



Java<sup>™</sup> and **NetWare: Issues** and **Opportunities** for Java **Applications in** the NetWare Environment **Drew Major** Chief Scientist Novell, Inc.



## **NetWare Opportunity**

- Installed Base:
  - Over 55 million PC client nodes
  - Over 3 million Servers
- Current Run Rate:
  - 63% of NOS servers
  - 51% of NOS and app servers





## **NetWare Opportunity**

- NetWare is used:
  - By businesses of all sizes
  - For resource sharing
  - For communications infrastructure
  - For database servers
  - To support office automation and PC personal productivity apps





## **NetWare Opportunity**

- NetWare has by far the largest installed base of intranet business customers
- Novell strongly supports Java<sup>™</sup> and is providing infrastructure for client and server Java business applications



#### **NetWare on Java**

- Novell will provide Java and JIT compilation on NetWare servers
  - First "OS-level" license covers clients if needed

- GUI for NetWare
- Java will be a "user level" execution environment for server applications on NetWare



#### **Java Value**

Java's pervasiveness, combined with Novell. platform and processor neutrality, enables a new generation of distributed applications

- Not just for browsers and client apps
- Useful for deployment of server-side and distributed logic



#### **NetWare Value**

NetWare is a special purpose application and services platform:

- Optimized for network communication and resource sharing
- "Minimal" OS well suited for Java



## NetWare Value (cont.)

## NetWare is a special purpose application and services platform:

• Robust set of services including file, transport independent print, directory and management

- Adding strong intranet / internet capabilities including Web publishing, proxy, firewall, etc.
- NetWare is becoming fully transport independent



## NetWare Uses of the Java Language

- NetWare will use Java apps in a variety of ways:
  - User-level programming for NetWare servers
  - Client & server administration and management utilities
  - Novell Directory Services schema enhancements





# NetWare Uses of the Java Language (cont.)

- Dynamic HTML page generation
- Access to NetWare service without requiring NetWare client technology

- Java NCP engine for legacy NetWare servers
- Flexible logic deployment between client and server



## NetWare Value to Java Apps

- NetWare services and infrastructure adds business oriented capabilities to the Java environment
- Exploit NetWare global naming, security, access control
  - Other services like resource sharing, communications gateways, etc.
- Class libraries for business applications
  - Most not NetWare specific
  - Anticipate some added to base system



## NetWare Value to Java Apps (cont.)

- Java component management
- Novell Directory Services as a component registry / trader
  - Logical naming, access control, configuration management, versioning, multiple service providers
- Infrastructure to realize Java's potential to minimize software distribution / installation / management / maintenance problems





## NetWare Value to Java Apps (cont.)

- Distributed application
   communication infrastructure
  - Integrated, secure, authenticated communication "pipe"

- RMI, CORBA access to NetWare services, infrastructure
- NetWare servers ideally suited to host Java
  - Ongoing NetWare OS enhancements driven by Java requirements



#### Flexible Component Deployment

- Java based components which can run anywhere on the network
  - Location transparent to users
  - Location transparent to other components

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- Application structural benefits



## Flexible Component Deployment (cont.)

#### Enabled by:



- Identical Java environment everywhere

   Including on NetWare servers
- Java network loading and location transparent invocation (e.g., CORBA, RMI)
- Location transparent management, directory, and trading services (e.g., NDS, X.500, etc.)







#### Proposed Java Class Library Extensions



- 1. Generic Naming Classes
  - Common Object Service-based
  - Supported by NDS, LDAP, ODSI, X.500
- 2. Protocol independent enhancements to java.net
  - IPX / SPX
  - Preparatory for IPv6
- 3. Security



## Future of Distributed Applications

Flexible Semantic Content Novell Computer to Computer Communication Evolution:

"Retrieve the Data" (resource sharing) —> "Retrieve the Answer" (SQL)

Next evolutionary step:

"Optimally Place Logic" (Java-based) Ability to optimally place logic will revolutionize distributed applications



#### Future of Distributed Applications

- "Service" Protocol Evolution:
  - Simple Verb (NCP, HTTP) —
  - Sophisticated Verb (SQL) —>
  - Procedural (RPC) –
  - Object (llOP)
- Next Evolutionary Step:
  - Object + Logic (IIOP + URL + Java apps)

Java helps enable dynamic placement of logic to distributed objects





## How Flexible Logic Deployment Works

#### **Browser Example:**

- 1. User selects "hypertext link" which connects browser via URL to appropriate server
- 2. Using HTTP, browser requests page definition from server which includes references to Java applets
- 3. Browser requests and downloads Java applets and runs them



### How Flexible Logic Deployment Works

#### **Client SQL Example:**



- 1. Client SQL application connects to SQL server specific database
- 2. Client "pushes" application low level SQL query logic to server
- 3. Client invokes object methods which transparently execute application logic on the server



#### Infrastructure for Distributed Applications

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Java Language + Rich Transport + Directory (NDS) + Objects (ORB) +Component Management = Next Generation infrastructure for Distributed Applications



### NetWare / Java Time Frame

- Now:
  - http://java.novell.com
- June:
  - Naming class library proposal
- July:
  - Naming class library prototype



#### NetWare / Java Time Frame (cont.)

- September:
  - java.nlm beta
  - Additional generic and NetWare specific class libraries in beta
- October:
  - Full JDK
- Mid '97

NetWare release fully integrated with Java





#### **NetWare and Java**

- NetWare represents a huge new opportunity for Java business applications
- Novell is committed to the success of the Java programming language