

- Welcome to 334.
- People
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- Assessment
  - 4 assignments with a combined weight of 15%
  - one test with a weight of 25%
  - $\,-\,$  one exam with a weight of 60%
  - $\,-\,$  you must pass both practical and theory to pass the course
- Schedule
  - Week 1 2 (Xinfeng Ye)
  - Week 3 4 (Ulrich Speidel)
  - Week 5 6 (Xinfeng Ye)
  - Week 7-8 (Ulrich Speidel)
  - Week 9 10 (Xinfeng Ye)
  - Week 11 12 (Ulrich Speidel)
  - The even numbered weeks' (e.g. week 2, 4, etc.) Wednesday 4:30pm lectures are in-class on-demand tutorials.

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# Assignment Marking

- All assignments carry equal weight, i.e., 3.75% of your final mark.
- Each assignment will carry a specific number of **points**, typically 100 points.
  - Getting 60 or more of the assignment points gives you full marks (3.75% of the total course marks) for the assignment.
  - Scoring more points does not give you any extra marks, but it gives you a better preparation for test and exam.
  - Marking is based on block-box marking

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### **Recommended Readings**

- RMI
  - Tutorials on Sun's web site
  - Tutorials that come with J2SE 6 download
- Servlets and JSP
  - Core SERVLETS and JAVASERVER PAGES, Volume 1: Core Technologies, by Marty Hall and Larry Brown A Sun Microsystems Press/Prentice Hall PTR Book ISBN 0-13-009229-0

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# Lots of Complexities...

- How does client locate server? Server object(s)?
- What if server location moves/multiple servers?
- What if multiple clients/concurrent access?
- What protocol/language on client? Server?
  How "serialise"/"deserialise" data for transport?
  How does client invoke server function?

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### Java Remote Method Invocation (RMI)

- The Java Remote Method Invocation (RMI) system allows an object running in one Java Virtual Machine (VM) to invoke methods on an object running in another Java VM.
- RMI provides for remote communication between programs written in the Java programming language.
- A primary goal of RMI was to allow programmers to develop distributed Java programs (i.e. programs running on different machines) with the same syntax and semantics used for non-distributed programs.

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### An Overview of RMI Applications

- RMI applications are often comprised of two separate parts: a server and a client.
- A typical server application
  - creates some objects, called remote objects
  - makes references to remote objects accessible
  - waits for clients to invoke methods on these remote objects
- A typical client application gets a remote reference to remote objects in the server and then invokes methods on them.
  - The execution of the methods of the remote objects are carried out on the server

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### References on RMI

- Sun provides on-line tutorials on RMI http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/rmi/TO C.html
- You can also read the RMI tutorial that comes with the J2SE 6.0 download
- Compared with previous versions, there are some differences in writing RMI applications in J2SE 6.0.
  - we use J2SE 6.0

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- RMI provides the mechanism by which the server and the client communicate and pass information back and forth.
- RMI provides a simple naming facility, the rmiregistry, for
  - Server to register remote objects
  - Client to discover references to the remote objects

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# Writing an RMI Server

- An account object represents some kind of bank account. We use RMI to export it as a remote object so that remote clients, e.g. ATMs, personal banking software running on a PC) can access it and carry out operations.
- The server is comprised of an interface and a class.
  - The interface provides the definition for the methods that can be called from the client.

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- The class provides the implementation.
- Writing an RMI server consists of two tasks:
  - Define the interface
  - Write a class to implement the interface



### Server interface

• The interface extends java.rmi.Remote to be an RMI object.

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• All the methods in the interface must throw java.rmi.RemoteException.













// contains methods for accessing name service import java.rmi.Naming; // contains methods for manipulating server objects import java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject; public class RegAccount { public static void main(String[] args) { try { // create a server (remote) object AccountImpl account = new AccountImpl("X"); // export the server object to the RMI runtime // the server object listens on a port assigned by JVM Account stub = (Account) UnicastRemoteObject.exportObject(account,0); COMPSCI334

# Creating a Client Program Regarding the use of the remote (i.e. server) object, a client program needs to carry out the following two tasks: Look up the remote object Manipulate the remote object using the methods specified in the server interface













- When a client calls a method on a remote object, the corresponding method in the stub is called.
- The stub marshals the arguments in the method call into serialized form. There are three possible cases:
  - An argument is a Remote object: forwards the reference to the object
  - An argument is a primitive data type or a Serializable object: serialize the argument
  - Neither of the above: raise an exception



- On the client side, the remote reference manager converts the stub request to low-level protocol messages.
- On the server side, the remote reference manager converts the low-level protocol messages into a format that the skeleton can understand.
- The skeleton unmarshals the arguments and calls the appropriate method on the actual server object.
- If there are information to be passed back to the client, the skeleton marshals the information and forwards them to the client side. The stub on the client side would unmarshal the information and pass them to the client.









On server:
LocateRegistry.createRegistry(8081); Registry reg = LocateRegistry.getRegistry(8081); reg.rebind("X",stub);
On client:
Registry reg = LocateRegistry.getRegistry("localhost", 8081); Account xAccount = (Account)reg.lookup("X");
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# JDBC

- Load the JDBC driver.
- Define the connection URL.
- Establish the connection.
- Create a statement object.
- Execute a query or update.
- Process the results.
- Close the connection.

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# **DB** Connection Pool

- Opening a connections to a database is a time-consuming process.
- To make the access to DBs more efficient, the connections to DBs should be reused.
- Refer to Chapter 17&18 of *Core SERVLETS* and JAVASERVER PAGES

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### RegAccountManager class

- Create an AccountManagerImpl object
- Make the object a RMI remote object
   AccountManager stub = (AccountManager) UnicastRemoteObject.exportObject(accountManager, 0);
- Create a RMI registry
  - LocateRegistry.createRegistry(8081);
  - No need to start rmi registry manually
- Register the RMI object with the registry

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<sup>BankClient class
Look up the AccountManager object

AccountManager manager =
 (accountManager)Naming.lookup("/Jocalhost:8081/manager");

Obtains references to some Account objects

Account xAccount = manager.getAccount("X");
Account yAccount = manager.getAccount("Y");

Manipulate the Account objects

getBalance, transfer</sup> 





### AccountManager Interface

- Account objects and the AccountManager objects reside at the same location.
  - updateAccount does not need to be provided as a method that can be accessed remotely
  - AccountManager Interface remains the same
- The class that implements AccountManager needs to implement the updateAccount method
  - This method can only be accessed locally, i.e. cannot be accessed by client at a different location.

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- Same as AccountImpl apart from the discussion below.
- AccountImpl2
  - The constructor should receive a reference to the AccountManagerImpl2 object. This is to allow the Account object call the updateAccount method of the AccountManagerImpl2.
    - AccountImpl2(String name, int balance, AccountManagerImpl2 accountManager)
    - this.accountManager = accountManager;
- withdraw, deposit
  - call the updateAccount method of the AccountManager to write the changes back to DB

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accountManager.updateAccount(this);

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### Download Classes Dynamically

- JVM can dynamically download Java software from any URL, e.g. a web server.
- A codebase is a place, from which to load classes into a virtual machine.
  - CLASSPATH is a "local codebase", because it is the list of places on disk from which you load local classes.
  - java.rmi.server.codebase property value represents one or more URL locations from which classes needed during the execution of the RMI applications can be downloaded.
- The classes needed to execute remote method calls should be made accessible from a network resource, such as an HTTP or FTP server.
- java.rmi.server.codebase can be specified when a program is started
  - java -Djava.rmi.server.codebase=http://localhost:8080/rmi/ex6/ ComputeClient

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# Remote Method Arguments and Return Values

- The arguments and the return values of a remote method are either primitive data types, e.g int, or objects which implement java.io.Serializable interface, or references to remote objects.
- The server does not necessarily know the concrete implementation of the objects being passed in. As a consequence, the server's JVM might also need to download the relevant classes when a remote method call is made.

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# The need for downloading classes dynamically (1)

- When a client makes a method call, there are three possible cases:
  - All of the method parameters (and return value) are primitive data types, so the remote object knows how to interpret them. Thus, there is no need to check its CLASSPATH or any codebase.
  - At least one remote method parameter or the return value is an object, for which the remote object can find the class definition locally in its CLASSPATH.
  - The remote method receives an object instance, for which the remote object cannot find the class definition locally in its CLASSPATH.
    - The class of the object sent by the client will be a subtype of the declared parameter type.
    - · In this case the class need to be downloaded to the server.

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The need for downloading classes dynamically (2)

• When a client receives a stub, the stub uses classes which cannot be found in the client's CLASSPATH. In this case the class need to be downloaded to the client.

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import java.rmi.*; import java.rmi.server.*;	
public class ComputeImpl implements Compute	
<pre>public ComputeImpl() throws RemoteException {     // set up security manager to allow class downloadin     System.setSecurityManager(new RMISecurityManager)</pre>	g ger());
}	
<pre>public <t> T executeTask(Task<t>t) {     // execute the submitted job     return t.execute();</t></t></pre>	
}	
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### Policy files

- When a compute engine object is created, the security manager of the object will read a policy file to determine which actions are allowed for the compute engine.
- The file below allows the engine to accept connections and make connections on any non-privileged port.

grant {

permission java.net.SocketPermission "\*:1024-65535", "accept, connect";
};

java -Djava.security.policy=mypolicy RegCompute

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# public class Adder implements Task<Integer> { private static final long serialVersionUID = 334L; private int i, j; public Adder(int i, int j) { this.i = i; this.j = j; } public Integer execute() { return (new Integer(i+j)); } } COMPSCI334 64







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- unpack the file and store it at H:\sfacapps\tomcat-6.0\webapps
- Start Tomcat in the lab
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### Process data remotely

- Process data remotely means the data will be processed at the location that the data is stored
  - Pass reference of data to the applications
  - Invoke methods on data object to execute the operations remotely
- Pros: avoid transmitting a large amount of data across the network
- Cons: there are overhead associated with the middleware



How to make a program run efficientlyReduce the amount of operations involving the network

- Only access a remote service when it is necessary
- Send data to the machine on which the processing occurs
- Avoid sending a large amount of data over the network
  - Process the data at the place that the data is stored
- There is a trade-off between processing data locally and remotely
- Have as much data in the cache as possible

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- In AccountManager
  - public Account getAccount(String name) throws RemoteException;
- public interface Account extends Remote
- All the operations on the Account object are remote operations

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Before the application terminates, write the modified data back to the DB

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- The client application, BankClient, creates a LocalManager object
  - LocalManager localManager = new LocalManager();
- The client application interacts with the remote AccountManager through the LocalManager object
  - account = localManager.getAccount("X");
- Once a reference to an Account object is obtained, the client application can manipulate the object
  - The Account object is not a remote object

- When getAccount is called, an Account object to returned to the client application.
- Define a LocalManager class to manage the cached data
- The client application interacts with the server through LocalManager
  - LocalManager should provide the same set of method as the remote AccountManager object
    - public Account getAccount(String name)
    - The method is not an RMI remote method
    - The Account object being returned is a local object

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- The LocalManager maintains a cache
   private Hashtable/String Accounts accounts
  - private Hashtable<String, Account> accountCache = new Hashtable<String, Account>();
- The LocalManager needs to retrieve the account information from the remote server.
  - remoteManager = (AccountManager) Naming .lookup("//localhost:8081/manager");
- When the client application wants to retrieve an Account object, the LocalManager needs to check to see whether the object exists in the cache first.
  - localAccount = accountCache.get(name);
  - if (localAccount != null)
- If the Account object does not exist in the cache, the LocalManager obtains the object from the remote server and stores the object in the cache.
  - localAccount = remoteManager.getAccount(name);
  - accountCache.put(name, localAccount);

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Time to complete: 31 milliseconds

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Balance of X's account is: 2468 Time to complete: 125 milliseconds

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