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# IBM Toolbox for Java™: Advanced



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IBM Toolbox for Java<sup>TM</sup>: Advanced

The Toolbox/JTOpen is a set of Java classes and utilities which provide access to IBM i® data and resources

Useful in client/server environments - any Java client!

Java client application

Java applet (in browser)

Java servlet - communicating with the IBM i from another web server

Your Java\* program

IBM Toolbox for Java

Java Virtual Machine

TCP/IP

IBM I Host Servers

IPM IBM i data and resources

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IBM IBM Power Systems Toolbox runs optimized on IBM i - makes direct API calls using JNI Your application code is the same - the Toolbox selects its own implementation based on whether it is running on the IBM i or not · Useful in server environments - any Java server - Server to a client application - Server application - Java servlet - running on IBM i Your Java <sup>™</sup>program IBM Toolbox for Java TCP/IP JNI IBM i IBM i data and resources DB2 for IBM i

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# Considerations for running the Toolbox under IBM i

#### API set to use:

- Native JDBC driver vs Toolbox JDBC driver
- java.io.File vs IFSFile
- Portability vs complexity
  - JNI vs ProgramCall / CommandCall

#### CRTJVAPGM on Toolbox file

• jt400.jar or jt400Native.jar

#### AS400 object can use current job's user ID and password

- When Java program and data are on the same system running IBM i
- When Java program on one system running <u>IBM i</u> and data is on another system running <u>IBM i</u>

Many Toolbox components can stay in the current job using **native API calls** instead of a server job.

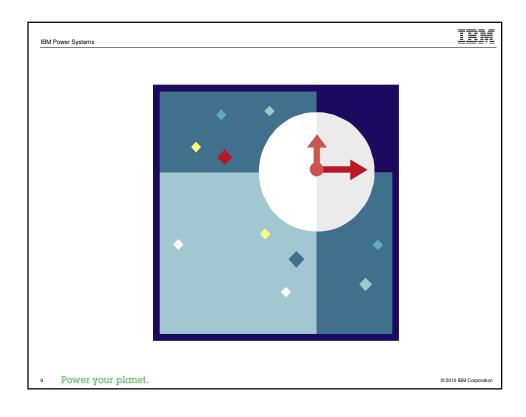
- · Other functions still use server job
- · CommandCall and ProgramCall do this conditionally
  - Consideration: whether the command or program is threadsafe
  - See the setThreadSafe() method

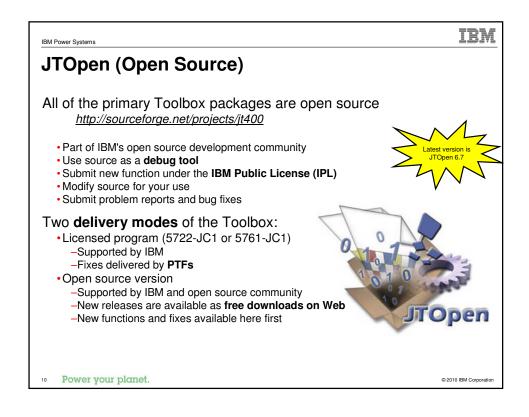
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Component	Toolbox includes	Native optimization
AS400 object	•	•
AS400JPing/JPing	•	•
Authentication (com.ibm.as400.security.auth package)	•	•
Clustered Hashtables	•	•
Command call	•	•
Connection pool	•	
Data area	•	•
Data conversion	•	•
Data description	•	•
Data queue	•	•
Digital cerificate	•	•
Environment variable	•	•
File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	•	•
Graphical Toolbox (com.ibm.as400.ui.* package)	•	
GUI classes (com.ibm.as400.vaccess package)	•	
(deprecated)		
HTML classes (com.ibm.as400.util.html package)	•	•

Component	Toolbox includes	Native optimization
Integrated file system (IFS)	•	or use java.io.File
JarMaker	•	
Java application call	•	•
Java program information	•	•
JDBC	•	<ul> <li>or use native JDBC driver</li> </ul>
Job and job log	•	•
Message file	•	•
Message queue	•	•
Micro Edition classes (com.ibm.as400.micro package)	•	•
NetServer	•	•
Permissions	•	•
Print (e.g. spooled files, printers)	•	•
Product license	•	•
Product, ProductList	•	•
Program call	•	•
Program Call Markup Language (PCML & XPCML) (com.ibm.as400.data package)	•	•
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# The AS400 object

Represents a connection to the IBM i

Encapsulates security/identity

- · Password caching available
- · Establish a default User ID
- · Sign-on GUI if UserID/password not supplied by application
- · Change password GUI when appropriate
- · Provides Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) communication
  - Encryption and server authentication

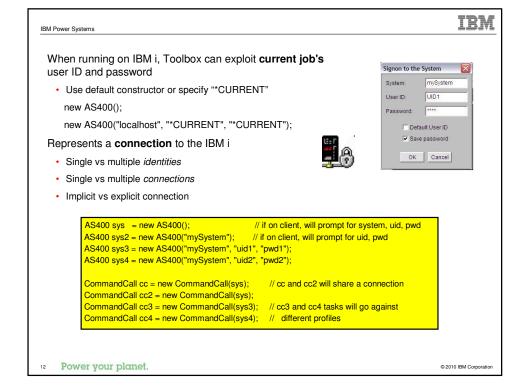
Most Toolbox classes use the AS400 object



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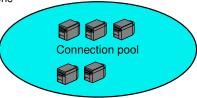
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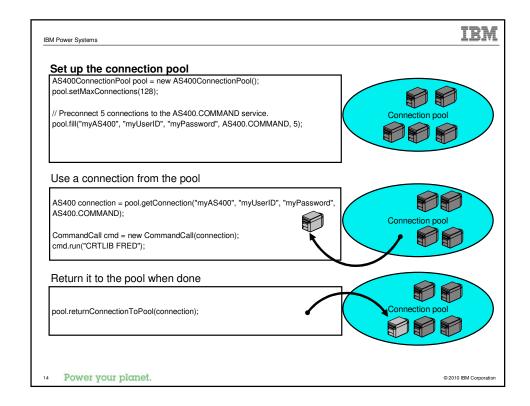
# **Connection pooling**

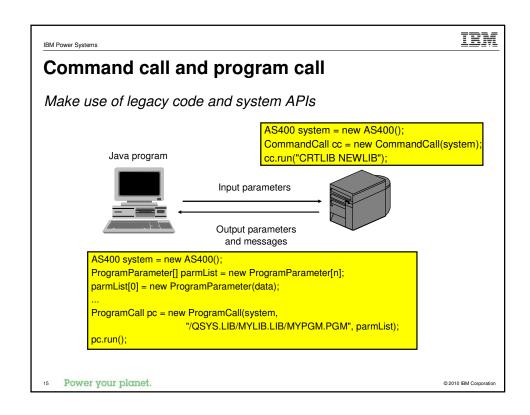
#### Connection pooling can improve performance

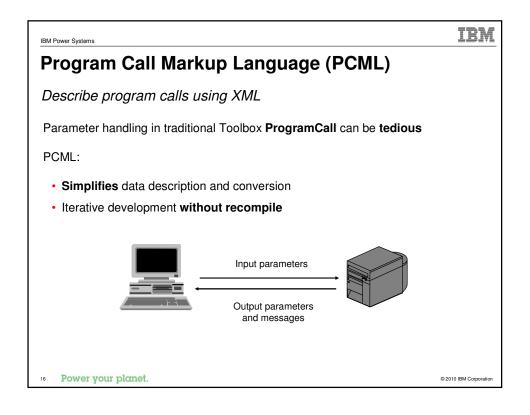
- · Each new connection to the server can be an expensive operation
- Pooling means reusing AS400 objects i.e. keeping the connection open for later
- · Saves frequent disconnects and reconnects
- · Common scenario: servlets
  - Without pooling: Create a new AS400 object for each invocation of the servlet
  - With pooling: Grab a preconnected AS400 object from the pool for each invocation of the servlet, return it when done
- · Connections will be added as needed



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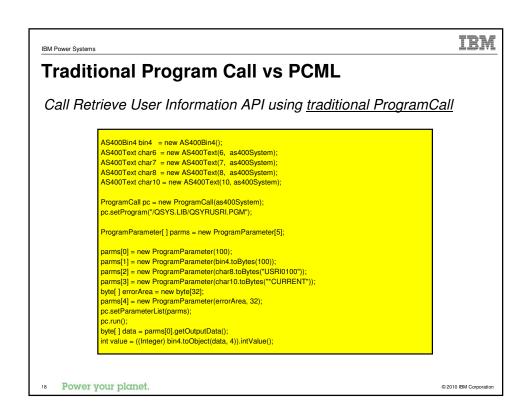
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Traditional Program Call vs PCML

Call Retrieve User Information API using PCML

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## **Data Queues**

### Store data entries in a queue for processing

- •Good for message passing across multiple processes
- DataQueue or <u>Keyed</u>DataQueue
- ·Supports clear, peek, read, and write operations
- ·Entries on queue can be ordered LIFO or FIFO
- Authority parameter useful to limit access
- Persistent

### **Entries** are in the form of DataQueueEntry objects

- •Return entry data as bytes (no data conversion)
- •Return entry data as a String (converted to Unicode)
- •Entry size set when queue is created (max. 64KB)

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#### IRM IBM Power Systems **Data Queues** Example: Using a DataQueue **Process A Process B** // Create a DataQueue object to represent a specific // Create a DataQueue object to represent a specific data AS400 system = new AS400("MYSYSTEM", "MYUSERID", "MYPASSWORD"); queue. AS400 system = new AS400("MYSYSTEM", "MYUSERID", "MYPASSWORD"); // If it doesn't exist, create it. // If it doesn't exist, create it. if (!dq.exists()) if (!dq.exists()) dq.create(1024); // Entry length is 1KB dq.create(1024); // Entry length is 1KB // Write something to the queue. // The other process will read it. dq.write("Some useful information."); while (someCondition == true) // Wait forever until an entry appears on the DataQueueEntry entry = dq.read(); // When all done with the queue, delete it. dq.delete(); // Process the entry's data. String information = entry.getString();

# **User Spaces**

Store data in an indexed memory "space"

- · Good for **sharing** common data across multiple processes
- Supports read and write operations
- Specify offset to index inside the user space
- · Set initial value and length properties
- · Max. length is just under 16MB
- · Authority parameter useful to limit access
- Persistent

Some IBM i APIs return output data in a **user space** instead of in a ProgramCall **output parameter** 

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# **RFML (Record Format Markup Language)**

Very similar to PCML (Program Call Markup Language)

While PCML is designed only for Program Parameters, RFML is useful for **parsing/composing**:

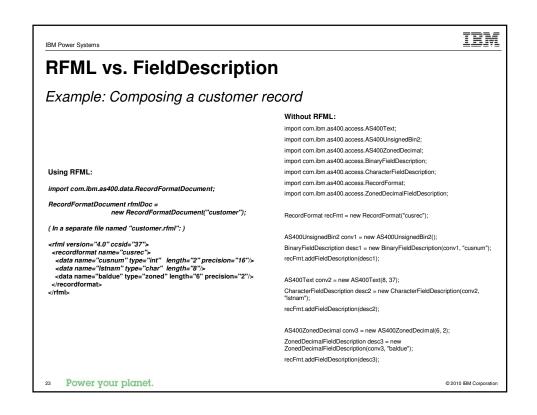
- · Data queue entries
- User spaces
- · Physical file records
- Data buffers

Specify record formats using XML; get/set field values

Segregate the data layout from the program logic

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## **JDBC**

### The Java standard for database access

Write Java programs in terms of standard JDBC interfaces, then plug in *any* JDBC driver - to work with *any* database!

• Java gives you <u>platform</u> independence; JDBC gives you <u>database</u> independence

java.sql package in Java Developers Kit

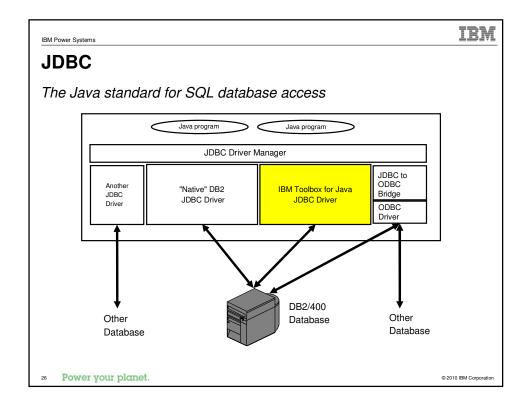
SQL is used extensively

Based on X/Open SQL Call Level Interface

#### Also supports:

- ·Database definitions, manipulations, and queries
- Stored procedures
- ·Catalog methods
- •Transactions (commit, rollback, isolation levels, distributed)

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## **JDBC**

### Registering a JDBC driver

A JDBC driver must be **registered** with the DriverManager:

- · Most JDBC drivers will register themselves when they are loaded:
  - Class.forName("JDBC.driver.class.name"); // this is the preferred method
- · You can also register JDBC drivers explicitly:
  - DriverManager.registerDriver(new JDBC.driver.class.name());
- The DriverManager can now dispatch requests to the registered JDBC driver

```
// Register using a Java property
java -Djdbc.drivers=com.ibm.as400.access.AS400JDBCDriver myProgram

// Register by writing Java code
java.sql.DriverManager.registerDriver(new com.ibm.as400.access.AS400JDBCDriver());
java.sql.DriverManager.registerDriver(new com.ibm.db2.jdbc.app.DB2Driver());
```

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## **JDBC**

### Connecting to a database

- Use the DriverManager to connect to a database
  - Connection connection = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:your-database's-URL");
- · Userid and password are optional
- The DriverManager will dispatch the connection request to the appropriate JDBC driver
- Some drivers recognize additional connection properties

```
Properties connProps = new Properties();
connProps.put("cursor hold", "0");
connProps.put("date format", "iso");

Connection c = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:as400://mySystem", connProps);
```

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## **IBM i JDBC driver choices**

#### IBM Toolbox for Java JDBC driver

#### com.ibm.as400.access.AS400JDBCDriver

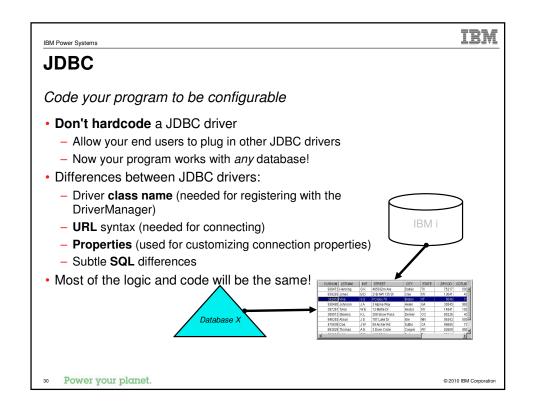
- · Communicates with the database host server using TCP/IP sockets
- · Provides extended dynamic performance optimizations
- · Great for:
  - Client/server applications
  - Applets
  - Servlets where the Web server and data are not on the same IBM i system

#### "Native" DB2 JDBC driver

#### com.ibm.db2.jdbc.app.DB2Driver

- · Communicates with the database using direct CLI calls
- Great for:
  - Server applications
  - Servlets where the Web server and data are on the same IBM i system
- · Toolbox JDBC driver can switch to use the DB2 driver
  - Use the JDBC property "driver=native" on the connection URL

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### **JDBC**

#### Statements

Statement "handles" are needed to issue SQL statements:

- Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
- statement.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO MYTABLE (COL1) VALUES (45)");
- ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery("SELECT \* FROM MYTABLE");

Use <u>Prepared</u>Statements when executing an SQL statement multiple times, or when parameters are needed:

- PreparedStatement ps = connection.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO MYTABLE (?)");
- ps.setInt(1, 45);
- ps.executeUpdate();

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Statements (continued)

Use **CallableStatements** when calling a stored procedure

```
CallableStatement cs = connection.prepareCall("CALL MYPROC (?, ?, ?)");
cs.setInt(1, 88);
cs.setInt(2, 99);
cs.registerOutParameter(2, Types.INTEGER);
cs.registerOutParameter(3, Types.VARCHAR);
cs.executeUpdate();
int n = cs.getInt(2);
String x = cs.getString(3);
```

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#### ResultSets

ResultSets contain the result data from a query

- ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery("SELECT \* FROM MYTABLE");
- String value = rs.getString("COLUMNA");

ResultSetMetaData objects describe the columns in a ResultSet

- ResultSetMetaData rsmd = rs.getMetaData();
- String columnName = rsmd.getColumnName(1);
- int displaySize = rsmd.getColumnDisplaySize(1);

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## **JDBC**

#### What else is there?

DatabaseMetaData

· Information about tables, columns, procedures, ...

SQLExceptions and SQLWarnings

· Used for error handling

#### **JDBC 3.0**

- Savepoints
- · Parameter meta data
- BLOB and CLOB methods
- Independent auxiliary storage pools (IASPs)

#### JDBC 4.0 🜟

- SQL XML data type
- Enhanced exception management new exception subclasses
- · Wrapper pattern support
- Client info support
- Requires Java 6.0 JVM (JDK 1.6) 🤺



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# **IBM Toolbox for Java JDBC specifics**

## Connection properties

• Can be set in DriverManager.getConnection():

```
Properties connProps = new Properties();
connProps.put("cursor hold", "true");
connProps.put("date format", "iso");

Connection c = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:as400://mySystem", connProps);
```

· ...or in the URL:

Connection c = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:as400://mySystem;cursor hold=false;date format=iso", connProps);

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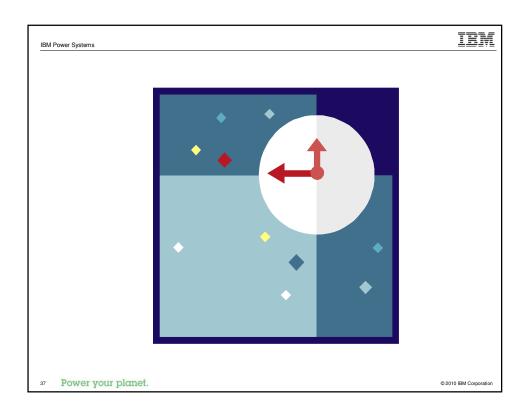
# **IBM Toolbox for Java JDBC specifics**

## Some helpful connection properties:

Connection property	Description
"libraries"	Specify a library list, e.g. "MYLIB,*LIBL,ANOTHER"
"date format", "time format"	Specify the format for String representations of dates and times, e.g. "iso", "mdy", "usa"
"naming"	Specify the naming convention for qualified table names, either "sql" (for collection.table) or "system" (for library/file)
"block criteria", "block size"	Define block size for fetching multiple rows, can greatly improve performance
"extended dynamic",	
"package cache", etc.	Use extended dynamic support. Improves performance when same statements are prepared repeatedly - even across different runs of the program
"secure"	Use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
"translate binary"	Specify "true" if you have text strings stored in binary columns (some legacy programs do this)

There are many other connection properties...

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# **Record-level database access**

Fast access to IBM i database files

Provides access to physical and logical files:

- •Access records sequentially, or by record number or key
- Support for locking
- Support for transactions (commit and rollback)

Options for **describing** the **Record Format**:

- •The programmer can write the code
- •The Toolbox can retrieve the record format at **development-time** and output Java source code
- •The Toolbox can retrieve the record format at run-time

When running on IBM i, direct API calls are made instead of using the host server (these are known as "native optimizations")

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## Record-level database access

Fast access to IBM i database files

```
QSYSObjectPathName fileName = new QSYSObjectPathName("QIWS", "QCUSTCDT", "FILE");

SequentialFile file = new SequentialFile(as400, fileName.getPath());

file.setRecordFormat();  // Loads the record format directly from the server.

file.open();

Record data = file.readNext();

while (data != null)

{
    System.out.print((String)data.getField("INIT") + " ");
    System.out.print((String)data.getField("LSTNAM") + " ");
    System.out.println((BigDecimal)data.getField("BALDUE"));
    data = file.readNext();
}
```

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## Record-level database access

Fast access to IBM i database files

### Performance tips

- Avoid retrieving the record format multiple times. Retrieve it once and save a reference to it, or hard code the record format.
- <u>Blocking factor</u> means record caching. Experiment with different sizes or specify zero and let the Toolbox determine the blocking factor.
- Blocking factor is valid only when the file is opened for <u>READ\_ONLY</u> or WRITE\_ONLY access.
- Opening keyed files is slower than opening sequential files. Use sequential files unless you need to specifically search by key.

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## **HTML** and Servlet classes

#### Web components create tables and forms

#### Provides access to database files:

- · Access database file with Record Level Access or SQL via JDBC
- Includes Meta Data

#### Provides classes to display data:

- · Display data in tables or forms
- Toolbox provides converters that will produce HTML tables or forms based on the row data

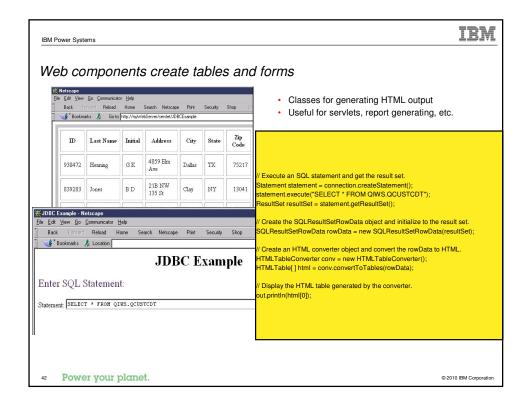
HTMLTableConverter converter = new HTMLTableConverter();

ResultSet resultSet = statement.getResultSet();

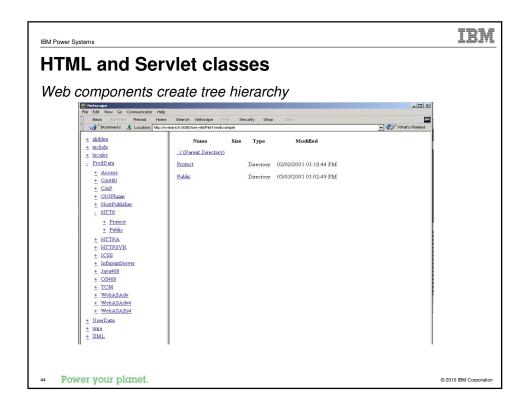
SQLResultSetRowData rowdata = new SQLResultSetRowData(resultSet);

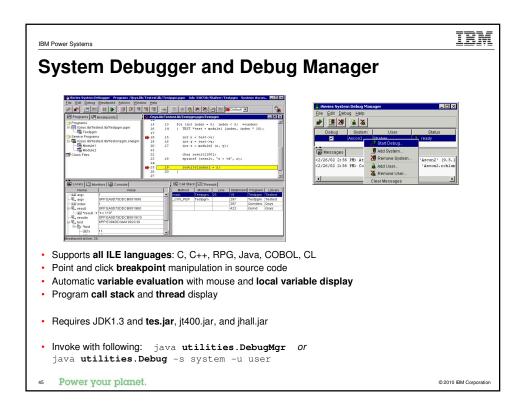
String[] html = converter.convert(rowdata);
out.println(html[0]);

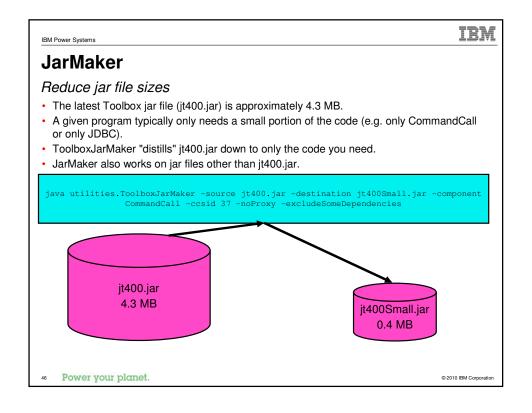
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IEM IBM Power Systems **HTML** and Servlet classes Web components create tree hierarchy Provides classes to display the Integrated File System: · Display contents of the Integrated File System Toolbox provides classes to create and display a customized and traversable tree HTMLTree tree = new HTMLTree(HTTPrequest) IFSJavaFile root = new IFSJavaFile(systemObject, "/QIBM"); DirFilter filter = new DirFilter(); File[] dirList = root.listFiles(filter); for (int i=0; i<dirList.length; i++) FileTreeElement node = new FileTreeElement(dirList[i]); tree.addElement(node); Power your planet. © 2010 IBM Corporation







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## What's new since V6R1

- "JC1" LPP eliminated as of IBM i 7.1
  - Integrated into SS1 (product ID 5770-SS1) Option 3
  - Same JAR files available in same IFS directories as in the past
- New classes added
  - Package com.ibm.as400.access
    - AS400JDBCArray, AS400JDBCArrayResultSet
    - ErrorCodeParameter
    - ObjectLockListEntry
    - · UserObjectsOwnedList, UserObjectsOwnedListEntry
  - Package com.ibm.as400.security.auth
    - ProfileTokenProvider
    - DefaultProfileTokenProvider

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## What's new since V6R1 - continued

- Significantly enhanced classes
  - Package com.ibm.as400.access
    - · Many of the JDBC classes
    - CommandCall and ProgramCall new thread-safety behavior, new methods



- IFSFile, IFSJavaFile new methods \*\*
- · AS400 new system properties, new methods
- AS400ConnectionPool
- Trace \*\*
- DataArea
- · SpooledFile
- For complete details, refer to the IBM i Information Center
  - http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/iseries/v7r1m0/topic/rzahh/page1.htm
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# **Top 5 Good Things About the Toolbox**

- 1. It's free, no strings attached.
- 2. Fully supported by IBM Service.
  - User forum on Web is monitored daily by IBM developers.
- 3. Lets any Java app, anywhere on your LAN,
  - Access and exploit your IBM i resources.
- 4. Thoroughly documented on the Web.
- 5. In use by IBM and customers since V4R2 (1998).
  - Used under-the-covers in many other IBM products.

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That's it!

## References

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#### www.ibm.com/systems/i/software/toolbox

• Toolbox for Java: News, downloads, FAQs, articles, COMMON labs

#### sourceforge.net/projects/jt400

• JTOpen - open source, bug reporting, feature requests

#### www.ibm.com/systems/support/i/forums

• IBM i Technical Forums - including IBM Toolbox for Java/JTOpen Forum

#### IBM Toolbox for Java Programmers Guide

- · Shipped with the IBM Toolbox for Java
- · Contains overview, full API documentation (javadoc), and code examples
- · Available in the IBM i Information Center
  - http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/iseries/v7r1m0/topic/rzahh/page1.htm

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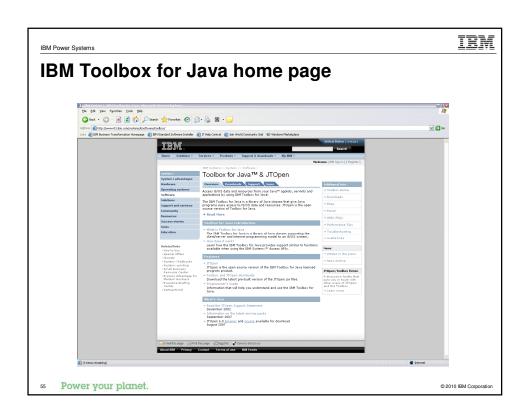
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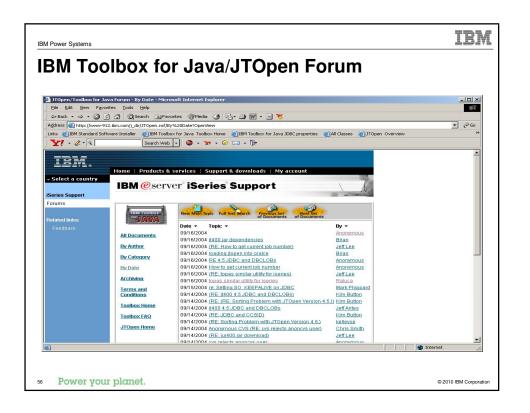
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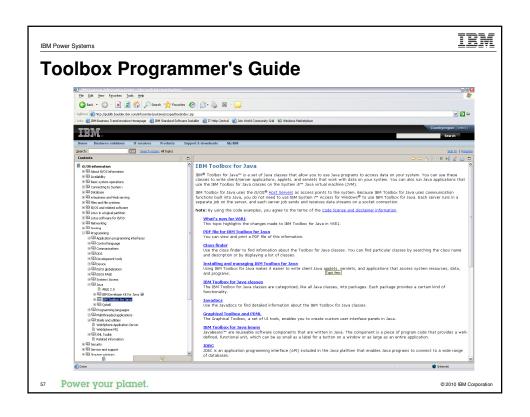
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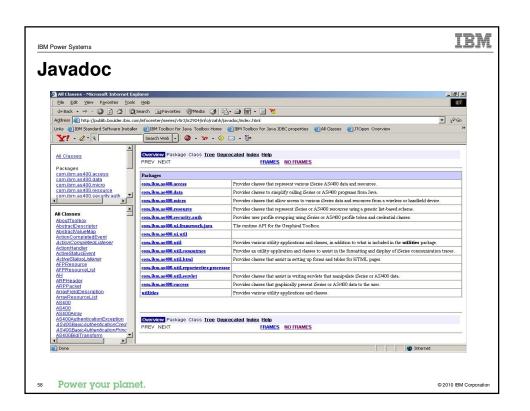
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# **JDBC Driver Types**

- Type 1 Driver JDBC-ODBC bridge
- Type 2 Driver Native-API Driver specification
- Type 3 Driver Network-Protocol Driver
- Type 4 Driver Native-Protocol Driver
  - The Toolbox JDBC driver is this type.



- · References:
  - http://java.sun.com/products/jdbc/driverdesc.html
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JDBC driver

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# IBM What's different in IBM i 7.1

# JDKs and JVMs

- The LPP for "IBM Developer Kit for Java" is unchanged: 5761-JV1 - Same LPP number as in IBM i 6.1
- "Classic" JDK is not available in IBM i 7.1
  - Replaced by "IBM Technology for Java" (code name: "J9")
  - The no-longer-supported JV1 Options that had "Classic" JVMs:
    - JV1 Options 6, 7 and 10
- New Java Group PTF number for IBM i 7.1
  - **SF99572** (versus SF99562 for IBM i 6.1)

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## What's different in IBM i 7.1 - continued

## "PASE for i" - Changes for improved security

"IBM Portable Application Solutions Environment for i"

- Provides an AIX-like execution environment on IBM i.
- The "new" IBM i JVMs require a PASE environment.
- PASE now enforces stack execution disable protection.
- Default behavior of PASE programs has changed.
  - Instructions run from memory areas (stack & heap) of a process are blocked.
  - JIT-generated code is created in memory areas.
    - If call JNI\_CreateJavaVM(): Must mark the program as needing to allow program execution from memory areas.

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