removed Requirements**

- Added Section J2EE.4.6, “JDBC and JMS Deployment Issues” that explains limitations that J2EE products may impose on deployment of components using global transactions.

### **J2EE.B.7.3     Editorial Changes**

- Clarified non-requirements in Section J2EE.6.2.4.3, “JDBC™ API.”
- Added items to Section J2EE.3.7, “Future Directions.”
- Clarified that “web components” includes web filters and web event listeners. See Section J2EE.2.2, “Application Components.”
- Updated Chapter J2EE.5, “Naming” to synchronize with EJB 2.0 specification, including description of `res-sharing-scope` element.

## **J2EE.B.8     Changes in Proposed Final Draft 4**

### **J2EE.B.8.1     Additional Requirements**

- Promoted existing requirement for context class loader support from EJB spec to a top level requirement. See Section J2EE.6.2.4.8, “Context Class Loader.”

### **J2EE.B.8.2     Removed Requirements**

- None.

### **J2EE.B.8.3     Editorial Changes**

- Clarified that `ejb-link` information can be modified by the Deployer. See Section J2EE.5.3, “Enterprise JavaBeans™ (EJB) References.”
- Added pointers to new JSRs to Chapter J2EE.11, “Future Directions.”
- Clarified transaction propagation requirements for web containers. See Section J2EE.4.2.1, “Web Components.”
- Clarify and add examples for use of Extension Mechanism Architecture. See Section J2EE.8.1.1.2, “Dependencies.”



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## Related Documents

This specification refers to the following documents. The terms used to refer to the documents in this specification are included in parentheses.

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