Daemon Infrastructure: An Overview of Technical Design

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Functions of a Daemon Server

- Dynamic deployment of daemons as plain Java objects
- Lifecycle management
 - Automatic and manual
- Configuration management
 - During startup and at runtime
- Monitoring, restarting, providing notifications
- Logging
- DAQ-specific functions (not discussed today)

J2EE Application Server



Examples of J2EE Services

- Servlet container
- Enterprise Java Beans container
- Transactions
- Mail
- Messaging
- Security
- Object Persistence
- Deployment

Standard J2EE Containers

- <u>Servlet Container (Tomcat, Jetty):</u>
 - Implements different kind of lifecycle
 - Servlets can't be used standalone
- Enterprise Java Beans (EJB) Container:
 - The concept of EJB is complex, not well suited for daemons
 - EJB can't create internal threads (?)
- <u>Both:</u>

- Rudimentary configuration management

Application Server Organization

- Sun specifies which services must be implemented by a compliant server, provides abstract API.
- Many J2EE implementers choose modular design, in which individual services can be deployed, undeployed, and reconfigured, according to the users' needs.
- Services resemble daemons.

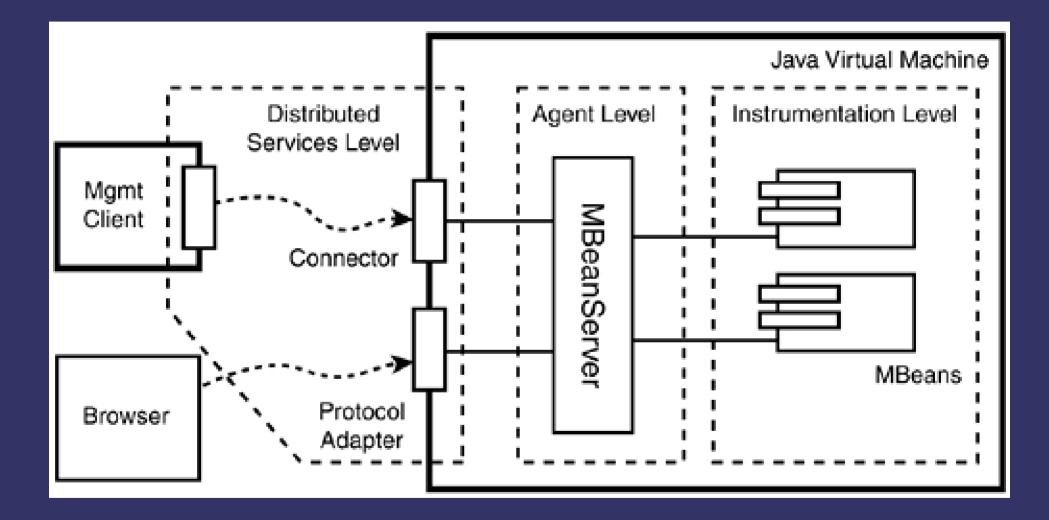
Standard Services vs. Daemons



Service Mgmt. Frameworks

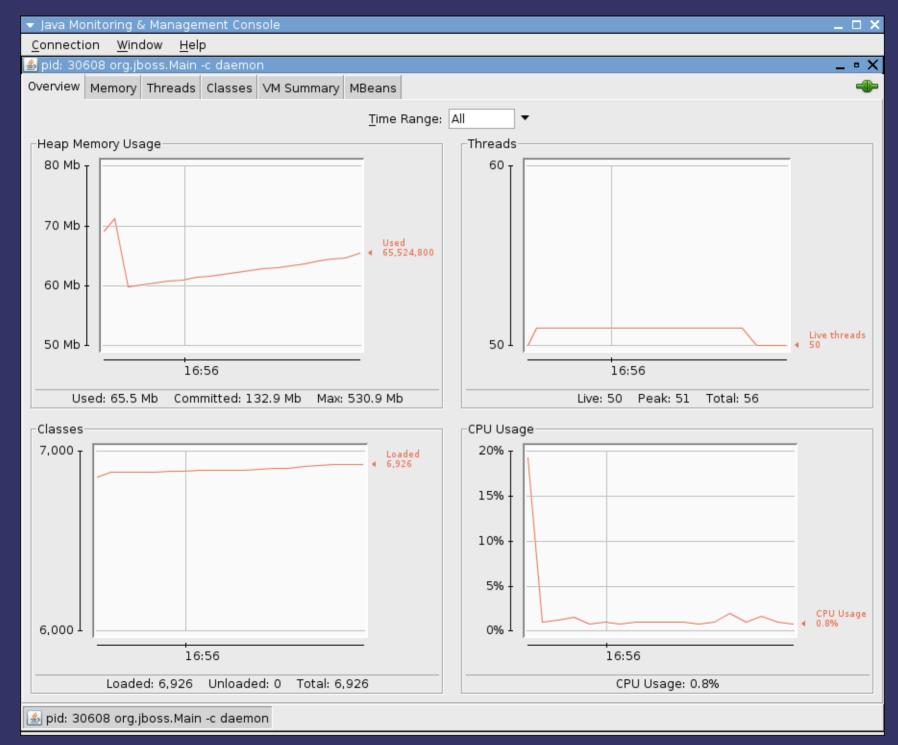
- Java Management Extension (JMX)
 - Developed by Sun; JMX API is part of Java SE
 - Used by Java VM for internal diagnostics
 - Used in Red Hat **JBoss** AS
- Open Service Gateway Initiative (OSGi)
 - Used in Eclipse IDE, Apache **Geronimo** AS, IBM **WebSphere** AS (?)
- GBeans
 - Used in OpenWeb JOnAS
 - Superseded by JMX (?)

Java Management Extension (JMX)



Functions of JMX

- Registers user's objects (called *MBeans*)
 - Defines 4 standard types of MBeans
- Acquires an object's description, including its management interface
- Allows clients—local and remote—to address objects by name and call their management interfaces
- [Not part of the framework] General-purpose management clients are readily available; examples will follow...

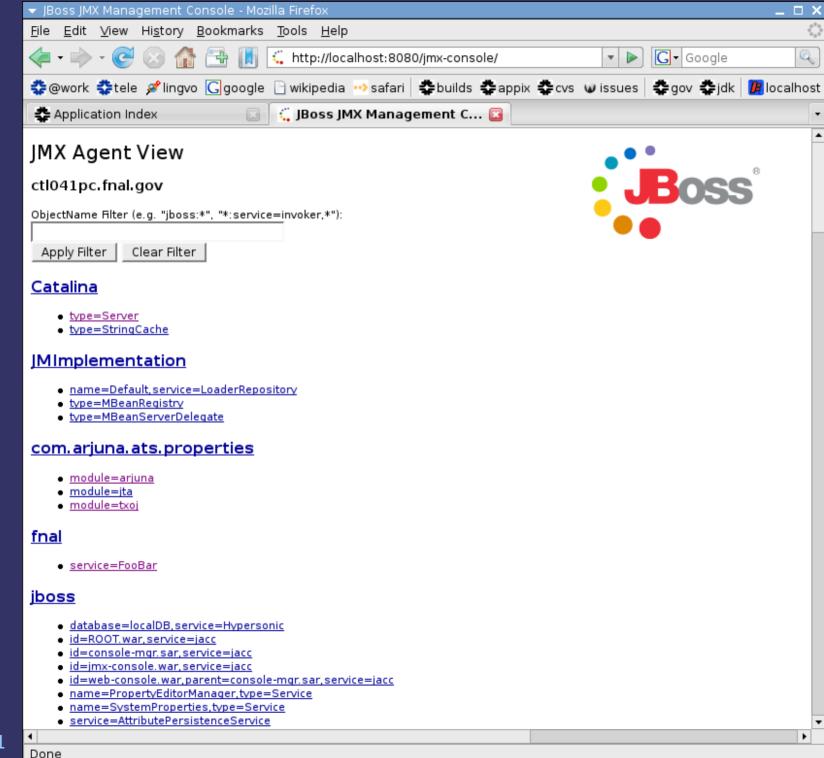


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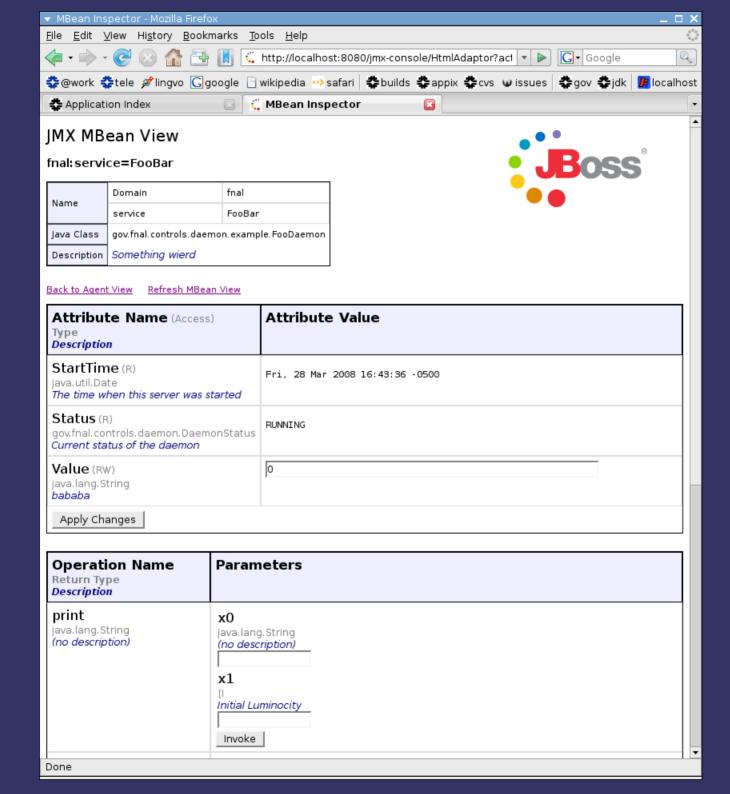
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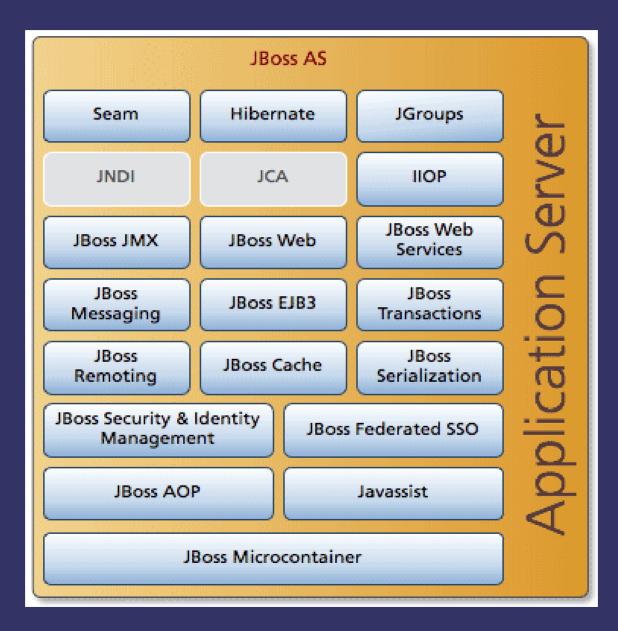
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Not implemented in JMX

- Dynamic deployment of user's objects
- Classpath segregation (and all related business of hierarchical class loading)
- Standard agent services: Timer MBean, Monitoring MBean, etc.

JBoss Application Server



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JBoss Microcontainer

- A foundation of JBoss Application Server—loads and manages all its services
- Includes a comprehensive set of deployers (from plain file system, from an archives, from a remote URL (?))
- Implements hierarchical classloading
- Large number of additional services (most of them will have to be disabled)
- Compliant to JMX specification—can load arbitrary Mbeans as a new service

Back to daemons...

My Proposal

- Organize daemons as Dynamic MBeans.
- Develop an AbstractDaemon, which shall be extended by all concrete daemons.
- Use annotations to describe management interface and store daemon's metainformation.
- Not to use any vendor-specific API, only JMX from Java SE.
- Provisionally, use JBoss AS 5 as an MBean server; remove unneeded services.
- Set up custom deployment procedure connected to the building system in place.

Things To Worry About

- MBean unloading: misbehaving or badly designed daemon can make hot undeployment impossible.
- JBoss performance and reliability?
- JBoss 5 doesn't officially support Java 6, however there is a workaround.
- Version transition at JBoss: should stay away of creating code dependencies.