Service Oriented Mainframe Integration with CORBA, J2EE and Web Services

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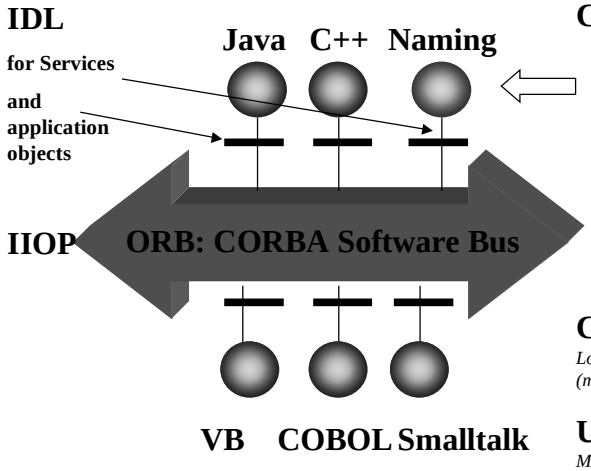
CORBA: Common Object Request Broker Architecture
OMA: Object Management Architecture



CORBAservices

- Naming
- Events
- Transactions
- Security
- Trader
- Notification
- Persistence
- Management

(plus other less important ones)

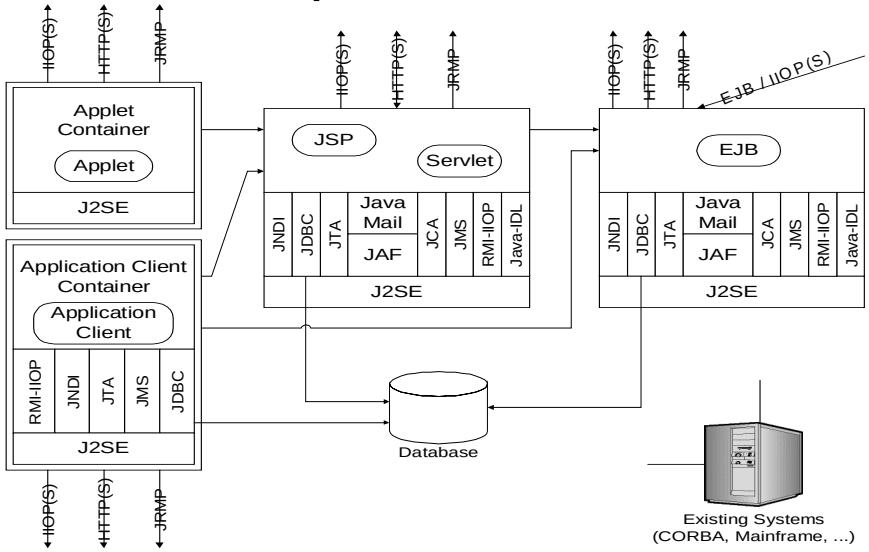
CORBAfacilities

Logging, Finance, Healthcare, …
(most: work in progress)

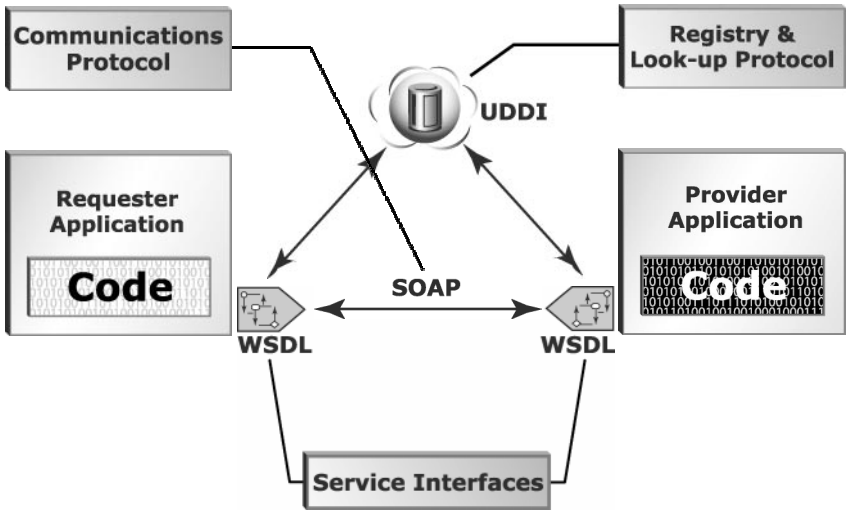
UML & MDA

Model Driven Architecture

J2EE Platform Specification



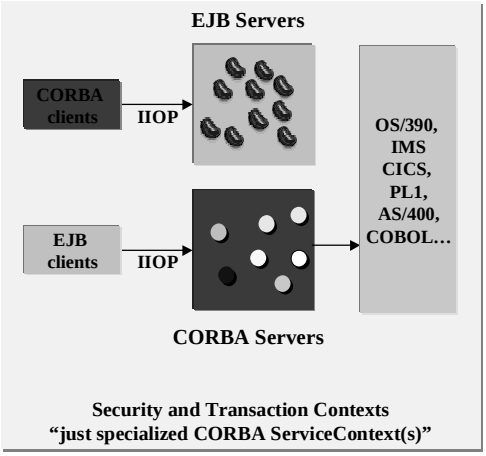
Web Services "Core"



Interoperability examples

Deep CORBA/J2EE Interop

- **Full sharing of security *and* transaction context**
- **Java-to-IDL mapping using OBV**
- **Wrap a CORBA server with EJB, or have EJB make direct IIOP calls**
- **Pre-CORBA 2.3 clients via bridge**



EJB -> CORBA: How to?

- **Generate CORBA stubs from CORBA IDL**
- **use e.g. CORBA Naming Service to get the IOR**
- **just do usual CORBA calls**
- **With an ORB based J2EE implementation often transactional interoperability "very easy", if needed 2-PC**
  - just: "Get same ORB as EJB's"
  - this allows for transparent TX-context passing.

EJB to CORBA

```
// IDL: EJB_to_CORBA.IDL

module corbaserver {
   struct addressStruct {
     string name;
     string number;
     string street;
     string town;
     string state;
     string zip;
   };

   struct nameStruct {
     string name;
     string number;
   };

    interface ejb_to_corba_int {
      void getNumber(in nameStruct Name, out addressStruct Number);
   };
};
```


EJB to CORBA (1)

- **Within an EJB, e.g. a method in a Session Bean: start with getting the CORBA ORB (here: IIOP is native remote protocol, thus ORB call is efficient “in process”)**

```
// Declare some CORBA variables
   org.omg.CORBA.ORB orb = null;
   org.omg.CosNaming.NamingContextExt context = null;
   javax.naming.Context jndi_context = null; org.omg.CORBA.Object objRef = null;
   Properties myProps;

// Get the CORBA ORB from “your” EJB
// The ORB named ”OrbixJ2EE" is preconfigured with certain properties such as the
// ability to propagate security and transaction context.
   Properties orbProperties = new Properties();
   orbProperties.put("org.omg.CORBA.ORBClass", "com.iona.corba.art.artimpl.ORBImpl");
   orbProperties.put("org.omg.CORBA.ORBSingletonClass", com.iona.corba.art.artimpl.ORBSingleton");
   String[] orbArgs = new String[] {"-ORBname"," OrbixJ2EE"};
   orb = org.omg.CORBA.ORB.init(orbArgs, orbProperties);
```

EJB to CORBA (2)

```
corbaserver.ejb_to_corba_int directoryEnquiries = null;
NameComponent[] tmpName = new NameComponent[1];
try
{
      // Ask the ORB for a reference to the Naming Service
      objRef = orb.resolve_initial_references("NameService");
      context = NamingContextExtHelper.narrow(objRef);

      // Create a NameComponent from the object name
      tmpName[0] = new NameComponent("DirectoryEnquiries", "");

      // Resolve the NameComponent in the Naming Service
      objRef = context.resolve(tmpName);

     // Narrow the returned object reference to an object of type  “directory”
     directoryEnquiries=(corbaserver.ejb_to_corba_int)corbaserver.ejb_to_corba_intHelper.narrow
      ((org.omg.CORBA.Object)objRef);
 }
catch ( org.omg.CORBA.ORBPackage.InvalidName ex )
  …
}
```


EJB to CORBA (3)

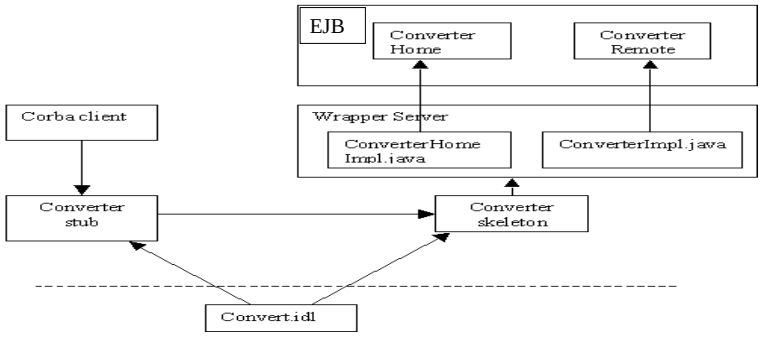
```
// Populate the input address struct with strings, using the generated constructor
  nameStruct myName = new nameStruct(in_name, "0");

// Create a Holder to store the output nameStruct
  addressStructHolder ns = new addressStructHolder();

// Call the CORBA method getName on the CORBA object/ reference directory
try  {
  System.out.println("BEAN> Calling getNumber() method on DirectoryEnquiries CORBA server object");

   directoryEnquiries.getNumber(myName, ns);

   System.out.println("BEAN> After calling getNumber()");
  }
  catch(org.omg.CORBA.SystemException e)
  ...
  return ns.value.number;
 }
```

CORBA to EJB (1)

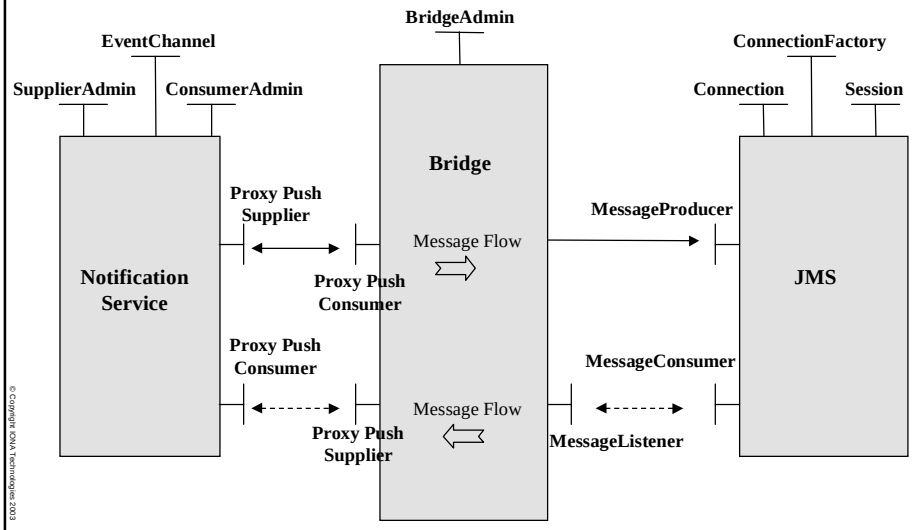
- **Pure CORBA clients can call EJB's**
- **Standard RMI/IIOP / reverse Java way:**
  - use "JDK rmic" to generate IDL from EJB's, e.g. take an EJB "Sample"
    rmic -idl SampleHome Sample
  - use pure CORBA client to call the generated interface to "Sample"
- **Problem:**
  - standard mapping exposes "value types" an awful lot, which results in very ugly IDL

CORBA to EJB (2)

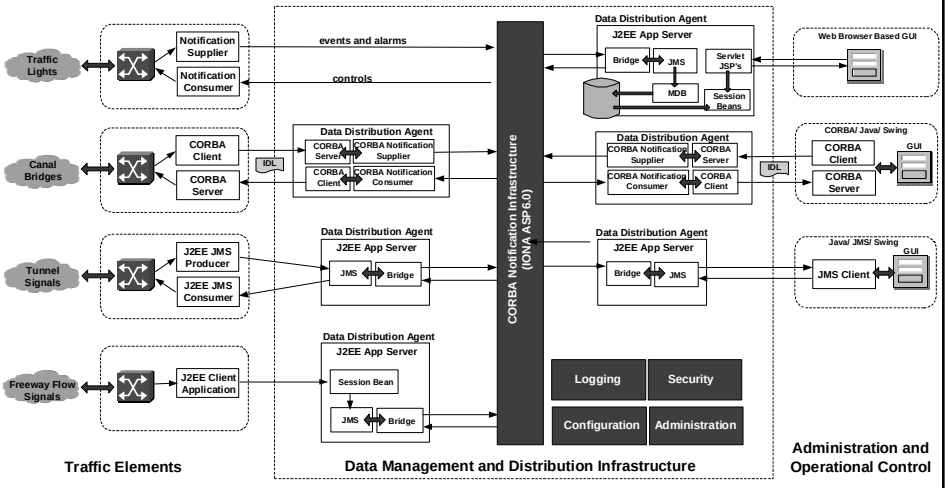
- **Proposal: CORBA friendly EJB's**
- **restrict datatypes in order to limit value types; use automatic wrapper for calls**
- **note: with both approaches Orbix E2A CORBA & J2EE allow TX/Sec-context passing**



Asynchronous CORBA & J2EE interop.: Bridging Notification and JMS



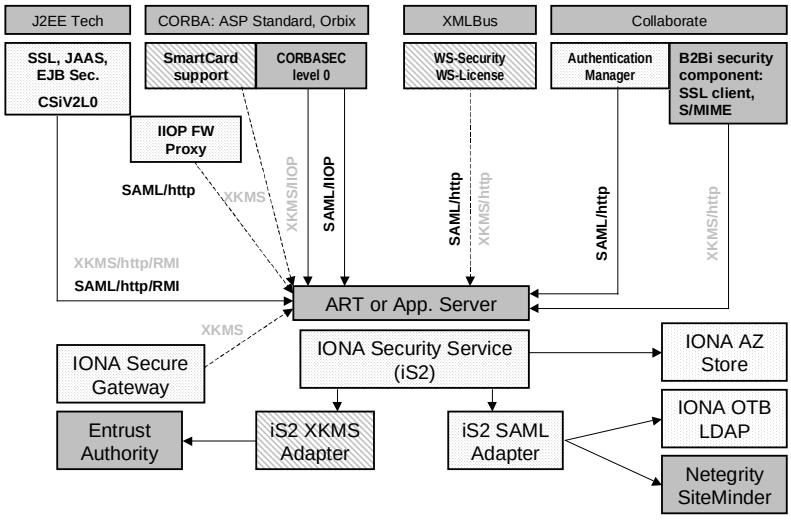
J2EE/ CORBA Interworking in Practice



EJB & CORBA: Security - cont'd

- **Encryption:**
  - J2EE: HTTPS, RMI-IIOP over TLS
  - CORBA: TLS/SSL, CSIv2
- **Credentials / Interceptors**
  - HTTPS & Pluggable Authentication "get X.509 certificate in Servlet" (alternative: direct CORBA client call)
  - J2EE "hook" to set own EJB-Principal for "Servlet --> EJB call"
  - Principal passed as "CORBA Service Context"
  - EJB --> EJB and EJB --> CORBA calls pass Service Context "under the hood"
  - final ART-Plugin: "Principle propagator": "set CORBA User Principal" based for IONA IMS-Adapter to provide OS-390 RACF authentication

IONA Security Services



Web Service -> EJB / CORBA: WSDL

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions name="ConverterService" targetNamespace="urn:target-converter-service"
   xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
   xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
   ... more “includes”

   <message name="inchToMM">
      <part name="param0" type="xsd:float"/>
   </message>
   <message name="inchToMMResponse">
      <part name="return" type="xsd:float"/>
   </message>
   ... more messages

   <portType name="ConverterPortType">
      <operation name="inchToMM">
         <input message="tns:inchToMM" name="inchToMM"/>
         <output message="tns:inchToMMResponse" name="inchToMMResponse"/>
      </operation>
 ... more ports
```


Web Service -> EJB / CORBA: WSDL

```
<binding name="ConverterPortBinding" type="tns:ConverterPortType">
      <soap:binding style="rpc" transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
      <operation name="inchToMM">
         <soap:operation soapAction="" style="rpc"/>
         <input name="inchToMM">
            <soap:body encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
               namespace="urn:target-converter-service" use="encoded"/>
         </input>
         <output name="inchToMMResponse">
            <soap:body encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
               namespace="urn:target-converter-service" use="encoded"/>
         </output>
      </operation>

   <service name="ConverterService">
      <port binding="tns:ConverterPortBinding" name="ConverterPort">
         <soap:address
            location="http://localhost:8080/xmlbus/container/Converter/ConverterService/ConverterPort"/>
      </port>
   </service>

</definitions>
```

Sample Java Client for Web Service

principle is similar for other languages

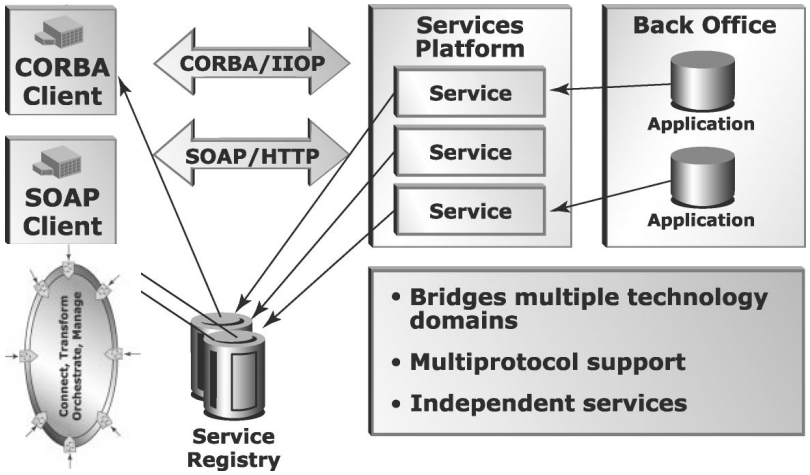
```
String soapAction = "";
StringBuffer envelope = new StringBuffer("<?xml version=\"1.0\" encoding=\"UTF-8\"?>\n");
// prepare a SOAP message (a „SOAP envelope“)
envelope.append("<SOAP-ENV:Envelope ");
envelope.append("\n     xmlns:SOAP-ENV=\"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/\"");
...
envelope.append("    <m1:inchToMM xmlns:m1=\"urn:target-converter-service\" SOAP-
    ENV:encodingStyle=\"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/\">\n");
envelope.append("      <param0 xsi:type=\"xsd:float\">");
envelope.append("</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>\n");
// Define SOAP message handler
SOAPResponse_Handler handler = new SOAPResponse_Handler("urn:target-converter-service",
            "inchToMMResponse",     "return");
// do SOAP call
URL url = new URL(soapEndPointURL);
HttpURLConnection connect = (HttpURLConnection)url.openConnection();
connect.setDoOutput(true);
byte bytes[] = envelope.toString().getBytes("UTF-8");
connect.setRequestProperty("SOAPAction","\""+soapAction+"\"");
connect.setRequestProperty("content-type","text/xml");
connect.setRequestProperty("content-length",""+bytes.length);
OutputStream out = connect.getOutputStream();
out.write(bytes);      out.flush();
... // handle exceptions
```


J2EE 1.3 - Interoperability

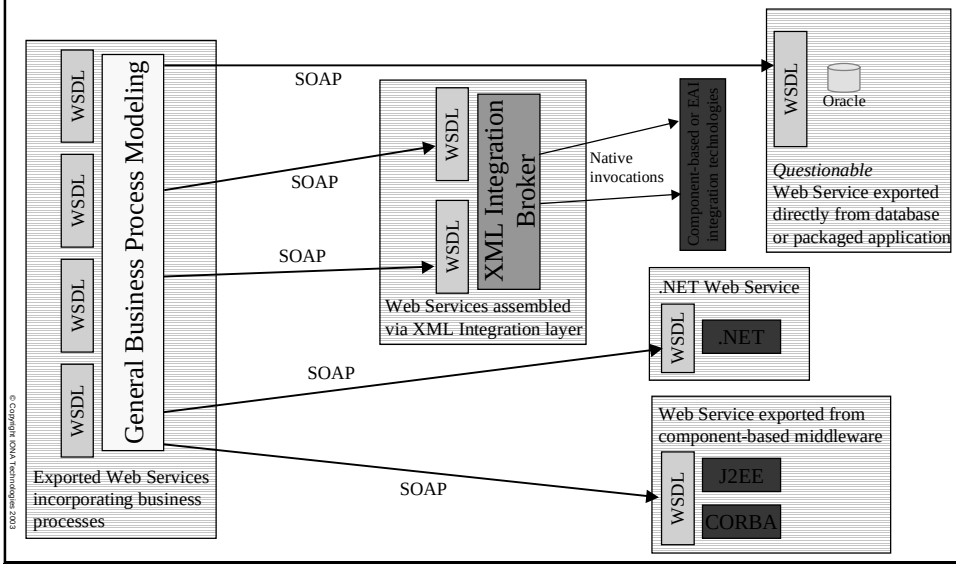
- **Within EJB 2.0 specification mandated**
  - Interoperable requests using RMI/IIOP & Java IDL
  - Interoperable EJB calls across vendors
  - CSiV2 L0 Secure interoperability (“Security Context”)
- **optional**
  - Naming interoperability: now
    CORBA Interoperable Naming Service (INS) / JNDI over INS
  - Transactional interoperability: now
    CORBA Object Transaction Service (“Transaction Context”)
- **Future J2EE 1.4 (H1 2003) - Web Services via JSR 109**
  - SOAP
  - standard: expose stateless session beans as Web Services
  - ...

Service Oriented Architectures

Service Oriented Architecture



… thus: (Web) Services need Multiple Granularities



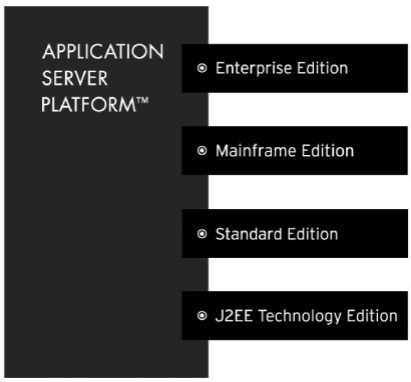
Service oriented Design

- **Rough design notes:**
  - large scale enterprise applications need service oriented architectures with true “peer to peer” views from EJB <-> CORBA and - with *suitable* granularity - Web Services
  - this needs clearly defined, semantically rich “rich enough” interfaces like EJB home/remote, IDL, WSDL
  - For example
    - within departments use EJB / CORBA, as proven scalable solutions
    - between departments / enterprises expose Web Services interfaces as well

Orbix Application Server Platform

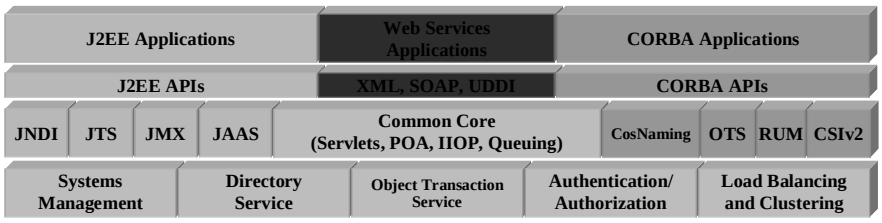
IONA's core for interoperability of CORBA, J2EE, Web Services & "the Mainframe"

Orbix E2A Application Server Platform



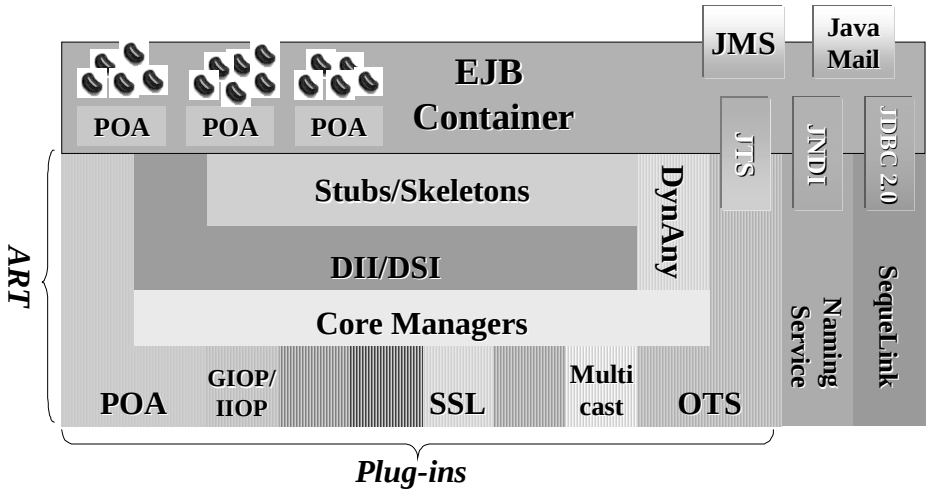
- **Three integration technologies**
  - The world's leading provider of *CORBA* solutions
  - Technically superior *J2EE* app server, ranked 4th by Gartner
  - Award-winning *Web services* products
- **One Integration Platform**
  - Best-of-breed products, wholly integrated, with common enterprise qualities of service

Adaptive Runtime Technology



- Distributed computing engine (C++ and Java versions available)
- Supports multiple "interface personalities"
- Easily tailored via plug-in architecture, letting us add new integration approaches easily
- Supplies essential enterprise app features (load balancing/fault tolerance, transactions, managed persistence, security, etc.)

J2EE Tech Edition Architecture

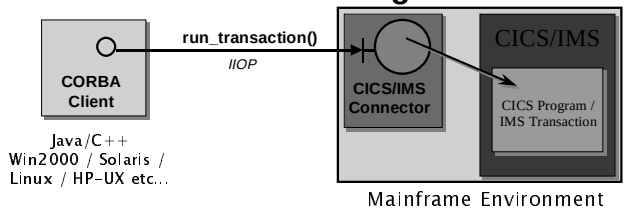


Orbix E2A - CORBA

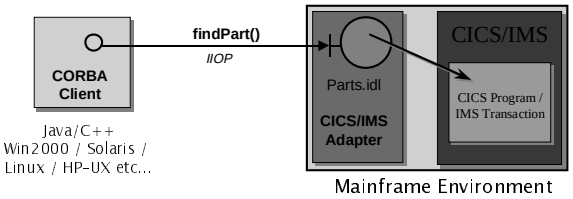
- **Diverse heterogeneous distributed computing systems are here to stay**
- **CORBA is all about integration and flexibility**
  - widely-applicable interface typing system
  - flexible remote invocation semantics
  - multiple language mappings
  - extensive platform coverage
  - suitable for wrapping old programmes and for writing new ones
  - many enterprise CORBA services

Mainframe Edt.: IMS/CICS Connectors and Adapters

- **Connector: "raw" use of existing IMS/CICS transaction**



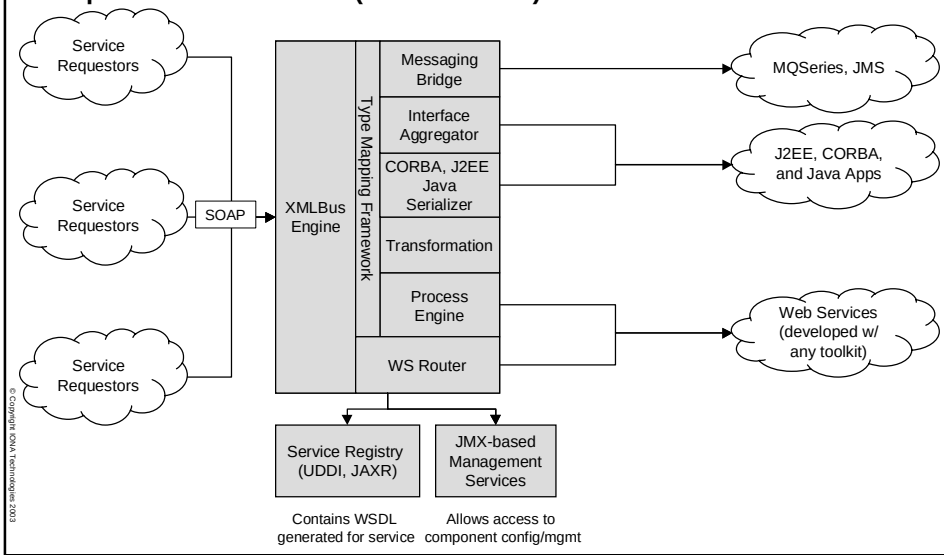
- **Adapter: full COBOL/PL-I support; peer-to-peer**



- **both: "just" CORBA client/servers (2-PC Tx, secure if needed)**

Architecture - ASP Web Services on XMLBus Technology

"Expose CORBA-Servers (incl. IMS/CICS) and EJB's as Web Services

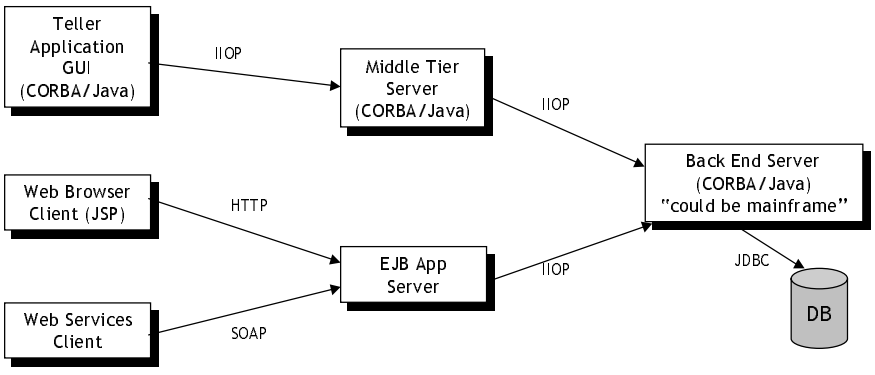


Application examples

First Northern Bank (FNB) Demo

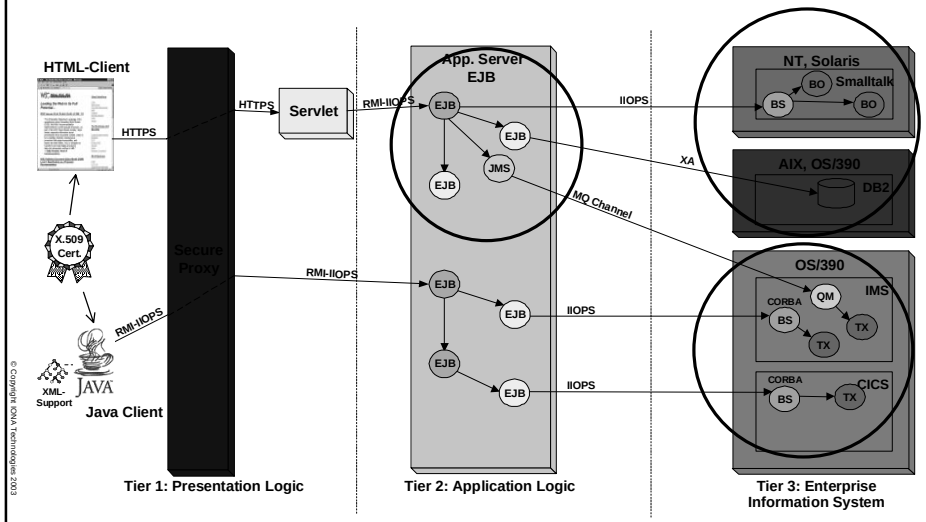
- **Demonstrates CORBA, EJB and Web Services parts of Orbix E2A ASP all working together**
- **The basis of IONA's Orbix E2A Standard & Enterprise Edition "Out Of The Box" demo (full source code)**
- **Have a look at**
  - www.iona.com - to get an eval. licence => FNB source
  - www.iona.com/docs -> ASP 5.1 -> Tutorials incl. FNB

Structure of the FNB Demo



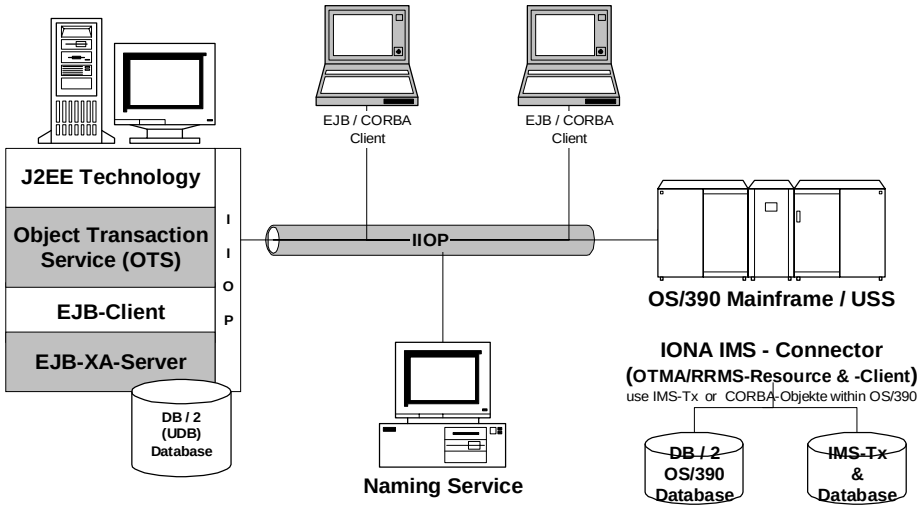
Winterthur e-Platform

X509-based security from HTML/Java -> …. -> OS/390



Large German bank computing centre

architectural goal: true service oriented transactional/secure peer-to-peer view of participating systems



Large American gifts, clothes, ... re-seller

- **Secured Web-Services for gift cards**
- **XML-documents**
- **Rough technical architecture**
  - .NET-based clients “Web Store”
  - XMLBus Web-Services access
  - Orbix E2A J2EE Technology Edition Session Beans, which call
  - the OS/390 CICS/COBOL “Gift Card Application”

Conclusion

- **Technology Background**
  - CORBA, J2EE, Web Services
- **Interoperability examples: today**
- **Service Oriented Architecture**
- **It’s real:**
  Orbix E2A Applcation Server Platform &
  Real world example architectures

Q & A

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