





Distributed ComputingLesson 15: 3-Tier Application Structure

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Outline



1 3-Tier Application Structure



Overview



- What are 3-tier architectures?
- How can they be constructed with the technologies we already learned?



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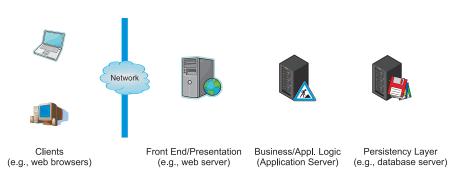


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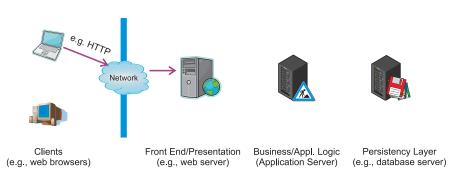
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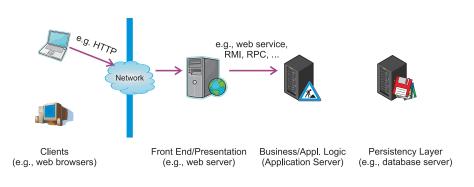
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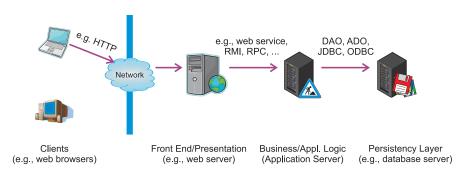






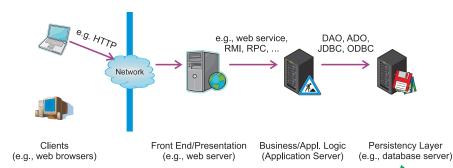






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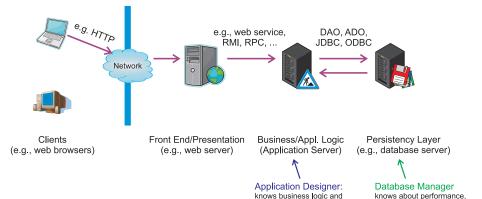
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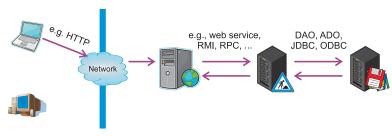
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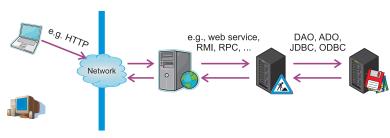
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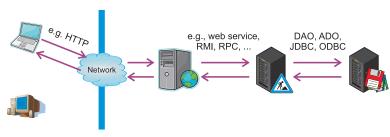
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Colored Logic 2005-08-31 http://thedailywtf.com/Articles/Colored_Logic.aspx

by Alex Papadimoulis in Feature Articles (136 Comments)

When developing software that requires a user interface, some of us strive for a architecture to ensure ease of change to the UI and data components. Others will couple their business and display logic a little more tightly, using variables and classes to go between the two. And then there are the few (Adam Courtney's colleague included) who use the color of a UI component to determine business logic and program flow ...

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If lblClientName.BackColor = RGB(255, 0, 0) Then 'new client

'Setup the client account
Call SaveNewClientData

'notify use of success
If lblClientNum.ForeColor = RGB(0, 0, 153) Then
MsgBox "Client was created but is pending activation."

ElseIf lblClientNum.ForeColor = RGB(0, 128, 0) Then
MsgBox "Client was created and was successfully activated."

ElseIf lblClientNum.ForeColor = RGB(255, 0, 0)
And lblClientNum.Caption = "999999" Then
MsgBox "There was an error creating the client." &

"Please ensure all required fields were entered."

End If

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- RMI can be used to build such an infrastructure

Summary



- 3-tier architectes allow clear separation of concerns
- they allow us to build extensible web applications
- RMI is one way to realize the communication between the front end and the middle tier in a 3-tier architecture



谢谢 Thank you

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