Slides for Chapter 6: Indirect Communication



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Figure 6.1 Space and time coupling in distributed systems

	Time-coupled	Time-uncoupled
Space coupling	<i>Properties</i> : Communication directed towards a given receiver or receivers; receiver(s) must exist at that moment in time <i>Examples</i> : Message passing, remote invocation (see Chapters 4 and 5)	<i>Properties</i> : Communication directed towards a given receiver or receivers; sender(s) and receiver(s) can have independent lifetimes <i>Examples</i> : See Exercise 15.3
Space uncoupling	<i>Properties</i> : Sender does not need to know the identity of the receiver(s); receiver(s) must exist at that moment in time <i>Examples</i> : IP multicast (see Chapter 4)	<i>Properties</i> : Sender does not need to know the identity of the receiver(s); sender(s) and receiver(s) can have independent lifetimes <i>Examples</i> : Most indirect communication paradigms covered in this chapter

Figure 6.2 Open and closed groups



Figure 6.3 The role of group membership management



Figure 6.4 The architecture of JGroups



```
import org.jgroups.JChannel;
public class FireAlarmJG {
public void raise() {
  try {
    JChannel channel = new JChannel();
     channel.connect("AlarmChannel");
    Message msg = new Message(null, null, "Fire!");
     channel.send(msg);
  catch(Exception e) {
```

import org.jgroups.JChannel;

```
public class FireAlarmConsumerJG {
    public String await() {
    try {
        JChannel channel = new JChannel();
        channel.connect("AlarmChannel");
        Message msg = (Message) channel.receive(0);
        return (String) msg.GetObject();
    } catch(Exception e) {
        return null;
    }
}
```

Figure 6.7 Dealing room system



Figure 6.8 The publish-subscribe paradigm



Figure 6.9 A network of brokers



Figure 6.10 The architecture of publish-subscribe systems



upon receive publish(event e) **from** node x matchlist := match(e, subscriptions) send notify(e) to matchlist; 3 fwdlist := match(e, routing); 4 send publish(e) to fwdlist - x; 5**upon receive** subscribe(subscription s) **from** node x 6 *if* x *is client then* add x to subscriptions; - 8 else add(x, s) to routing; 9 send subscribe(s) to neighbours - x; 10

```
upon receive publish(event e) from node x at node i
   rvlist := EN(e);
   if i in rvlist then begin
      matchlist :=match(e, subscriptions);
      send notify(e) to matchlist;
   end
   send publish(e) to rvlist - i;
upon receive subscribe(subscription s) from node x at node i
   rvlist := SN(s);
   if i in rvlist then
      add s to subscriptions;
   else
      send subscribe(s) to rvlist - i;
```

Figure 6.13 Example publish-subscribe system

System (and further reading)	Subscription model	Distribution model	Event routing
CORBA Event Service (Chapter 8)	Channel-based	Centralized	-
TIB Rendezvouz [Oki et al. 1993]	Topic-based	Distributed	Ffiltering
Scribe [Castro et al. 2002b]	Topic-based	Peer-to-peer (DHT)	Rendezvous
TERA [Baldoni et al. 2007]	Topic-based	Peer-to-peer	Informed gossip
Siena [Carzaniga et al. 2001]	Content-based	Distributed	Filtering
Gryphon [www.research.ibm.com]	Content-based	Distributed	Filtering
Hermes [Pietzuch and Bacon 2002]	Topic- and content-based	Distributed	Rendezvous and filtering
MEDYM [Cao and Singh 2005]	Content-based	Distributed	Flooding
Meghdoot [Gupta et al. 2004]	Content-based	Peer-to-peer	Rendezvous
Structure-less CBR [Baldoni et al. 2005]	Content-based	Peer-to-peer	Informed gossip

Figure 6.14 The message queue paradigm



Figure 6.15 A simple networked topology in WebSphere MQ



Figure 6.16 The programming model offered by JMS



Figure 6.17 Java class *FireAlarmJMS*

```
import javax.jms.*;
import javax.naming.*;
public class FireAlarmJMS {
public void raise() {
    try {
        Context ctx = new InitialContext();
        TopicConnectionFactory topicFactory = 3
        (TopicConnectionFactory)ctx.lookup ("TopicConnectionFactory"); 4
        Topic topic = (Topic)ctx.lookup("Alarms"); 5
        TopicConnection topicConn =
                                       6
            topicConnectionFactory.createTopicConnection(); 7
        TopicSession topicSess = topicConn.createTopicSession(false, 8
            Session.AUTO ACKNOWLEDGE);
                                                                         9
        TopicPublisher topicPub = topicSess.createPublisher(topic);
                                                                         10:
        TextMessage msg = topicSess.createTextMessage();
                                                               11
        msg.setText("Fire!");12
        topicPub.publish(message); 13
        } catch (Exception e) { 14
        } 15
```

```
import javax.jms.*; import javax.naming.*;
public class FireAlarmConsumerJMS
public String await() {
   try {
       Context ctx = new InitialContext();
       TopicConnectionFactory topicFactory = 3
           (TopicConnectionFactory)ctx.lookup("TopicConnectionFactory"); 4
         Topic topic = (Topic)ctx.lookup("Alarms"); 5
         TopicConnection topicConn =
                                           6
             topicConnectionFactory.createTopicConnection();
         TopicSession topicSess = topicConn.createTopicSession(false,
                                                                         8
                Session.AUTO ACKNOWLEDGE);
         TopicSubscriber topicSub = topicSess.createSubscriber(topic);
                                                                            10
         topicSub.start(); 11
                                                                  12
         TextMessage msg = (TextMessage) topicSub.receive();
         return msg.getText(); 13
        } catch (Exception e) { 14
                 return null: 15
```

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Figure 6.19 The distributed shared memory abstraction



Figure 6.20 The tuple space abstraction



write

- 1. The requesting site multicasts the *write* request to all members of the view; 2. On receiving this request, members insert the tuple into their replica and acknowledge this action;
- 3. Step 1 is repeated until all acknowledgements are received.

read

- 1. The requesting site multicasts the *read* request to all members of the view;
- 2. On receiving this request, a member returns a matching tuple to the requestor;
- 3. The requestor returns the first matching tuple received as the result of the operation (ignoring others); 4 Step 1 is repeated until at least one response is received.

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take Phase 1: Selecting the tuple to be removed

- 1. The requesting site multicasts the *take* request to all members of the view;
- 2. On receiving this request, each replica acquires a lock on the associated tuple set and, if the lock cannot be acquired, the *take* request is rejected;
- 3. All accepting members reply with the set of all matching tuples;
- 4. Step 1 is repeated until all sites have accepted the request and responded with their set of tuples and the intersection is non-null;
- 5. A particular tuple is selected as the result of the operation (selected randomly from the intersection of all the replies);
- 6. If only a minority accept the request, this minority are asked to release their locks and phase 1 repeats.

Phase 2: Removing the selected tuple

- 1. The requesting site multicasts a *remove* request to all members of the view citing the tuple to be removed;
- 2. On receiving this request, members remove the tuple from their replica, send an acknowledgement and release the lock;
- 3. Step 1 is repeated until all acknowledgements are received.

Figure 6.22 Partitioning in the York Linda Kernel



Figure 6.23 The JavaSpaces API

Operation	Effect
Lease write(Entry e, Transaction txn, long lease)	Places an entry into a particular JavaSpace
Entry read(Entry tmpl, Transaction txn, long timeout)	Returns a copy of an entry matching a specified template
Entry readIfExists(Entry tmpl, Transaction txn, long timeout)	As above, but not blocking
Entry take(Entry tmpl, Transaction txn, long timeout)	Retrieves (and removes) an entry matching a specified template
Entry takeIfExists(Entry tmpl, Transaction txn, long timeout)	As above, but not blocking
EventRegistration notify(Entry tmpl, Transaction txn, RemoteEventListener listen, long lease, MarshalledObject handback)	Notifies a process if a tuple matching a specified template is written to a JavaSpace

```
import net.jini.core.entry.*;
public class AlarmTupleJS implements Entry {
    public String alarmType;
        public AlarmTupleJS() { }
    }
    public AlarmTupleJS(String alarmType) {
        this.alarmType = alarmType;}
    }
}
```

```
import net.jini.space.JavaSpace;
public class FireAlarmConsumerJS {
public String await() {
   try {
           JavaSpace space = SpaceAccessor.findSpace();
           AlarmTupleJS template = new AlarmTupleJS("Fire!");
           AlarmTupleJS recvd = (AlarmTupleJS) space.read(template, null,
                       Long.MAX VALUE);
           return recvd.alarmType;
   }
       catch (Exception e) {
            return null;
```

Figure 6.27 Summary of indirect communication styles

	Groups	Publish- subscribe systems	Message queues	DSM	Tuple spaces
Space- uncoupled	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time-uncoupled	Possible	Possible	Yes	Yes	Yes
Style of service	Communication- based	Communication- based	Communication- based	State-based	State-based
Communication pattern	1-to-many	1-to-many	1-to-1	1-to-many	1-1 or 1-to-many
Main intent	Reliable distributed computing	Information dissemination or EAI; mobile and ubiquitous systems	Information dissemination or EAI; commercial transaction processing	Parallel and distributed computation	Parallel and distributed computation; mobile and ubiquitous systems
Scalability	Limited	Possible	Possible	Limited	Limited
Associative	No	Content-based publish-subscribe only	No	No	Yes