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Presentation Goal & Context

With the recent adoption of the

distributed technologies such as CORBA, J2EE and Web Services the system monitoring requirements have become much more complex and demanding.

This presentation provides an overview of the thoughts and experimentation of an monitoring solution using JavaSpaces.

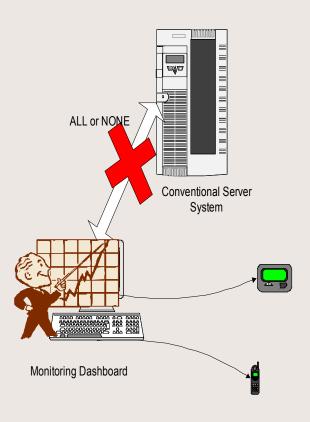






Conventional Server System Monitoring Vs Distributed Server System Monitoring

- Failure in a conventional server based system is "Total" – It is "ALL or NONE" scenario.
 - Mostly "system management" tools such as Tivoli ARE used to monitor the health and performance of the system.

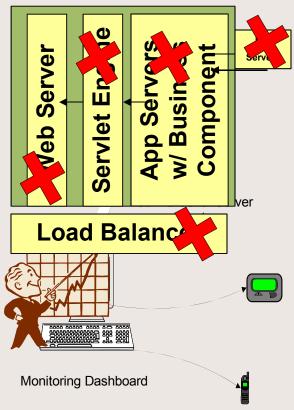






Conventional Server System Monitoring Vs Distributed Server System Monitoring

- Failure in distributed server system are "Partial" –
 - Most distributed systems are multi-tiered architecture composed of – load balancers, web servers, application servers, database servers, security servers, transaction servers linked through networked components
 - Monitoring such systems poses enough challenges
 - Different parts of the same system can fail without the knowledge of the other



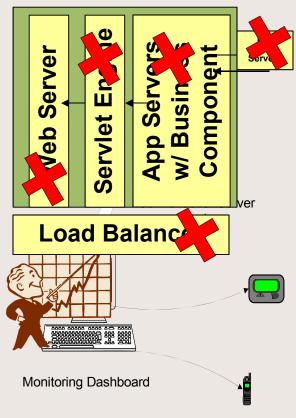


What Is Different?

Conventional Server System Monitoring Vs Distributed Server System Monitoring

- Add
 - Cloning or Clustering
 - Performance Monitoring
 - Business SLA (Service Level Agreement) monitoring
 - System availability (24x7x365)
 Monitoring

The problem is complex !

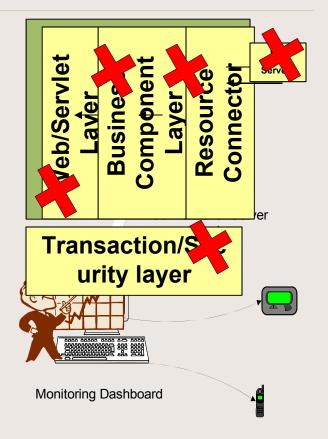






A Simple Solution to This Complex Problem

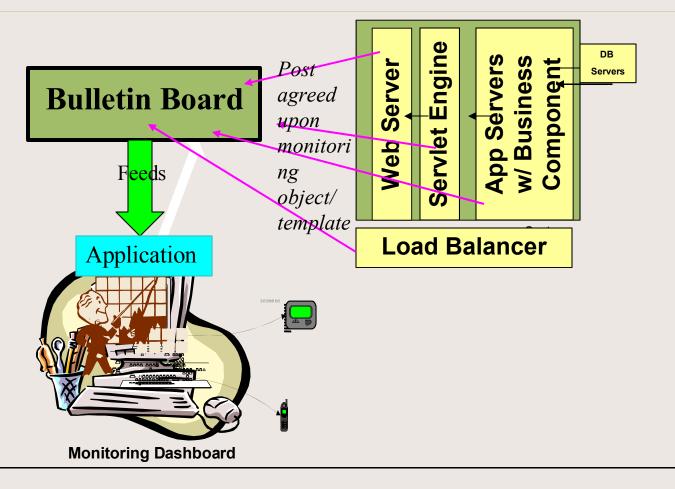
- Provide a "message board" where each distributed component can post its operation/ performance/ status information in a mutually agreed format/template using a "generic monitoring framework"
- Build an "application" which can feed the message board and provide a dashboard view







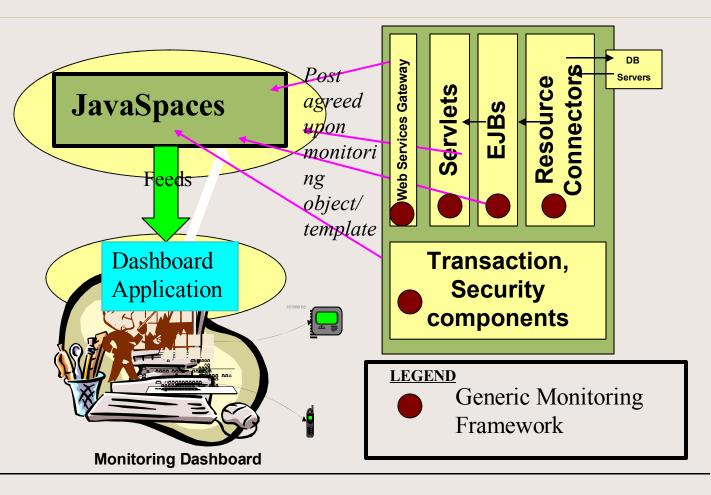
A Simple Solution to This Complex Problem - Conceptual View







A Simple Solution to This Complex Problem - Logical/physical View





Javaspaces Approach – Why Javaspaces?

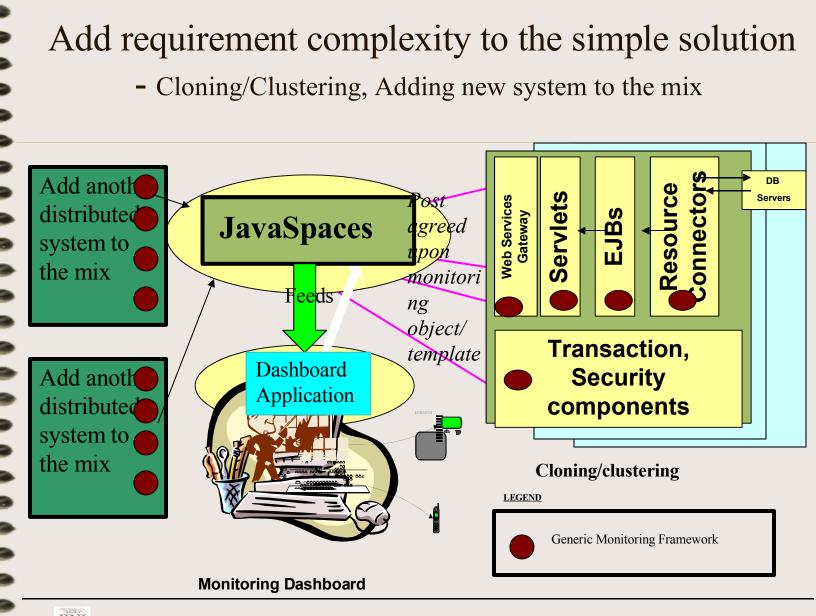
- JavaSpaces possess the following inherent characteristics.
 - Provide network accessible shared memories.
 - Supports the bulletin board-like requirements.
 - Supports Loosely coupled environment.
 - Processes interact indirectly through the space and do not need to know each other.
 - Data senders and receivers are not required to know each other.
 - Supports distributed data structure.
 - The monitor-data structure can contain the various data needed for complete application monitoring such as performance, time, business transaction information. These data could be filled by a single component/process or multiple component/processes based on the probing strategies.
 - Provides Simple but powerful APIs.
 - Read(), write(), take().



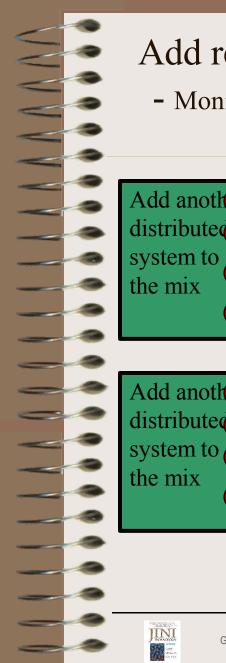
Javaspaces Approach – Why Javaspaces?

- JavaSpaces possess the following inherent characteristics ... (continued)
 - Provides secure transaction specific model using simple APIs
 - Read(), write(), take()
 - Support template based search/associative lookup
 - Locate the objects based on the content rather than by memory location or identifier
 - If needed the same monitoring object can be looked up for gathering an SLA for a specific business transaction or the performance clocking for the end-2-end/resource-connector-2-end
 - This feature perfectly fits the dashboard application needs
 - Support distributed events and transaction as a part of the Jini application model
 - Can be used to report a failure during a process-flow to any registered client
 - Since the dashboard application is operating outside the monitored-system JVM, it does not impact the performance of the existing system



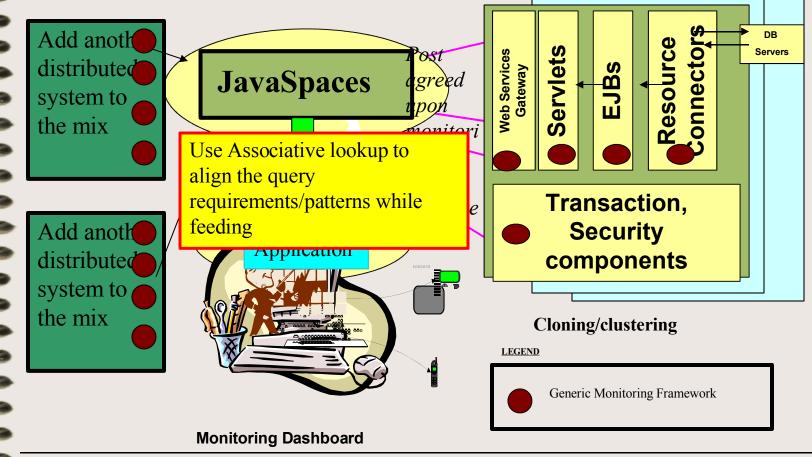






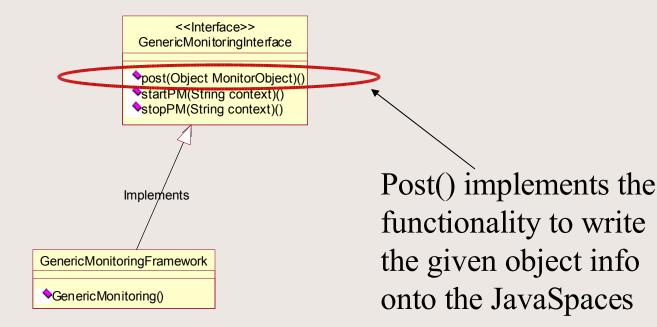
Add requirement complexity to the simple solution

- Monitoring pattern to the mix – Performance, SLAs, Availability





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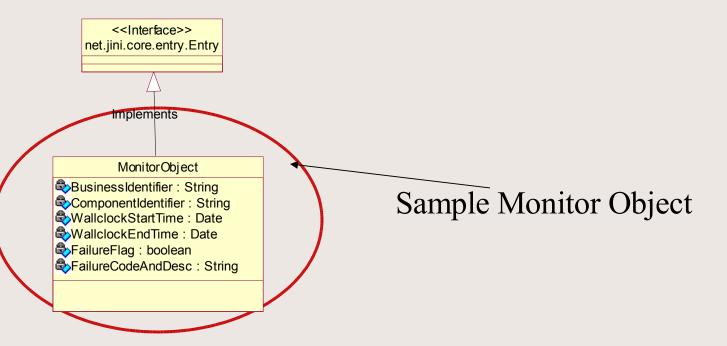






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GMF w/Java Spaces Approach Detail Design (Peek-View)





Javaspaces/Generic Monitoring Framework Approach – Challenges Foreseen

- As the core functionality revolves around the generic monitoring framework which encapsulates the JavaSpaces APIs, it may be difficult to bring non-JVM distributed application into the mix.
- Pre-package application can be another challenge

-Mitigation/Probable solution

•The Dashboard application can feed off certain information from the available/re-formatted log file in addition to the Space entries



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