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About This Document

This document describes using the CORBA server-to-server functionality in the BEA WebLogic EnterpriseTM product. This document defines concepts associated with using server-to-server communication and describes the development process for Java and C++ joint client/server applications. In addition, instructions for building and running the Chat Room and Callback sample applications are included in this document.

This document covers the following topics:

- Chapter 1, "Understanding CORBA Server-to-Server Communication," explains the concepts you need to understand to use server-to-server communication and build joint client/server applications.
- Chapter 2, "Developing C++ Joint Client/Server Applications," describes building C++ joint client/server applications and how to build and run the Chat Room sample application.
- Chapter 3, "Developing Java Joint Client/Server Applications," describes building Java joint client/server applications and how to build and run the Callback sample application.

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Convention	Item	
boldface text	Indicates terms defined in the glossary.	
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Convention	Item	
italics	Indicates emphasis or book titles.	
monospace text	Indicates code samples, commands and their options, data structures and their members, data types, directories, and filenames and their extensions. Monospace text also indicates text that you must enter from the keyboard.	
	Examples:	
	<pre>#include <iostream.h> void main () the pointer psz</iostream.h></pre>	
	chmod u+w *	
	\tux\data\ap	
	.doc	
	tux.doc	
	BITMAP	
	float	
monospace	Identifies significant words in code.	
boldface text	Example:	
text	void commit ()	
monospace	Identifies variables in code.	
italic	Example:	
text	String expr	
UPPERCASE	Indicates device names, environment variables, and logical operators.	
TEXT	Examples:	
	LPT1	
	SIGNON	
	OR	
{ }	Indicates a set of choices in a syntax line. The braces themselves should never be typed.	
[]	Indicates optional items in a syntax line. The brackets themselves should never be typed.	
	Example:	
	<pre>buildobjclient [-v] [-o name] [-f file-list] [-l file-list]</pre>	

Convention	Item	
	Separates mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. The symbol itself should never be typed.	
• • •	Indicates one of the following in a command line: That an argument can be repeated several times in a command line That the statement omits additional optional arguments That you can enter additional parameters, values, or other information The ellipsis itself should never be typed. Example: buildobjclient [-v] [-o name] [-f file-list] [-1 file-list]	
	Indicates the omission of items from a code example or from a syntax line. The vertical ellipsis itself should never be typed.	

1 Understanding CORBA Server-to-Server Communication

This topic includes the following sections:

- Overview of CORBA Server-to-Server Communication
- Joint Client/Server Applications
- Object Policies for Callback Objects

Overview of CORBA Server-to-Server Communication

CORBA Server-to-server communication allows BEA WebLogic Enterprise applications to invoke CORBA objects and handle invocations from those CORBA objects (referred to as callback objects). The CORBA objects can be either inside or outside of a BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain.

The BEA WebLogic Enterprise product offers an implementation of the Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP) version 1.2, which provides inbound and outbound communication with the CORBA objects. Server-to-server communication provides more efficient use of network resources and provides integration with third-party Object Request Brokers (ORBs). In addition, server-to-server communication is supported with CORBA objects that are implemented using IIOP versions 1.0 and 1.1.

Joint Client/Server Applications

In previous versions of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise product, client applications invoked operations defined in Object Management Group (OMG) Interface Definition Language (IDL) on a CORBA object. The server applications implemented the operations of the CORBA object. The CORBA objects in the server application used BEA WebLogic Enterprise TP Framework and environmental objects to implement state management, security, and transactions. These CORBA objects as referred to as BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects. Server applications could act as client applications for other server applications; however, client applications could not act as server applications for other client applications.

Server-to-server communication allows client applications to now act as server applications for requests from other client applications. In addition, server-to-server communication allows BEA WebLogic Enterprise server applications to invoke objects on other ORBs.

The server-to-server communication functionality is available through a callback object. A callback object has two purposes:

- It invokes operations on either BEA WebLogic Enterprise or CORBA objects.
- It implements the operations of a CORBA object.

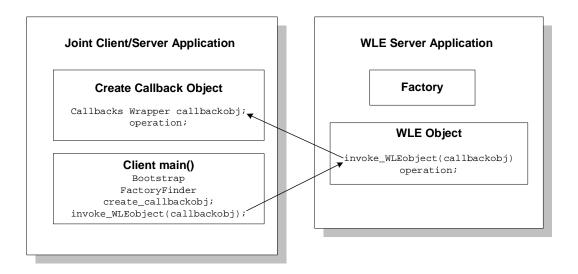
Callback objects do not use the TP Framework and are not subject to BEA WebLogic Enterprise administration, they should be used when transactional behavior, security, reliability, and scalability are not important.

Callback objects are implemented in joint client/server applications. A joint client/server application consists of the following:

- A portion that performs BEA WebLogic Enterprise client application functions, such as initializing the ORB, using the BEA WebLogic Enterprise environmental objects to establish connections, resolving initial references to the FactoryFinder object, and using factories to create BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects
- A portion that creates a servant for a callback object and activates the callback object using an object ID

Figure 1-1 shows the structure of a joint client/server application.

Figure 1-1 Structure of a Joint Client/Server Application



C++ and Java joint client/server applications are supported.

Use of callback objects in Java applets is limited due to Java applet security mechanisms. Any Java applet run-time environment that allows a Java applet to create and listen on sockets (via the proprietary environment or protocol of the Java applet) can act as a joint client/server application. However, if the Java applet run-time environment restricts socket communication, the Java applet cannot act as a joint client/server application.

Note: The ActiveX client software that is included in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise V4.2 kit does not support callback objects, and, therefore cannot be used to develop joint client/server applications.

Joint client/server applications use IIOP to communicate with the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server applications. IIOP can work in the following ways, depending on the version of the IIOP protocol you are using:

Bidirectional

Joint client/server applications are always connected to the same IIOP Server Handler (ISH) in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain. That ISH reuses the same connection to send requests to and receive requests from the joint client/server application.

■ Dual-paired connection

Joint client/server applications use the register_callback_port method of the Bootstrap object to register the listening port of the joint client/server application in the ISH. Invocations from server applications on the callback object in the joint client/server application are routed through the ISH connected to the joint client/server application. This ISH uses a second outbound connection to send requests to and receive replies from the connected joint client/server application. The outbound connection is paired with the incoming connection. This differs from bidirectional IIOP, which uses only one connection.

Asymmetric

Joint client/server applications can invoke on any callback object, and are not restricted to invoking callback objects implemented in joint client/server applications connected to an ISH. Asymmetric IIOP forces the ORB infrastructure to search for an available ISH to handle the invocation.

Note: Depending on the type of remote object and the desired outbound IIOP configuration, you may have to perform additional programming tasks.

Table 1-1 lists the requirements for each type of object and outbound IIOP configuration.

Table 1-1 Programming Requirements for Using Outbound IIOP

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Types of Objects	Asymmetric Requirements	Paired-connection Requirements	Bidirectional Requirements
Remote joint client/servers	Set ISL CLOPT -O option.	Use the Tobj_Bootstrap::register _callback_port method to register the callback port.	Use the CORBA::ORB::create_policy method to set BiDirPolicy on the POA.
Foreign (non-WLE) ORBs	Set ISL CLOPT -O option.	Not applicable.	If the foreign ORB supports the POA and BiDirPolicy, use the CORBA::ORB::create_policy method to set BiDirPolicy on the POA.
Remote clients	Remote clients are not servers, so outbound IIOP is not possible.		
Native joint client/servers	Outbound IIOP is not used.		
Native clients	Outbound IIOP is not used.		

For a more detailed description of bidirectional, dual-paired connnection, and asymmetric IIOP, see the C++ *Programming Reference* or the *Java Programming Reference*.

Object Policies for Callback Objects

Callback objects are assigned policies that control how long an object reference is valid and how an object ID is assigned to the object. Object policies are defined when the reference to the callback object is created. In addition, they can be defined in the Callbacks Wrapper object, which simplifies the development of joint client/server applications.

The following object policies are supported for callback objects:

- Transient/System ID—the object reference for this type of callback object is valid only for the life of the joint client/server application. The object ID is assigned by the BEA WebLogic Enterprise system. This type of object is used for invocations that a joint client/server application wants to receive only until it terminates.
- Persistent/System ID—the object reference for this type of callback object is valid across multiple invocations in a joint client/server application. The object ID is assigned by the BEA WebLogic Enterprise system. This type of object is useful in joint client/server applications that stop and restart over a period of time. When the Joint client/server application is up, it can receive requests on a particular callback object with that object reference. Typically, the joint client/server application creates the object reference once, saves it in its own permanent storage area, and reactivates the servant for the object every time the joint client/server application comes up.
- Persistent/User ID—this object policy is the same as Persistent/System ID, except that the object ID is assigned by the joint client/server application.

When creating a callback object with an object policy of transient, the object reference is valid only until the joint client/server application is terminated or until the stop_all_objects method is called.

When creating a callback object with an object policy of persistent, the object reference is valid even after the termination of the joint client/server application. If the joint client/server application terminates, restarts, and activates a servant for the same object ID, the servant accepts requests made on that object reference.

Note: If you are creating a native joint client/server application (that is, a joint client/server application that is located in the same BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain as the server applications that invoke it), you cannot use the Persistent/System ID or Persistent/User ID object policies.

2 Developing C++ Joint Client/Server Applications

This topic includes the following sections:

- Development Process
- Chat Room Sample Application
- Step 1: Writing the OMG IDL
- Step 2: Generating Skeletons and Client Stubs
- Step 3: Writing the Methods That Implement Each Object's Operations
- Step 4: Writing the Client Portion of the Joint Client/Server Application
- Step 5: Creating a Callback Object Using the Callbacks Wrapper Object
- Step 6: Invoking Operations on an Object By Passing a Reference to the Callback Object
- Step 7: Specifying Configuration Information
- Step 8: Compiling Joint Client/Server Applications
- Using the POA to Create a Callback Object
- Threading Considerations for C++ Joint Client/Server Applications
- Building and Running the Chat Room Sample Application

Development Process

Table 2-1 outlines the development process for C++ joint client/server applications.

Table 2-1 Development Process for C++ Joint Client/Server Applications

Step	Description	
1	Write the OMG IDL for the callback interface and for the CORBA interfaces you want to use in your BEA WebLogic Enterprise application.	
2	Generate the skeletons and client stubs.	
3	Write the methods that implement each object's operations.	
4	Write the client portion of the joint client/server application.	
5	Create a callback object using the Callbacks Wrapper object.	
6	Invoke operations on a BEA WebLogic Enterprise object by passing the object reference for the callback object.	
7	Specifying configuration information.	
8	Compile the joint client/server application.	

These steps are explained in detail in subsequent topics.

Because the callback object in a joint client/server application is not transactional and has no object management capabilities, you do not need to create an Implementation Configuration File (filename.icf) for it. However, you still need to create an ICF file for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects in your BEA WebLogic Enterprise application. For information about writing an ICF file, see *Creating CORBA C++ Server Applications*.

Chat Room Sample Application

Throughout this topic, the Chat Room sample application is used to demonstrate the development steps. A chat room is an application that allows several people at different locations to communicate with each other. The chat room can be thought of as a moderator whose job it is to keep track of client applications that have logged in, and to distribute messages to those client applications.

A client application logs in to the moderator, supplying a user name. When messages are entered at the keyboard, the client application invokes the moderator, and passes the messages to the moderator. The moderator then distributes the messages to all the other client applications by making an invocation on the callback object.

The Chat Room sample application consists of a C++ joint client/server application and a BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application. The joint client/server application receives keyboard input and makes invocations on the moderator. The joint client/server application also sets up the callback object to listen for messages from the moderator (that is, to receive invocations from the moderator). The BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application in the Chat Room sample application implements the moderator.

Figure 2-1 illustrates how the Chat Room sample application works.

Joint Client/Server Application WLE Server Application **Create Listener Object Factory** Callbacks Wrapper Listener_obj; **Moderator Object** Listener_i::post ModeratorFactory_i::get_Moderator Client main() Moderator_i::signon(const char* who, Bootstrap Listener_ptr callback_ref) FactoryFinder create_Listener_obj; get_Moderator(...); //Store callback object invoke_Moderator_ptr->signon(callbacks[i]=_duplicate(callback_ref); const char* who, Listener_ptr callback_obj); } Moderator_i::send(const char* who, const char* input line) { //Invoke callback callbacks[i]->post(who input_line); Moderator_i::signoff();

Figure 2-1 How the Chat Room Sample Application Works

The Chat Room sample application works as follows:

- The joint client/server application implements the logic for the callback object (the Listener object), creates a servant for the Listener object, and activates the Listener object.
- 2. The joint client/server application creates an object reference for the Listener object and passes it to the Moderator object as part of the signon operation.
- 3. The server application in the Chat Room sample application checks the keyboard for messages.
- 4. When messages are generated at the keyboard, the Chat Room sample application sends the messages to the Moderator object via the send operation.

- 5. The Chat Room sample application temporarily passes control over to the ORB to allow the Listener object in the joint client/server application to receive post invocations from the Moderator object.
- 6. The Listener object in the joint client/server application saves the posted messages until a client application requests them.

The source files for the Chat Room sample application are located in the <code>WLEdir\samples\corba\chatroom</code> directory in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise software directory. See "Building and Running the Chat Room Sample Application" on page 2-24 for more information.

Step 1: Writing the OMG IDL

You use Object Management Group (OMG) Interface Definition Language (IDL) to describe available CORBA interfaces to client applications. An interface definition written in OMG IDL completely defines the CORBA interface and fully specifies each operation's arguments. OMG IDL is a purely declarative language. This means that it contains no implementation details. For more information about OMG IDL, see *Creating CORBA Client Applications*.

The Chat Room sample application implements the CORBA interfaces listed in Table 2-2.

Interface	Description	Operation
Listener	The callback object	post()
Moderator	Receives input from client applications and uses the callback object to forward messages back to the joint client/server application	<pre>signon() send() signoff()</pre>
ModeratorFactory	Creates object references to the Moderator object	get_moderator()

Listing 2-1 shows the chatclient.idl that defines the Listener interface.

Listing 2-1 OMG IDL for the Listener Interface

Listing 2-2 shows the chatroom.idl that defines the Moderator and ModeratorFactory interfaces for the Chat Room sample application. The #include is used to resolve references to interfaces in another OMG IDL file. In the Chat Room sample application, the signon method requires a Listener object as a parameter and, therefore, must use the #include to reference the OMG IDL file that defines the Listener interface.

Listing 2-2 OMG IDL for the Moderator and ModeratorFactory Interfaces

```
interface ModeratorFactory {
         Moderator get_moderator( in string chatroom_name );
    };
};
```

Step 2: Generating Skeletons and Client Stubs

The interface specification defined in OMG IDL is used by the IDL compiler to generate skeletons and client stubs. Note that a joint client/sever application uses the client stub for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise object and the skeleton and client stub for the callback object.

For example, in the Chat Room sample application, the joint client/server application uses the skeleton and client stub for the Listener object (that is, the callback object) to implement the object. The joint client/server application also uses the client stubs for for the Moderator and ModeratorFactory to invoke operations on the objects. The BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application uses the skeletons for the Moderator and ModeratorFactory objects to implement the objects and the client stub for the Listener object to invoke operations on the object.

During the development process, use the idl command with the -P and -i options to compile the OMG IDL file that defines the callback object (for example, the chatclient.idl file in the Chat Room sample application). The options work as follows:

■ The -P option creates a skeleton class that inherits directly from the PortableServer::ServantBase class. Inheriting from PortableServer::ServantBase means the joint client/server application must explicitly create a servant for the callback object and initialize the servant's state. The servant for the callback object cannot use the activate_object and deactivate_object methods as they are members of the PortableServer::ServantBase class.

■ The -i option results in an implementation template file being generated. This file is a template for the code that implements the interfaces defined in OMG IDL for the Listener object.

You then need to compile the OMG IDL file that defines the interfaces in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application (for example, the chatroom.idl file in the Chat Room sample application). Use the idl command with only the -i option to compile that OMG IDL file.

Table 2-3 lists the files that are created by the idl command.

Note: In the Chat Room sample application, the generated template files for the ChatClient.idl and ChatRoom.idl files have been renamed to reflect the objects (Listener and Moderator) they implement. In addition, the template file for the Moderator object includes the implementation for the ModeratorFactory object.

Table 2-3 Files Produced by the idl Command

File	File in the Chat Room Sample Application Created by the idl Command	Description
Client stub file	Listener_c.cpp Listener_c.h Moderator_c.cpp Moderator_c.h	Contains client stubs for each interface specified in the OMG IDL file. The client stubs are used to send a request to an object.
Implementation file	Listener_i.cpp Moderator_i.cpp	Contains signatures for the methods that implement the operations of the Listener, Moderator, and ModeratorFactory interfaces specified in the OMG IDL file. The Listener_i.h file contains implementation files that inherit from the POA_ChatClient::Listener class.
Skeleton file	Listener_s.cpp Listener_s.h Moderator_s.cpp Moderator_s.h	Contains skeletons for each interface specified in the OMG IDL file. During run time, the skeleton maps client requests to the appropriate operation in the server application. The Listener_s.h file contains POA_skeleton class definitions (for example, POA_ChatClient::Listener).

Step 3: Writing the Methods That Implement Each Object's Operations

After you compile each of the OMG IDL files, you need to write methods that implement the operations for each object. In a joint client/server application, you write the implementation file for the callback object (that is, the Listener object). You write the implementation for a callback object as you would write the implementation for any other CORBA object, except that you use the POA instead of the TP Framework. You also write implementation files for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects (that is, the Moderator and ModeratorFactory objects) in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application.

An implementation file contains the following:

- Method declarations for each operation specified in the OMG IDL file
- Your application's business logic
- Constructors for each interface implementation (implementing these is optional)
- Optionally, for BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects, the com.beasys.Tobj_Servant.activate_object and com.beasys.Tobj_Servant.deactivate_object methods

Within the activate_object and deactivate_object methods, you write code that performs any particular steps related to activating or deactivating an object.

Listing 2-3 includes the implementation file for the Listener object, and Listing 2-4 includes the implementation file for the Moderator and Moderator Factory objects.

Note: Additional methods and data were added to the implementation file for the Moderator and ModeratorFactory objects. The template for the implementation file was created by the <code>idl-i</code> command.

Listing 2-3 Implementation File for the Listener Object

Listing 2-4 Implementation File for Moderator and ModeratorFactory Objects

```
const char *
                                     input_line);
      void signoff ( const char * who);
//Define the Framework functions
      virtual void activate_object ( const char* stroid );
      virtual void deactivate_object( const char* stroid,
                                   TobjS::DeactivateReasonValue
                                   reason);
      private:
//Define function to find name on list
       int find( const char * handle );
//Define name of the chat room overseen by the Moderator
      char* m chatroom name;
//Data for maintaining list
//Chatter[n] id
      CORBA::String
                       chatters[CHATTER_LIMIT];
//Chatter[n] callback ref
       ChatClient::Listener_var callbacks[CHATTER_LIMIT];
};
class ModeratorFactory_i : public POA_ChatRoom::ModeratorFactory {
      public:
        ChatRoom:: Moderator_ptr get_moderator ( const char*
                                                chatroom_name );
};
#endif
```

Step 4: Writing the Client Portion of the Joint Client/Server Application

During development of a joint client/server application, you write the client portion of the joint client/server application as you would write any BEA WebLogic Enterprise client application. The client application needs to include code that does the following:

- 1. Initializes the ORB. The BEA WebLogic Enterprise system activates an ORB using the correct protocol (in this case, IIOP).
- 2. Uses the Bootstrap object to establish communication with the BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain.
- 3. Resolves initial references to the FactoryFinder object.
- 4. Uses a factory to get an object reference for the desired BEA WebLogic Enterprise object (that is, the Moderator object).

The client development steps are illustrated in Listing 2-5, which includes code from the Chat Room sample application. In the Chat Room sample application, the client portion of the joint client/server application uses a factory to get an object reference to the Moderator object, and then invokes the sign_on(), send(), and sign_off() methods on the Moderator object.

Listing 2-5 Client Portion of the Chat Room Joint Client/Server Application

Step 5: Creating a Callback Object Using the Callbacks Wrapper Object

Since the basic steps for creating a callback object are always the same, the BEA WebLogic Enterprise product provides a Callbacks Wrapper object that simplifies the development of callback objects.

The Callbacks Wrapper object does the following:

- Defines the object policy for the callback object. The following object policies are supported:
 - Transient/SystemID (_transient)
 - Persistent/SystemId (_persistent/systemid)
 - Persistent/UserId (_persistent/userid)

For a complete description of the object policies for callback objects, see "Object Policies for Callback Objects" on page 1-5.

■ Creates a servant for the callback object.

- Sets the ORB and the POA to the state in which they will accept requests on the callback object.
- Returns an object reference to the activated callback object. The object Id can be generated by the system or supplied by the user.
- Tells the ORB to stop accepting requests on either a single servant or all the active servants.

For a complete description of the Callbacks Wrapper object and its methods, see the *CORBA C++ Programming Reference*.

Listing 2-6 shows how a Callbacks Wrapper object is used in the Chat Room sample application.

Listing 2-6 Using the Callbacks Wrapper Object in the Chat Room Sample Application

Step 6: Invoking Operations on an Object By Passing a Reference to the Callback Object

Once you have an object reference to a callback object, you can pass the callback object reference as a parameter to a method of a BEA WebLogic Enterprise object. In the Chat Room sample application, the Moderator object uses an object reference to the Listener object as a parameter to the sign_on method. Listing 2-7 illustrates this step.

Listing 2-7 Invoking the signon Method

Step 7: Specifying Configuration Information

When running remote joint client/server applications that use IIOP, the object references for the callback object must contain a host and port number, as follows.

- For transient callback objects, any port is sufficient and can be obtained dynamically by the ORB.
- For persistent callback objects, the ORB must be configured to accept requests for the callback object on the same port on which the object reference for the callback object was created.

The user specifies the port number from the user range of port numbers, rather than from the dynamic range. Assigning port numbers from the user range prevents joint client/server applications from using conflicting ports. To specify a particular port for the joint client/server application to use, include the following on the command line that starts the process for the joint client/server application:

-ORBport nnn

where *nnn* is the number of the port to be used by the ORB when creating invocations and listening for invocations on the callback object in the joint client/server application.

Use this command when you want the object reference for the callback object in a joint client/server application to be persistent and when you want to stop and restart the joint client/server application. If this command is not used, the ORB uses a random port. If the joint client/server application is stopped and then started, invocations to callback objects in the the joint client/server application will fail.

The port number is part of the input to the argv argument of the CORBA::orb_init member function. When the argv argument is passed, the ORB reads that information, establishing the port for any object references created in that process. You can also use the Bootstrap object's register_callback_port operation for the same purpose.

For a joint client/server application to communicate with a BEA WebLogic Enterprise object in the same domain, a configuration file for the server application is needed. The configuration file should be written as part of the development of the server application. The binary version of the configuration file, the TUXCONFIG file, must exist before the joint client/server application is started. The TUXCONFIG file is created using the tmloadcf command. For information about creating a TUXCONFIG file, see *Getting Started* and the *Administration Guide*.

If you are using a joint client/server application that uses IIOP version 1.0 or 1.1, the administrator needs to boot the IIOP Server Listener (ISL) with startup parameters that enable outbound IIOP to invoke callback objects not connected to an IIOP Server Handler (ISH). The -o option of the ISL command enables outbound IIOP. Additional parameters allow administrators to obtain the optimum configuration for their BEA WebLogic Enterprise application. For more information about the ISL command, see the *Administration Guide*.

Step 8: Compiling Joint Client/Server Applications

The final step in the development of a joint client/server application is to produce the executable. To do this, you need to compile the code and link against the skeleton and client stub.

Use the buildobjclient command with the -P option to construct a joint client/server application executable. To form an executable, the command combines the client stub for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise object, the client stub for the callback object, the skeleton for the callback object, and the implementation for the callback object with the appropriate POA libraries.

Note: To use the -P option of the buildobjclient command, you need to have used the -P option of the idl command when you created the skeleton and client stub for the callback object.

Using the POA to Create a Callback Object

You can use the POA directly to create a callback object. You would use the POA directly when you want to use POA features and object policies not available through the Callbacks Wrapper object. For example, if you want to use the POA optimization features, you need to use the POA directly. The following topics describe how to use the POA to create callback objects with the supported object policies.

Note: Only a subset of the POA interfaces are supported in BEA WebLogic Enterprise version 5.1. For a list of supported interfaces, see the *CORBA C++ Programming Reference*.

Creating a Callback Object with a Transient Object Policy

To use the POA to create a callback object with a transient object policy, you need to write code that does the following:

- 1. Establishes a connection with a POA.
- Creates a child POA.

Since the root POA does not allow use of bidirectional IIOP, you need to create a child POA. The child POA can use the defaults for LifespanPolicy (TRANSIENT) and IDAssignmentPolicy (SYSTEM). You need to specify a BiDirPolicy policy of BOTH.

IIOP version 1.2 supports reuse of the TCP/IP connection for both incoming and outgoing requests. Allowing reuse of a TCP/IP connection is the choice of the ORB. To allow reuse, you create an ORB policy object that allows reuse of a TCP/IP connection, and you use that policy object in the list of policies when initializing an ORB. The policy object is created using the CORBA::ORB::create_policy operation. For more information about the CORBA::ORB::create_policy operation, see the CORBA C++ Programming

- 3. Creates a servant for the callback object.
- 4. Informs the POA that the servant is ready to accept requests for the callback object.

In this step, the joint client/server application activates the callback object in the POA using an object ID.

Activates the POA.

Reference.

- 6. Creates an object reference for the callback object.
- Makes an invocation on a BEA WebLogic Enterprise object using the object reference for the callback object as a parameter to one of the methods of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise object.

Listing 2-8 shows the portion of the Chat Room sample application that uses the POA to create the Listener object.

Listing 2-8 Using the POA to Create the Listener Object

```
//Establish communication with the POA
orb_ptr = CORBA::ORB_init(argc, argv, "BEA_IIOP");
CORBA::PolicyListpolicy list(1);
CORBA:: Any val;
CORBA::Object_ptr o_init_poa;
o_init_poa = orb_ptr->resolve_initial_references("RootPOA");
// Narrow to get the Root POA
root_poa_ptr = PortableServer::POA::_narrow(o_init_poa);
CORBA::release(o_init_poa);
//Specify an IIOP Policy of Bidirectional for the POA
val <<= BiDirPolicy::BOTH;</pre>
CORBA::Policy_ptr bidir_pol_ptr = orb_ptr->create_policy(
                     BiDirPolicy::BIDIRECTIONAL_POLICY_TYPE, val);
policy_list.length ( 1 );
policy_list[0] = bidir_pol_ptr;
//Create the BiDirectional POA
bidir_poa_ptr = root_poa_ptr->create_POA("BiDirPOA",
                                           root_poa_ptr->
                                           the_POAManager(),
                                           policy_list);
//Activate the POA
root_poa_ptr->the_POAManager()->activate();
//Create the Listener object
ChatClient::Listener_var v_listener_callback_ref;
//Create a servant for Listener object and activate it
listener_callback_servant = new Listener_i();
  CORBA::Object var
                              v_listener_oref;
  PortableServer::ObjectId_var temp_OId =
     bidir_poa_ptr ->activate_object(listener_callback_servant );
//Create object reference for the Listener object with a
```

Creating a Callback Object with a Persistent/User ID Object Policy

To use the POA to create a callback object with a Persistent/User ID object policy, you need to write code that does the following:

- 1. Uses a string to store the user ID and converts the string to the object ID.
- 2. Creates a child POA with a LifespanPolicy set to PERSISTENT and IDAssignmentPolicy set to USERID.
- 3. Creates a servant for the Listener object.
- 4. Creates an object reference for the Listener object using the stringified object ID and the repository Id of the Listener object.
- 5. Activates the Listener object.

Note: The Persistent/User ID object policy is only used with remote joint client/server applications (that is, a joint client/server application that is not in a BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain).

Listing 2-9 shows code that performs these steps.

Note: The code example does not use bidirectional IIOP.

Listing 2-9 Example Code for Listener Object with Persistent/User ID Object Policy

```
//Declare a string and convert it to an object Id.
const char* oid_string = "783";
PortableServer::ObjectID_var oid=
PortableServer::string to ObjectId(oid string);
//Find the root POA
CORBA::Object_var oref =
orb_ptr->resolve_initial_references("RootPOA");
PortableServer::POA_var root_poa =
PortableServer::POA::_narrow(oref);
//Create and activate a Persistent/UserID POA
CORBA::PolicyList policies(2);
policies.length(2);
policies[0] = root_poa->create_lifespan_policy(
              PortableServer::PERSISTENT);
policies[1] = root_poa->create_id_assignment_policy(
              PortableServer::USER_ID );
PortableServer::POA_var poa_ref =
              root_poa->create_POA("poa_ref",
              root_poa->the_POAManager(),policies);
root_poa->the_POAManager()->activate();
//Create object reference for the Listener object.
oref = poa_ref->create_reference_with_id(oid,
              ChatClient::_tc_Listener->id());
ChatClient::Listener_ptr Listener_oref =
              ChatClient::Listener::_narrow( oref );
//Create Listener_i servant and activate the Listener object
Listener_i* my_Listener_i = new Listener_i();
poa_ref->activate_object_with_id( oid, my_Listener_i);
//Make call passing the reference to the Listener object
v_moderator_ref->signon( handle, Listener_oref);
```

Creating a Callback Object with a Persistent/System ID Object Policy

To use the POA to create a callback object with a Persistent/System ID object policy, you need to write code that does the following:

- 1. Creates a child POA with a LifespanPolicy set to PERSISTENT and IDAssignmentPolicy set to the default.
- 2. Creates a servant for the Listener object.
- 3. Creates an object reference for the Listener object using a system generated object Id (the repository Id of the Listener object).
- 4. Activates the Listener object.

Note: The Persistent/System ID object policy is only used with remote joint client/server applications (that is, a joint client/server application that is not in a BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain).

Listing 2-10 shows code that performs these steps.

Listing 2-10 Example Code for Listener Object with Persistent/System ID Object Policy

Threading Considerations for C++ Joint Client/Server Applications

A joint client/server application may first function as a client application and then switch to functioning as a server application. To do this, the joint client/server application turns complete control of the thread to the ORB by making the following invocation:

```
orb -> run();
```

If a method in the server portion of a joint client/server application invokes <code>ORB::shutdown()</code>, all server activity stops and control is returned to the statement after <code>ORB::run()</code> is invoked in the server portion of the joint client/server application. Only under this condition does control return to the client functionality of the joint client/server application.

Since a client application has only a single thread, the client functionality of the joint client/server application must share the central processing unit (CPU) with the server functionality of the joint client/server application. This sharing is accomplished by occasionally checking with the ORB to see if the joint client/server application has server application work to perform. Use the following code to perform the check with the ORB:

```
if ( orb->work_pending() ) orb->perform_work();
```

After the ORB completes the server application work, the ORB returns to the joint client/server application, which then performs client application functions. The joint client/server application must remember to occasionally check with the ORB; otherwise, the joint client/server application will never process any invocations.

You should be aware that the ORB cannot service callbacks while the joint client/server application is blocking on a request. If a joint client/server application invokes an object in another BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application, the ORB blocks while it waits for the response. While the ORB is blocking, it cannot service any callbacks, so the callbacks are queued until the request is completed.

Building and Running the Chat Room Sample Application

Perform the following steps to build and run the Chat Room sample application:

- 1. Copy the files for the Chat Room sample application into a work directory.
- 2. Change the protection attribute on the files for the Chat Room sample application.
- 3. Verify the environment variables.
- 4. Execute the ChatSetup command.

The following sections describe these steps.

Copying the Files for the Chat Room Sample Application into a Work Directory

You need to copy the files for the Chat Room sample application into a work directory on your local machine. The files for the Chat Room sample application are located in the following directories:

Windows NT

drive:\WLEdir\samples\corba\chatroom

UNIX

/usr/local/WLEdir/samples/corba/chatroom

You will use the files listed in Table 2-4 to build and run the Chat Room sample application.

Table 2-4 Files Included in the Chat Room Sample Application

File	Description
ChatRoom.idl	The OMG IDL code that declares the Moderator and ModeratorFactory interfaces.
ChatClient.idl	The OMG IDL code that declares the Listener interface.
Listener_i.h Listener_i.cpp	The C++ source code for method implementations of the Listener object in the joint client/server application.
Moderator_i.h Moderator_i.cpp	The C++ source code for method implementations of the Moderator and ModeratorFactory objects in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application.
ChatClientMain.cpp	The C++ source code for the joint client/server application.
ChatRoomServer.cpp	The C++ source code for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application.

Table 2-4 Files Included in the Chat Room Sample Application

File	Description
KeyboardManager.h KeyboardManager.cpp	The C++ source code that handles input from the keyboard in the Chat Room sample application. This code is used by ChatClientMain.cpp.
ChatRoom.icf	The Implementation Configuration File (ICF) for the Moderator and ModeratorFactory objects in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application in the Chat Room sample application.
ChatRoom.ksh	A UNIX script that sets the environment variables and builds the Chat Room sample application.
ChatRoom.cmd	An MS-DOS command procedure that sets the environment variables and builds the Chat Room sample application.
ChatRoom.mk	The UNIX operating system makefile for the Chat Room sample application.
ChatRoom.nt	The Windows NT operating system makefile for the Chat Room sample application.
Readme.txt	The file that provides the latest information about building and running the Chat Room sample application.

Changing the Protection Attribute on the Files for the Chat Room Sample Application

During the installation of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise software, the sample application files are marked read-only. Before you can edit or build the files in the Chat Room sample application, you need to change the protection attribute of the files you copied into your work directory, as follows:

Windows NT

prompt>attrib -r drive:\workdirectory*.*

UNIX

prompt>/bin/ksh

ksh prompt>chmod u+w /workdirectory/*.*

On the UNIX operating system platform, you also need to change the permission of ChatRoom.ksh to give execute permission to the file, as follows:

ksh prompt>chmod +x ChatRoom.ksh

Verifying the Setting of the TUXDIR Environment Variable

Before building and running the Chat Room sample application, you need to ensure that the TUXDIR environment variable is set on your system. In most cases, this environment variable is set as part of the installation procedure. The TUXDIR environment variable defines the directory path where you installed the BEA WebLogic Enterprise software. For example:

Windows NT

TUXDIR=c:\WLEDir

UNIX

TUXDIR=/usr/local/WLEDir

To verify that the information for the environment variables defined during installation is correct, perform the following steps:

Windows NT

- 1. From the Start menu, select Settings.
- 2. From the Settings menu, select the Control Panel.

The Control Panel appears.

3. Click the System icon.

The System Properties window appears.

4. Click the Environment tab.

The Environment page appears.

5. Check the setting for TUXDIR.

UNIX

ksh prompt>printenv TUXDIR

To change the settings, perform the following steps:

Windows NT

- On the Environment page in the System Properties window, click the TUXDIR environment variable.
- 2. Enter the correct information for the environment variable in the Value field.
- 3. Click OK to save the changes.

UNIX

ksh prompt>export TUXDIR=directorypath

Executing the ChatSetup Command

The ChatSetup command automates the following steps:

- 1. Setting the system environment variables
- 2. Creating and loading the configuration file
- 3. Compiling the code for the client application
- 4. Compiling the code for the server application

Before running the ChatSetup command, you need to check the following:

- Ensure that you have the appropriate administrative privileges to build and run applications.
- On Windows NT, make sure nmake is in the path of your machine.
- On UNIX, make sure make is in the path of your machine.

To build and run the sample application, enter the ChatSetup command, as follows:

Windows NT

```
prompt>cd workdirectory
prompt>ChatSetup.cmd
```

UNIX

```
ksh prompt>cd workdirectory
ksh prompt>./ChatSetup.ksh
```

Starting the Server Application

Start the server application and the system server processes in the Chat Room sample application by entering the following command:

```
prompt>tmboot -y
```

This command starts the following server processes:

TMSYSEVT

The system event broker. This server process is used only by the BEA WebLogic Enterprise system.

TMFFNAME

The following three TMFFNAME server processes are started:

- The TMFFNAME server process started with the -N and -M options is the
 Master NameManager service. The NameManager service maintains a
 mapping of the application-supplied names to object references. This server
 process is used only by the BEA WebLogic Enterprise system.
- The TMFFNAME server process started with only the -N option is the Slave NameManager service.
- The TMFFNAME server process started with the -F option contains the FactoryFinder object.
- ChatRoom

The server application process for the Chat Room sample application.

■ ISL

The IIOP Listener/Handler process.

Starting the Client Application

Start the client application in the Chat Room sample application by entering the following command:

```
prompt>ChatClient chatroom_name -ORBport nnn
```

where <code>chatroom_name</code> is the name of a chat room to which you want to connect. You can enter any value. You will be prompted for a handle to identify yourself. You can enter any value. If the handle you chose is in use, you will be prompted for another handle.

To optimize the usefulness of the Chat Room sample application, you should run a second client application using the same chat room name.

To exit the client application, enter \.

Stopping the Chat Room Sample Application

Before using another sample application, enter the following commands to stop the Chat Room sample application and to remove unnecessary files from the work directory:

Windows NT

```
prompt>tmshutdown -y
prompt>Admin\setenv
prompt>nmake -f ChatRoom.nt superclean
prompt>nmake -f ChatRoom.nt adminclean

UNIX
ksh prompt>tmshutdown -y
ksh prompt>. ./Admin/setenv.ksh
ksh prompt>make -f ChatRoom.mk superclean
ksh prompt>make -f ChatRoom.nt adminclean
```

3 Developing Java Joint Client/Server Applications

This topic includes the following sections:

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- Step 6: Creating a Callback Object Using the Callbacks Wrapper Object
- Step 7: Establishing a Connection to an ISH
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- Threading Considerations for Java Joint Client/Server Applications

- Building and Running the Callback Sample Application
- Using the Callback Sample Application

Development Process

Table 3-1 outlines the development process for Java joint client/server applications.

Table 3-1 Development Process for Java Joint Client/Server Applications

Step	Description
1	Write the OMG IDL for the callback interface and the CORBA interfaces you want to use in your BEA WebLogic Enterprise application.
2	Generate the skeletons and client stubs.
3	Write the methods that implement each interface's operations.
4	Initialize the ORB.
5	Write the client main portion of the joint client/server application.
6	Create a callback object using the Callbacks Wrapper object.
7	Establish communication with an ISH.
8	Invoke operations on the BEA WebLogic Enterprise object by passing an object reference for the callback object.
9	Specify configuration information.
10	Compile the joint client/server application.

These steps are explained in detail in subsequent topics.

Because the callback object in a joint client/server application is not transactional and has no object management capabilities, you do not need to create a Server Description File (filename.xml) for it. However, you still need to create a Server Description File for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects in your BEA WebLogic Enterprise application. For information about writing a Server Description File, see *Creating CORBA Java Server Applications*.

Software Requirements

You need the Java JDK version 1.2.1 to create Java joint client/server applications.

The Callback Sample Application

Throughout this topic, the Callback sample application is used to demonstrate the development steps. The callback object in the joint client/server application has a print_converted method, which accepts a string from the Simple object in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application and prints the string in uppercase and lowercase letters.

Figure 3-1 illustrates how the Callback sample application works.

Joint Client/Server Application **WLE Server Application** Create Callback Object **Factory** Callbacks Wrapper Callback_obj; Simple Object Callback_obj::print_converted (string message); call_callback(String data, Callback_obj ref); SimpleClient main() Bootstrap FactoryFinder callback_ref.print_converted create_Callback_obj; (data) = find_Simple(); Simple.call_callback (mixed, Callback_obj ref);

Figure 3-1 How the Callback Sample Application Works

The source files for the Callback sample application are located in the <code>WLEdir\samples\corba\callback_java</code> directory of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise software. See "Building and Running the Callback Sample Application" on page 3-20" for more information.

Step 1: Writing the OMG IDL

You use OMG IDL to describe available CORBA interfaces to client applications. An interface definition written in OMG IDL completely defines the CORBA interface and fully specifies each operation's arguments. OMG IDL is a purely declarative language. This means that it contains no implementation details. For more information about OMG IDL, see *Creating CORBA Client Applications*.

The Callback sample application implements the CORBA interfaces listed in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2 CORBA Interfaces for the Callback Sample Application	Table 3-2	CORBA	Interfaces fo	r the	Callback	Sampl	e Application
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Interface	Description	Operation
Callback	Accepts a string from the Simple object in the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application and prints the string in uppercase and lowercase letters	<pre>print_converted()</pre>
Simple	Calls the Callback object in the joint client/server application	Calls the Callback object in the joint client/server application
SimpleFactory	Creates object references to the Simple object	find_simple()

Listing 3-1 shows the simple.idl file that defines the Callback, Simple, and SimpleFactory interfaces in the Callback sample application.

Listing 3-1 OMG IDL for the Callback Sample Application

```
interface SimpleFactory
{
     Simple find_simple();
};
```

Step 2: Generating Skeletons and Client Stubs

The interface specification defined in OMG IDL is used by the IDL compiler to generate skeletons and client stubs. Note that a joint client/server application uses the client stub for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects and the skeleton and client stub for the callback object.

For example, in the Callback sample application, the joint client/server application uses the skeleton and the client stub for the Callback object to implement the object. The joint client/server application also uses the client stubs for for the Simple and SimpleFactory to invoke operations on the objects. The BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application uses the skeletons for the Simple and SimpleFactory objects to implement the objects and the client stub for the Callback object to invoke operations on the object.

During the development process, you use the following compilers to build client stubs and skeletons.

- You use the idltojava command supplied with the JDK version 1.2.1 to compile the OMG IDL file and generate client stubs and skeletons to be used by the joint client/server application.
- You use the m3idltojava command to compile the OMG IDL file and generate client stubs and skeletons to be used by the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application.

The names of the files generated by the idltojava and m3idltojava commands are the same; however, the content is different. When developing a BEA WebLogic Enterprise application that contains a joint client/server application, it is recommended that you create two separate directories for each set of client stubs and skeletons. For

the Callback sample application, the files generated by the idltojava command are located in the client directory and the files generated by the m3idltojava command are located in the server directory.

Table 3-3 lists the files that are generated by the idltojava and the m3idltojava commands.

Table 3-3 Files Created by the idltojava and m3idltojava Commands

File	Description
Callback.java	The Java version of the Callback OMG IDL interface. It extends org.omg.CORBA.Object.
CallbackHelper.java	The Java class that provides auxiliary functionality, notably the narrow method.
CallbackHolder.java	The Java class that provides operations for out and inout arguments that are included in CORBA, but that do not map exactly to Java.
_CallbackStub.java	The client stub that implements the Callback. java interface.
_CallbackImplBase.java	The skeleton that implements the Callback.java interface. The class CallbackImpl extends _CallbackImplBase.
Simple.java	The Java version of the Simple OMG IDL interface. It extends org.omg.CORBA.Object.
SimpleHelper.java	The Java class that provides auxiliary functionality, notably the narrow method.
SimpleHolder.java	The Java class that provides operations for out and inout arguments that CORBA has but that do not match exactly to Java.
_SimpleStub.java	The client stub that implements the Simple. java interface.

File	Description
_SimpleImplBase.java	The skeleton that implements the Simple.java interface. The class SimpleImpl extends _SimpleImplBase.
SimpleFactory.java	The Java version of the SimpleFactory OMG IDL interface. It extends org.omg.CORBA.Object.
SimpleFactoryHelper.java	The Java class that provides auxiliary functionality, notably the narrow method.
SimpleFactoryHolder.java	The Java class that provides operations for out and inout arguments that are included in CORBA, but that do not map exactly to Java.
_SimpleFactoryImplBase.java	The skeleton that implements the SimpleFactory.java interface. The class SimpleFactoryImpl extends _SimpleFactoryImplBase.
_SimpleFactoryStub.java	The client stub that implements the SimpleFactory. java interface.

The skeleton class that is created by the <code>idltojava</code> command does not inherit from the TP Framework <code>com.beasys.Tobj_Servant</code> class. Instead, the skeleton class inherits directly from the <code>org.omg.CORBA.DynamicImplementation</code> class. Inheriting from <code>com.beasys.Tobj_Servant</code> means the joint client/server application must explicitly create a servant for the callback object and initialize the servant's state. The servant for the callback object cannot use the <code>activate_object</code> and <code>deactivate_object</code> methods as they are members of the <code>com.beasys.Tobj_Servant</code> class.

Step 3: Writing the Methods That Implement Each Interface's Operations

After you compile the OMG IDL, you need to write methods that implement the operations of each object. In a joint client/server application, you write the implementation file for the callback object. You write the implementation file for a callback object as you would write the implementation file for any other CORBA object. You also write the implementation file for the BEA WebLogic Enterprise object in your BEA WebLogic Enterprise application.

An implementation file consists of the following:

- Method declarations for each operation specified in the OMG IDL file
- Your application's business logic
- Constructors for each interface implementation (optional)

Listing 3-2 includes the implementation file for the Callback object.

Listing 3-2 Implementation File for the Callback Object

```
}
}
```

Listing 3-3 includes the implementation file for the Simple object.

Listing 3-3 Implementation File for the Simple Object

Listing 3-4 includes the implementation file for the SimpleFactory object.

Listing 3-4 Implementation File for the SimpleFactory Object

```
import com.beasys.Tobj.TP;

//The implementation file for the SimpleFactory object. The

//SimpleFactory object provides methods to create a Simple object.

public class SimpleFactoryImpl extends _SimpleFactoryImplBase {

//Create an object reference to a Simple object.
```

```
public Simple find_simple()
              try {
                    org.omg.CORBA.Object simple_oref =
                         TP.create_object_reference(
                            SimpleHelper.id(), // Repository id
                            "simple_callback", // object id
                            null
                                               // routing criteria
                            );
       // Send back the narrowed reference.
                   return SimpleHelper.narrow(simple_oref);
           } catch (Exception e){
             TP.userlog("Cannot create Simple: " +e.getMessage());
             e.printStackTrace();
             return null;
}
```

Step 4: Initializing the ORB

In previous versions of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise product, Java client applications used the JDK ORB without modifications. Versions 4.2 and later of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise product provide a value-added implementation of the JDK ORB. The modifications to the JDK ORB include classes and methods that support callback objects. The classes and methods for the callback objects are in the wleclient.jar file located in the following directories:

Window NT

%wledir%\udataobj\java\jdk

UNIX

\$wledir/udataobj/java/jdk

To use this modified JDK ORB, Java joint client/server applications must set certain properties. Listing 3-5 contains the command to initialize the JDK ORB with the correct properties. For more information about the properties used to initialize the JDK ORB, see the *CORBA Java Programming Reference*.

Listing 3-5 Initializing the ORB in the Callback Sample Application

```
properties prop = new Properties(System.getProperties());
prop.put("org.omg.CORBA.ORBclass",
        "com.beasys.CORBA.iiop.ORB");
prop.put("org.omg.CORBA.ORBSingletonclass",
        "com.beasys.CORBA.idl.ORBSingleton");
System.setProperties(prop);
//Initialize the ORB
ORB orb = ORB.init(args, prop);
```

Step 5: Writing the Client Portion of the Joint Client/Server Application

During development of a joint client/server application, you write the client portion of the joint client/server application as you would write any BEA WebLogic Enterprise client application. The client application needs to include code that does the following:

- 1. Uses the Bootstrap object to establish communication with the BEA WebLogic Enterprise domain.
- 2. Resolves initial references to the FactoryFinder object.
- 3. Uses a factory to get an object reference for the desired BEA WebLogic Enterprise object.

The client development steps are illustrated in Listing 3-6, which includes code from the Callback sample application. In the Callback sample application, the client portion of the joint client/server application uses a factory to get an object reference to the Simple object.

Listing 3-6 The Client Portion of the Callback Sample Application

```
//Create a Bootstrap object
       Tobj_Bootstrap bootstrap = new Tobj_Bootstrap(orb,"");
//Create the Bootstrap object. The TOBJADDR system property
//defines the host and port.
Tobj_Bootstrap bootstrap = new Tobj_Bootstrap(orb, "");
//Use the Bootstrap object to find the FactoryFinder object.
org.omg.CORBA.Object fact_finder_oref =
       bootstrap.resolve_initial_references("FactoryFinder");
//Narrow the FactoryFinder object.
FactoryFinder fact_finder_oref =
       FactoryFinderHelper.narrow(fact_finder_oref);
//Use the FactoryFinder object to locate a factory for the
//Simple object.
org.omg.CORBA.Object simple_fact_oref =
     fact_finder_oref.find_one_factory_by_id
     (SimpleFactoryHelper.id());
//Narrow the factory.
SimpleFactory simple_factory_oref =
     SimpleFactoryHelper.narrow(simple_fact_oref);
//Find the Simple object.
Simple simple = simple_factory_oref.find_simple();
```

Step 6: Creating a Callback Object Using the Callbacks Wrapper Object

To allow the use of outbound IIOP in Java joint client/server applications, the JDK ORB has been extended to implement certain POA functionality. The POA functionality is implemented through the Callbacks Wrapper object.

The Callbacks Wrapper object does the following:

- Defines the object policy for the callback object. The following object policies are supported:
 - Transient/SystemID (_transient)
 - Persistent/SystemID (_persistent/systemid)
 - Persistent/UserID (_persistent/userid)

For a complete description of the object policies for callback objects, see "Object Policies for Callback Objects" on page 1-5.

- Creates a servant for the callback object.
- Sets the ORB to the state in which it will accept requests on the callback object.
- Returns an object reference to the activated callback object. The object Id can be generated by the system or supplied by the user.
- Tells the ORB to stop accepting requests on either a single servant or all the active servants.

For a complete description of the Callbacks Wrapper object, see the *CORBA Java Programming Reference*.

Listing 3-7 shows how the Callbacks object is used in the Callback sample application.

Listing 3-7 Using the Callbacks Wrapper Object in the Callback Sample Application

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.Properties;
```

Step 7: Establishing a Connection to an ISH

To support IIOP more efficiently in Java joint client/server applications, the Bootstrap object supports a register_callback_port method. This method registers the callback object in a joint client/server application with the listening port of an ISH, causing invocations to the callback object to be routed through the specified ISH.

In this situation, the joint client/server application is using dual-pair connection IIOP. A joint client/server application that does not perform this registration will force server applications that invoke the callback object in the joint client/server application to use asymmetric IIOP, which uses the ORB infrastructure to locate an available ISH.

Note: The callback object must be activated before the register_callback_port method is called.

Listing 3-8 shows how the register_callback_port method is used in the Callback sample application.

Listing 3-8 The register_callback_port Method in the Callback Sample Application

```
...
//Register the callback port are specified in org.omg.CORBA.ORBport
bootstrap.register_callback_port(callback_ref);
...
```

Step 8: Invoking Operations on the Callback Object

Once you have an object reference to a callback object, you pass the callback object reference as a parameter to a method of a BEA WebLogic Enterprise object. In the Callback sample application, the Simple object (the BEA WebLogic Enterprise object) uses an object reference to the Callback object as a parameter to the call_callback method. Listing 3-9 illustrates this step.

Listing 3-9 Invoking the call_callback Method

```
...
//Call the call_callback method which invokes the Callback object
simple.call_callback(mixed, callback_ref);
...
```

Step 9: Specifying Configuration Information

When using joint client/server applications, the object references for the callback object must contain a host and port number, as follows:

- For transient callback objects, any port is sufficient and can be obtained dynamically by the ORB.
- For persistent callback objects, the ORB must be configured to accept requests for the callback object on the same port on which the object reference for the callback object was created.

The ORB is configured by setting the org.omg.CORBA.ORBPORT system property. Every time you run the joint client/server application, you must enter the following commands to set the org.omg.CORBA.ORBPORT system property:

Window NT

```
java -DTOBJADDR=//Host:Port
    -Dorg.omg.CORBA.ORBport=portnumber
    -classpath=%CLASSPATH% JointClientServerApplication
```

UNIX

```
java -DTOBJADDR=//Host:Port
    -Dorg.omg.CORBA.ORBport=portnumber
    -classpath=$CLASSPATH JointClientServerApplication
```

The administrator assigns the port number for the joint client/server application from the user range of port numbers, rather than from the dynamic range. Assigning port numbers from the user range prevents joint client/server applications from using conflicting ports.

For Java joint client/server applications, the administrator needs to boot the IIOP Server Listener (ISL) with startup parameters that enable outbound IIOP to invoke callback objects not connected to an IIOP Server Handler (ISH). The -o option of the ISL command enables outbound IIOP. The ISL parameter is defined in the configuration file. Additional parameters allow administrators to obtain the optimum configuration for their BEA WebLogic Enterprise application. For more information about the ISL command, see the *Commands, System Processes, and MIB Reference*.

Note: The Callback sample application does not demonstrate using asymmetric IIOP. Therefore, the -o option is not used in the configuration file.

Step 10: Compiling Java Joint Client/Server Applications

When creating joint client/server applications, use the <code>javac</code> command provided with the JDK 1.2.1 to construct an executable for the joint client/server application. The command compiles the java source code of the joint client/server application.

When compiling joint client/server applications, you need to include the following Java ARchive (JAR) files in your CLASSPATH:

■ The m3envobj. jar file, which contains Java versions of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise environmental objects

Note: The m3envobj.jar file is in this directory: wledir\udataobj\java\jdk.

 The wleclient.jar file, which contains the classes and methods for the Callbacks Wrapper object

For the syntax of the javac command, see the CORBA Java Programming Reference.

You use the buildjavaserver command to build the BEA WebLogic Enterprise server application that invokes the callback object. For information about compiling server applications, see *Getting Started* and *Creating CORBA Java Server Applications*.

Threading Considerations for Java Joint Client/Server Applications

Note: The Callback sample application does not use multiple threads.

Since Java as an execution environment is multithreaded, there is no need to implement the ORB org.omg.CORBA.orb.work_pending and org.omg.CORBA.orb.perform_work methods. These methods throw a NO_IMPLEMENT exception when a user tries to invoke them. In addition, the org.omg.CORBA.orb.run method does not need to be called. Be aware that any code that executes concurrently must be written to be thread-safe.

When using multiple threads in Java, the client functionality of the joint client/server application starts up in the main thread. The joint client/server application then activates the callback object using one of the start methods of the Callbacks Wrapper object. The Callbacks Wrapper object registers the servant for the callback object, and its associated object ID, in the ORB's object manager. The joint client/server application is then free to pass the object reference for the callback object to any application that may need to invoke the callback object.

Note: The BEA version of the JDK ORB requires an explicit call to one of the start methods of the Callbacks Wrapper object to initialize the servant for the callback object and create a valid object ID. This requirement differs from the base JDK ORB, which allows implicit creation of object references through the orb.connect method when marshaling an object reference when an application has not already done so.

Invocations on the callback object are handled by the ORB. As each request is received, the ORB validates the request against the object manager and spawns a thread for that request. Multiple requests can be made simultaneously to the same callback object, since the ORB creates a new thread for each request.

As each request terminates, the thread that runs the servant for the callback object terminates. The main thread that controls the client functionality of the joint client/server application can make as many client invocations as it needs. There is no restriction to prevent other servants defined in the joint client/server application to act as client applications and invoke on BEA WebLogic Enterprise objects. A call to stop_all_objects() merely takes the callback object out of the object manager's list, thus preventing any further invocations on the callback object. Any invocation to a stopped callback object fails as if it never existed.

If the client functionality of a joint client/server application needs to retrieve the results of a callback from another thread, the client functionality must use normal thread synchronization techniques.

If any thread in the joint client/server application invokes an exit method, all activity is stopped and the Java execution environment terminates. It is recommended to only call return() to terminate a thread.

Building and Running the Callback Sample Application

To build and run the Callback sample application:

- 1. Copy the files for the Callback sample application into a work directory.
- 2. Change the protection attribute on the files for the Callback sample application.
- 3. Verify the environment variables.
- 4. Execute the runne command.

The following sections describe these steps.

Copying the Files for the Callback Sample Application into a Work Directory

You need to copy the files for the Callback sample application into a work directory on your local machine. The files for the Callback sample application are located in the following directories:

Windows NT

drive:\WLEdir\samples\corba\callback_java

UNIX

/usr/local/WLEdir/samples/corba/callback_java

You will use the files listed in Table 3-4 to build and run the Callback sample application.

Table 3-4 Files Included in the Callback Sample Application

File	Description
Simple.idl	The OMG IDL code that declares the Callback, Simple, and SimpleFactory interfaces. This file is copied from the sample application directory by the runme command file.
ServerImpl.java	The Java source code that implements the Server.initialize and Server.release methods.
SimpleJCS.java	The Java source code for the joint client/server application in the Callback sample application.
SimpleFactoryImpl.java	The Java source code that implements the methods of the SimpleFactory object.
SimpleImpl.java	The Java source code that implements the methods of the Simple object.
CallbackImpl.java	The Java source code that implements the methods of the Callback object.
Simple.xml	The Server Description File used to associate activation and transaction policy values with CORBA interfaces. For the Callback sample application, the Simple and SimpleFactory interfaces have an activation policy of method and a transaction policy of never.
Readme.txt	The file that provides the latest information about building and running the Callback sample application.
runme.cmd	The Windows NT batch file that builds and runs the Callback sample application.
runme.ksh	The UNIX Korn shell script that builds and executes the Callback sample application.

Table 3-4 Files Included in the Callback Sample Application

File	Description	
makefile.mk	The UNIX Korn make file for the Callback sample application. This file is used to manually build the Callback sample application. Refer to the Readme.txt file for information about manually building the Callback sample application. The UNIX make command needs to be in the path of your machine.	
makefile.nt	The Windows NT make file for the Callback sample application. This make file can be used directly by the Visual C++ nmake command. This file is used to manually build the Callback sample application. Refer to the Readme.txt file for information about manually building the Callback sample application. The Windows NT nmake command needs to be in the path of your machine.	
smakefile.nt	The make file that is used with the Visual Cafe smake command for the Callback sample application.	
	Note:	makefile.nt is included by smakefile.nt.

Note: When running the Callback sample application on the UNIX operating system, you need to make sure the makefile is in the path of your machine.

Changing the Protection Attribute on the Files for the Callback Sample Application

During the installation of the BEA WebLogic Enterprise software, the sample application files are marked read-only. Before you can edit or build the files in the Callback sample application, you need to change the protection attribute of the files you copied into your work directory, as follows:

Windows NT

prompt>attrib -r drive:\workdirectory*.*

UNIX

prompt>/bin/ksh

ksh prompt>chmod u+w /workdirectory/*.*

On the UNIX operating system platform, you also need to change the permission of runme.ksh to give execute permission to the file, as follows:

ksh prompt>chmod +x runme.ksh

Verifying the Settings of the Environment Variables

Before building and running the Callback sample application, you need to ensure that certain environment variables are set on your system. In most cases, these environment variables are set as part of the installation procedure. However, you need to check the environment variables to ensure they reflect correct information.

Table 3-5 lists the environment variables required to run the Callback sample application.

Table 3-5 Required Environment Variables for the Callback Sample Application

Environment Variable	Description
TUXDIR	The directory path where you installed the BEA WebLogic Enterprise software. For example:
	Windows NT
	TUXDIR=c:\WLEDir
	UNIX
	TUXDIR=/usr/local/WLEDir

Table 3-5 Required Environment Variables for the Callback Sample Application

Environment Variable	Description
JAVA_HOME	The directory path where you installed the JDK software. For example: Windows NT
	JAVA_HOME=c:\JDK1.2
	UNIX
	<pre>JAVA_HOME=/usr/local/JDK1.2</pre>

To verify that the information for the environment variables defined during installation is correct, complete the following steps:

Windows NT

- 1. From the Start menu, select Settings.
- 2. From the Settings menu, select the Control Panel.

The Control Panel appears.

3. Click the System icon.

The System Properties window appears.

4. Click the Environment tab.

The Environment page appears.

5. Check the settings for TUXDIR and JAVA_HOME.

UNIX

ksh prompt>printenv TUXDIR

ksh prompt>printenv JAVA_HOME

To change the settings, perform the following steps:

Windows NT

1. On the Environment page in the System Properties window, click the environment variable you want to change, or enter the name of the environment variable in the Variable field.

- 2. Enter the correct information for the environment variable in the Value field.
- 3. Click OK to save the changes.

UNIX

ksh prompt>export TUXDIR=directorypath
ksh prompt>export JAVA_HOME=directorypath

Table 3-6 lists additional environment variables that may be set prior to running the Callback sample application.

Table 3-6 Optional Environment Variables for the Callback Sample Application

Environment Variable	Description
HOST	The host name portion of the TCP/IP network address used by the ISL process to accept connections from the ORB. The default value is the name of the local machine.
PORT	The TCP port number at which the ISL process listens for incoming requests; it must be a number between 0 and 65535. The default is 2468.
IPCKEY	The address of shared memory; it must be a number greater than 32769 unique to this application on this system. The default value is 55532.
CALLBACK_PORT	The TCP port number at which the client application process listens for incoming callback requests; it must be a number between 0 and 65535. The default value is 2458.

Executing the runme Command

The runme command automates the following steps:

- 1. Setting the system environment variables
- 2. Loading the UBBCONFIG file

- 3. Compiling the code for the client application
- 4. Compiling the code for the server application
- 5. Starting the server application using the tmboot command
- 6. Starting the client application
- 7. Stopping the server application using the tmshutdown command

Note: You can also run the Callback sample application manually. The steps for manually running the Callback sample application are described in the Readme.txt file.

To build and run the Callback sample application, enter the runme command, as follows:

Windows NT

```
prompt>cd workdirectory
prompt>runme
```

UNIX

```
ksh prompt>cd workdirectory
ksh prompt>./runme.ksh
```

The Callback sample application runs and prints the following messages:

```
Testing simpapp
cleaned up
prepared
built
loaded ubb
booted
ran
shutdown
saved results
PASSED
```

Note: After executing the runme command, you may get a message indicating that the Host, Port, and IPCKEY parameters in the UBBCONFIG file conflict with an existing UBBCONFIG file. If this occurs, you need to set these parameters to different values to get the Callback sample application running on your machine.

The runme command starts the following application processes:

TMSYSEVT

The BEA TUXEDO system event broker.

TMFFNAME

The following three TMFFNAME server processes are started:

- The TMFFNAME server process started with the -N and -M options is the Master NameManager service. The NameManager service maintains a mapping of the application-supplied names to object references.
- The TMFFNAME server process started with only the -N option is the Slave NameManager service.
- The TMFFNAME server process started with the -F option contains the FactoryFinder object.

■ JavaServer

The server application server process that implements the SimpleFactory and Simple interfaces. The JavaServer process has one option, simple.jar, which is the Java ARchive (JAR) file that was created for the application.

ISL

The IIOP Listener server process.

Table 3-7 lists the files in the work directory generated by the runne command.

Table 3-7 Files Generated by the runme Command

File	Description
SimpleFactory.java, SimpleFactoryHolder.java, SimpleFactoryHelper.java, _SimpleFactoryStub.java, _SimpleFactoryImplBase.java, Simple.java SimpleHolder.java, SimpleHelper.java, _SimpleStub.java, _SimpleImplBase.java, Callback.java, CallbackHolder.java CallbackHelper.java _CallbackStub.java _CallbackStub.java _CallbackImplBase.java	Client stubs, skeletons, and Java Helper and Holder classes for the SimpleFactory, Simple, and Callback interfaces. For a description of the files, see Table 3-3.
Simple.ser	The Server Descriptor File.
Simple.jar	The server JAR file.
SimpleJCS.jar	The JAR file for the joint client/server application.
.adm/.keybd	A file that contains the security encryption key database.
results	A generated directory.

Table 3-8 lists files in the results directory generated by the runme command.

Table 3-8 Files in the results Directory Generated by the runme Command

File	Description
input	Contains the input that the runme command provides to the Java client application.
output	Contains the output produced when the runme command executes the Java client application.

Table 3-8 Files in the results Directory Generated by the runme Command

File	Description
expected_output	Contains the output that is expected when the Java client application is executed by the runme command. The data in the output file is compared to the data in the expected_output file to determine whether or not the test passed or failed.
log	Contains the output generated by the runme command. If the runme command fails, check this file for errors.
setenv.cmd	Contains the commands to set the environment variables needed to build and run the Callback sample application on the Windows NT operating system platform.
setenv.ksh	Contains the commands to set the environment variables needed to build and run the Callback sample application on the UNIX operating system platform.
stderr	Generated by the tmboot command, which is executed by the runme command. If the -noredirect JavaServer option is specified in the UBBCONFIG file, the System.err.println method sends the output to the stderr file instead of to the ULOG file.
stdout	Generated by the tmboot command, which is executed by the runme command. If the -noredirect JavaServer option is specified in the UBBCONFIG file, the System.out.println method sends the output to the stdout file instead of to the ULOG file.
tmsysevt.dat	Contains filtering and notification rules used by the TMSYSEVT (system event reporting) process. This file is generated by the tmboot command in the runme command.

Table 3-8 Files in the results Directory Generated by the runme Command

File	Description
tuxconfig	A binary version of the UBBCONFIG file.
ubb	The UBBCONFIG file for the Callback sample application.
ULOG. <date></date>	A log file that contains messages generated by the tmboot command.

Using the Callback Sample Application

This section describes how to use the Callback sample application after the runme command is executed.

Run the joint client/server application in the Callback sample application, as follows:

Windows NT

```
prompt>tmboot -y
prompt>java -classpath %CLIENTCLASSPATH% -DTOBJADDR=%TOBJADDR
-Dorg.omg.CORBA.ORBPort=%CALLBACK_PORT% SimpleJCS
String?
Hello World
HELLO WORLD
hello world
```

UNIX

```
ksh prompt>tmboot
ksh prompt>java -classpath $CLIENTCLASSPATH -DTOBJADDR=$TOBJADDR
-Dorg.omg.CORBA.ORBPOrt=$CALLBACK_PORT SimpleJCS
String?
Hello World
HELLO WORLD
hello world
```

Before using another sample application, enter the following commands to stop the Callback sample application and to remove unnecessary files from the work directory:

Windows NT

```
prompt>tmshutdown -y
prompt>nmake -f makefile.nt clean
```

UNIX

```
ksh prompt>make -f makefile.mk clean
```

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