

Mensch-Maschine-Interaktion 2

Übung 5

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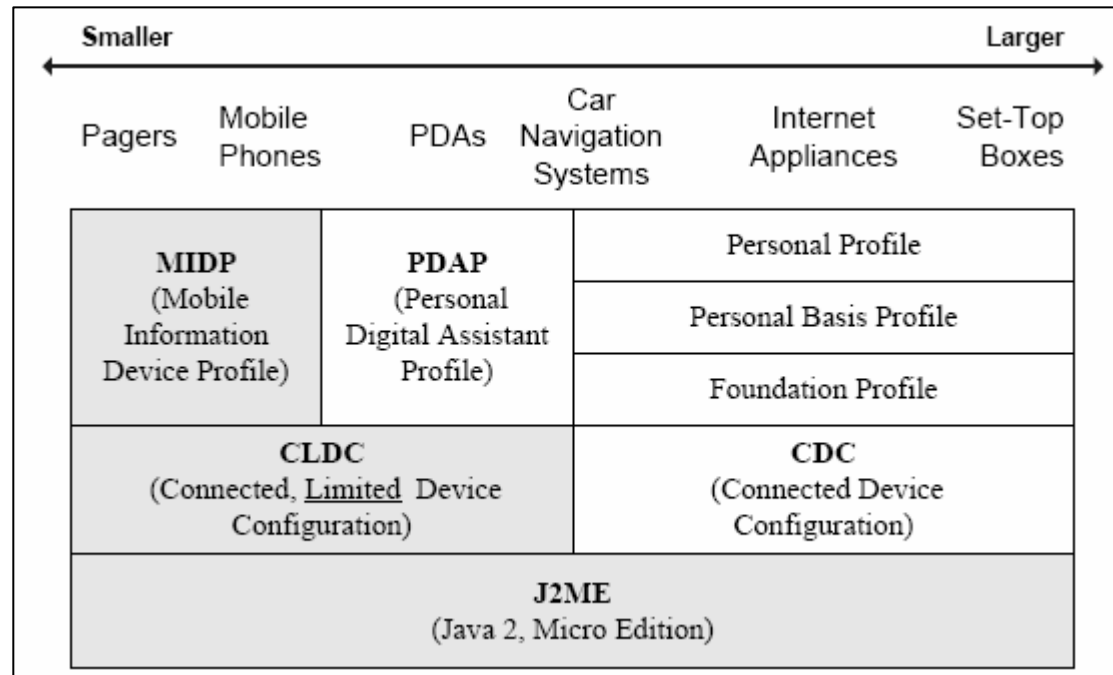
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Java ME – Overview (I)

- Java ME
 - slim Java for mobile devices
 - Java ME stack
 - configuration + profile + additional APIs
 - Configuration
 - JVM + minimal amount of functionality
 - subset of Java SE
 - e.g. CLDC 1.1
 - Profiles
 - enhance the configuration with functionality
 - APIs for user interface, persistent storage, etc.
 - e.g. MIDP 2.0
 - Additional APIs for Bluetooth connections, Multimedia and more

Java ME – Overview (II)

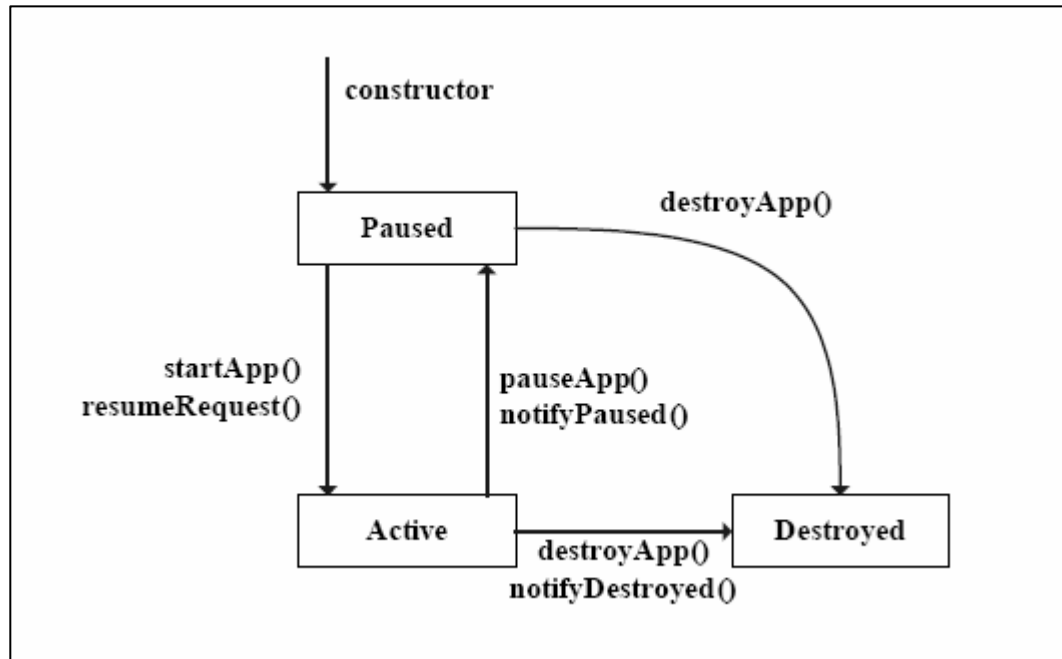
- The Java ME Universe



MIDlets

- MIDP applications are called MIDlets
- Every MIDlet is an instance of `javax.microedition.midlet.MIDlet`
 - Constructor
 - Implements lifecycle methods
- Conceptually similar to Applets
 - Executed in host environment

MIDlet Life Cycle (I)



MIDlet Life Cycle (II)

- Application Manager (also called Application Management Software - AMS) controls the installation and execution of MIDlets
- Start of a MIDlet: constructor + startApp() are executed by the Application Manager
- MIDlet
 - notifies AMS that it has entered into *Paused* state (*notifyPaused()*)
 - notifies AMS that it has entered into *Destroyed* state (*notifyDestroyed()*)

MIDlet Build Cycle (I)

1. Edit source code
2. Compile (like compiling normal java)
3. Preverify
 - Bytecode verification (makes sure it behaves well + won't do nasty things) is split into two steps
 - lightweight second verification on the mobile device (standard verification too memory intensive)
 - special class format (adds 5% to normal class file size)
 - Normally not visible for the programmer

MIDlet Build Cycle (II)

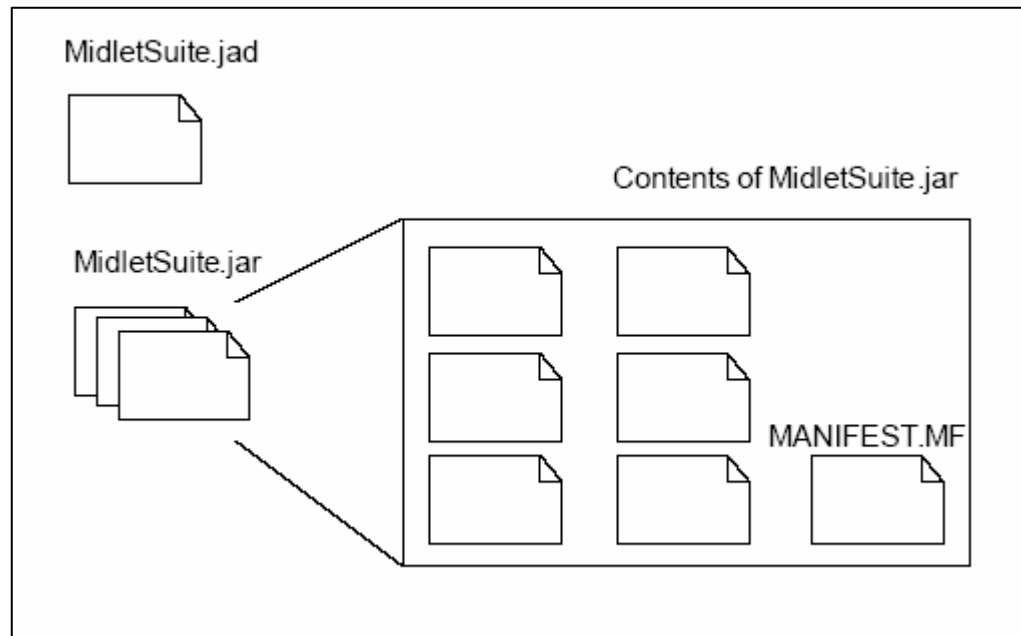
4. (Application) Package, MIDlet Suite

- MIDlets + Classes + Resources + Manifest Information => Java Archive (JAR)
- Manifest: describes content of archive (versions of CLDC and MIDP, name, version, vendor)
- Application Descriptor (*.jad)
 - Same information like manifest (+ MIDlet-Jar-Size, MIDlet-Jar-URL), but an external file
 - Normally used for installation

5. Test or Deploy

MIDlet Suite

- Anatomy of a MIDlet Suite



MIDP: User Interface

- Goal: Write Once, Run Anywhere
- Anywhere?
 - Different screen sizes
 - Resolution of screen
 - Color or grayscale screen
 - Different input capabilities (numeric keypad, alphabetical keyboards, soft keys, touch screens, etc.)
- Abstraction required
 - specifying a user interface in abstract terms
 - (Not:) “Display the word ‘Next’ on the screen above the soft button.”
 - Rather: “Give me a ‘Next’ command somewhere in this interface”

Example – Form

```
Form form2 = new Form(„Text anzeigen“);
form2.append(„Hello World“);
form2.addCommand(new Command("Zurück", Command.BACK, 1));
form2.setCommandListener(new CommandListener() {
    public void commandAction(Command c, Displayable d) {
        ...
        //back to the main menu
        showMenu();
    }
});
...
Display.getDisplay(this).setCurrent(form2);
...
private void showMenu() {...}
```

Persistent Storage (I)

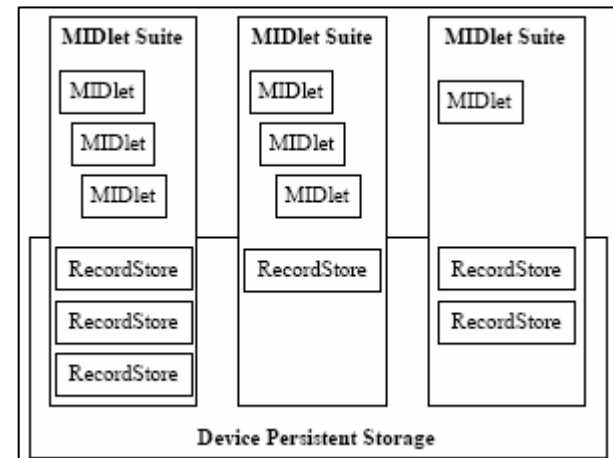
- Goal: Write Once, Run Anywhere
- Anywhere?
 - Device with Flash ROM
 - Battery-backed RAM
 - Small Hard Disk

=> Abstraction is needed

- Record stores (small databases)
- Min. 8KByte (Nokia 6600: ‘the only limitation is the amount of free memory’)

Persistent Storage (II) – Record Stores

- Record store
 - contains records (pieces of data)
 - instance of `javax.microedition.rms.RecordStore`
- Every MIDlet in a MIDlet Suite can access every Record Store
- Since MIDP 2.0:
 - Access across Suite borders possible !!!



Example – Record Store

- Open record store:

```
RecordStore db = RecordStore.openRecordStore("myDBfile", true);
```

- Close record store:

```
db.closeRecordStore();
```

- Write string *record*:

```
ByteArrayOutputStream baos = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
```

```
DataOutputStream dos = new DataOutputStream(baos);
```

```
dos.writeUTF(record);
```

```
byte[] b = baos.toByteArray();
```

```
db.addRecord(b, 0, b.length);
```

- Read record with index *i*:

```
byte[] record = db.getRecord(i);
```

```
ByteArrayInputStream bais = new ByteArrayInputStream(record);
```

```
DataInputStream dis = new DataInputStream(bais);
```

```
String in = dis.readUTF();
```

Recommended IDEs

- Netbeans (<http://www.netbeans.org/products/ide/>) + Mobility Pack (<http://www.netbeans.org/products/mobility/>)
 - Much better Java ME support than EclipseME (e.g. graphical interface editor)
- Eclipse (<http://www.eclipse.org/>) + EclipseME (<http://eclipseme.org/docs/index.html>)
 - May be better for developers experienced in using eclipse