

50 JMS 2.0 Best Practices in 50 Minutes CON3153

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Getting the best out of JMS 2.0 About this session

- Introductory-level session
- Assumes little or no JMS knowledge
- Discusses only JMS 2.0
 - Though most of it applies to JMS 1.1 as well
- If you know JMS 1.1 this session will introduce you to JMS 2.0



JMS Best Practices

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1. When to use JMS

- When you want to allow the sending and receiving of the message to occur at different times
- When you don't want sender and receiver to have to know about each other
- When sender and receiver are usually in separate running programs
- When you want pub/sub or point-to-point messaging
- When you don't want messages to be lost if there's a failure
- When you want your application to work with different messaging products



2. When not to use JMS

Other Java EE technologies may match your needs better

- Asynchronous EJB calls
 - A simpler alternative to sending a message to a MDB in the same app server
 - Less scalability, failure-tolerance etc
- CDI events
 - Simple Java EE observer/observable mechanism
 - Sender and receiver must be the same JVM
 - Sending method blocks whilst event is delivered to all listeners
 - If a listener throws an exception,
 - it is thrown directly to the sender
 - no more listeners receive the message (event)



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3. Use the right JMS API

ConnectionFactory
JMSContext
JMSProducer
JMSConsumer
Message

Simplified API
JMS 2.0+

ConnectionFactory
JMSContext
JMSProducer
JMSConsumer
Message

Classic API JMS 1.1+

QueueConnectionFactory
QueueConnection
QueueSession
QueueSender
QueueReceiver
Message

Legacy API for point-to-point JMS 1.0+

TopicConnectionFactory
TopicConnection
TopicSession
TopicPublisher
TopicSubscriber
Message

Legacy API for publish-and-subscribe

JMS 1.0+



4. Using a JMSContext to send a message to a queue (Java SE)

```
public void sendMessage(String text) throws NamingException {
    InitialContext namingContext = new InitialContext(props);
    ConnectionFactory cf = (ConnectionFactory) namingContext.lookup("jms/myCF");
    Queue messageQueue = (Queue)namingContext.lookup("jms/myQueue");
    try (JMSContext context=connectionFactory.createContext();){
        TextMessage message = context.createTextMessage(text);
        context.createProducer().send(dataQueue,message);
    }
}
```



5. Using a JMSContext to send a message to a queue (Java EE)

```
@Resource(lookup="jms/connectionFactory") ConnectionFactory connectionFactory;
@Resource(lookup="jms/messageQueue") Queue messageQueue;
public void sendMessage (String text) {
    try (JMSContext context = connectionFactory.createContext();){
        TextMessage message = context.createTextMessage(text);
        context.createProducer().send(messageQueue,message);
    }
}
```



6. Getting your ConnectionFactory

Use JNDI to keep configuration details out of your application

- A ConnectionFactory is the starting object which contains all the information needed to connect to the JMS server
- The way you create and configure these objects is not standard, so create them separately, bind them in JNDI and look them up from your application
- In Java SE, use JNDI API to look up the connection factory

```
InitialContext ic = new InitialContext(props);
ConnectionFactory cf = (ConnectionFactory)ic.lookup("jms/myCF")
```

• In Java EE, inject the connection factory using @Resource

```
@Resource(lookup="jms/myCF") ConnectionFactory cf1;
@Resource ConnectionFactory cf2; // uses the platform default connection factory
```



7. Getting your Queue or Topic object Use JNDI to keep configuration details out of your application

- A Queue or Topic object defines the queue or topic in the server where you want to send or receive messages
- The way you create and configure these objects is not standard, so create them separately, bind them in JNDI and look them up from your application
- In Java SE, use JNDI API to look up the queue or topic

```
InitialContext ic = new InitialContext(props);
javax.jms.Queue myQueue = (Queue)ic.lookup("jms/myQueue")
```

• In Java EE, inject the queue or topic using @Resource

```
@Resource(lookup="jms/myQueue") javax.jms.Queue myQueue;
```



8. Getting your JMSContext

Create it from the connection factory - and close it after use

- A JMSContext represents an active connection to the JMS server
- Create it from a ConnectionFactory...and close after use

```
JMSContext context = connectionFactory.createContext(sessionMode);
...
context.close
```

• For convenience, use a try-with-resources block

```
try (JMSContext context = connectionFactory.createContext();){
    ...
}
// close() called automatically at end of block or if exception thrown
```



9. Using a JMSContext to send a message

```
// start with a JMSContext
JMSContext context = ...

// ...and a queue or topic
Queue myQueue = ...

// create your message and set its payload
TextMessage myMessage = context.createTextMessage("Hello");

// send the message to the queue
context.createProducer().send(myQueue,myMessage);
```

10. Getting a JMSContext object by injection (Java EE only)

```
@Inject @JMSConnectionFactory("jms/connectionFactory") JMSContext context;

@Resource(lookup="jms/messageQueue") Queue messageQueue;

public void sendMessage (String text) {
    TextMessage message = context.createTextMessage(text);
    context.createProducer().send(messageQueue,message);
}

// context is automatically closed at the end of the Java EE transaction (if active)
// or else at the end of the "request" (e.g. remote EJB call or MDB invocation)
```



11. Receiving a message: sync or async? Blocking call or asynchronous listener? Best practice depends on your needs.

- Blocking call
 - Fetch the next message from the queue or topic
 - Blocks until a message received
 - Best when you are expecting a particular message (e.g. a reply to a request)
- Asynchronous listener
 - JMS calls your code when the next message is available
 - Event-driven code is generally better
 - Particularly in a Java EE app server when you can process messages in multiple threads
 - Slightly less flexible in a Java EE app server



12. Receiving a message with a blocking call

```
// start with a JMSContext
JMSContext context = ...
// ...and a queue or topic
Queue myQueue = ...
// create a consumer on the queue
JMSConsumer consumer = context.createConsumer(messageQueue);
// fetch the message, blocking for up to 1000ms
Message message = consumer.receive(1000);
// extract the payload from the message
String payload = ((TextMessage)message).getText();
// close the JMSContext (if we've finished using it)
context.close();
```



13. Don't block for ever!

- receive(timeout)
 - best, can always repeat the call
- receive()
 - danger of blocking for ever
- receiveNoWait()
 - returns a message without blocking if one is immediately available
 - don't use, definition is ambiguous



14. Receiving messages asynchronously Different in Java SE and Java EE

• Java SE:

- Instantiate an object which implements the javax.jms.MessageListener interface
- Register it with JMS by calling setMessageListener

• Java EE:

- Use a message-driven bean instead
- Calling setMessageListener is discouraged and not portable



15. Receiving messages asynchronously with a MessageListener (Java SE)

Define the MessageListener class

```
public class MyListener
 implements javax.jms.MessageListener {
  public void onMessage(Message message) {
    TextMessage tm = (TextMessage)message;
   try {
     text = tm.getText();
      System.out.println("Got: "+text);
    } catch (JMSException e) {}
```

Start receiving messages

```
public void startListening() {
  ConnectionFactory cf = ...
  Queue messageQueue = ....
  context = cf.createContext();
  consumer =
    context.createConsumer(messageQueue);
 MyListener listener = new MyListener();
  consumer.setMessageListener(listener);

    Stop receiving messages
```

```
public void stopListening(){
 consumer.close();
```



16. Receiving messages asynchronously with a message-driven bean (Java EE)

```
@MessageDriven(activationConfig={
 @ActivationConfigProperty(
     propertyName = "destinationType", propertyValue = "javax.jms.Queue"),
 @ActivationConfigProperty(
    propertyName = "destinationLookup", propertyValue = "jms/messageQueue")
public class MyMessageListener implements MessageListener {
  public void onMessage(Message message) {
    TextMessage textMessage = (TextMessage)message;
    try {
      String text = textMessage.getText();
      System.out.println("Received: "+text);
    } catch (JMSException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
```



17. Obey the threading restrictions

Or risk unpredictable behaviour

- ConnectionFactory, Queue, Topic (and Connection) support concurrent use
- JMSContext (and Session), combined with any producer/consumer objects associated with it, and any received messages, may be used by only one thread at a time
 - E.g. must not create two JMSProducer objects from the same JMSContext and have two concurrent threads using them to send messages at the same time.
 - Setting a MessageListener means the JMSContext is being used by the message delivery thread. No other thread may then use the JMSContext - other than to call setMessageListener again or to call close.
- If you want to use multiple threads, use multiple JMSContexts (or Sessions)



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18: What is a JMS destination?

- JMS destinations are abstractions that mean senders and receivers don't need to know about each other
- Messages are sent to a named destination, not to a particular receiver
- Messages are received from a named destination, not from a particular sender
- Two types of JMS destination:
 - Queue
 - Topic
- What is the difference?





19. When to use a Queue

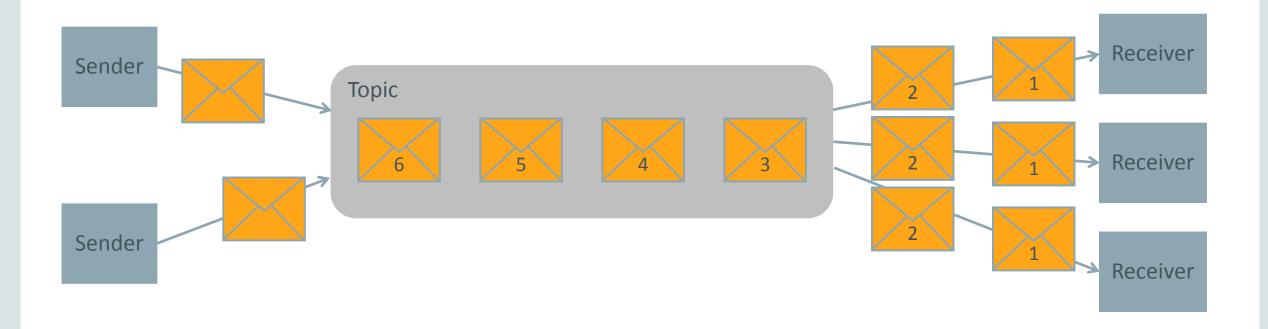
When you want each message to go to one of the receivers listening to the queue





20. When to use a Topic

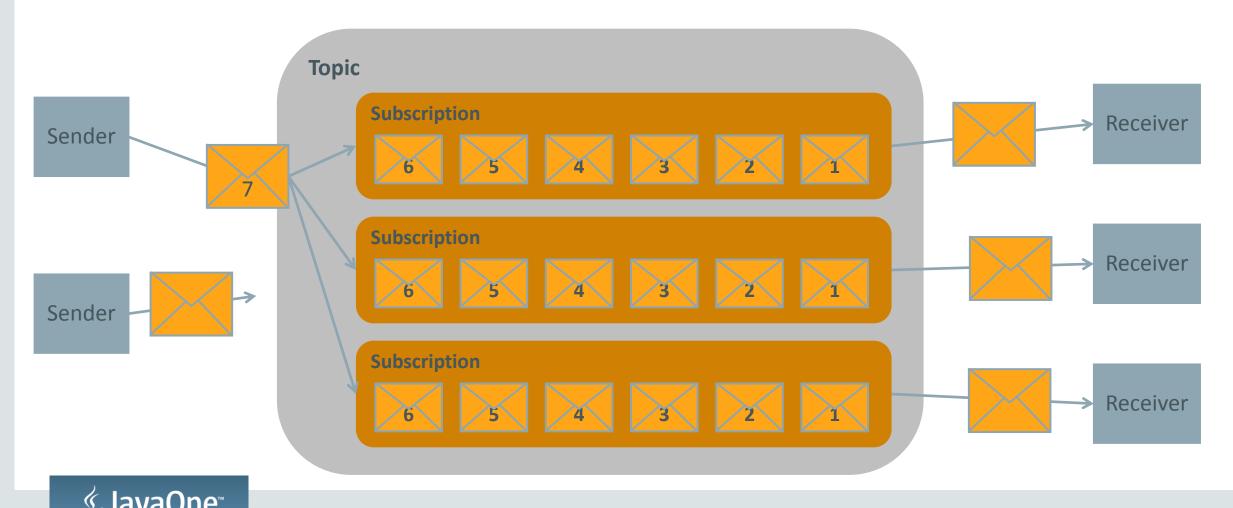
When you want message to go to all the receivers listening to the topic





21. Understanding topics

Messages are held in subscriptions



22. Durable topic subscriptions

• A durable subscription continues to exist even after consumer closes

```
// create a durable subscription on a topic
JMSConsumer consumer = context.createDurableConsumer(topic,"mySubscription");
// disconnect from the durable subscription, which continues to exist
consumer.close();
```

- A durable subscription remains in existence even after the consumer has closed. New messages will still be added to the durable subscription.
- If your application shuts down and is restarted later, you can catch all the messages sent to the topic whilst you were away
- You need to provide a name when you first create a durable subscription



23. Durable topic subscriptions with a message-driven bean (Java EE)

```
@MessageDriven(activationConfig={
 @ActivationConfigProperty(
     propertyName = "destinationType", propertyValue = "javax.jms.Topic"),
 @ActivationConfigProperty(
    propertyName = "destinationLookup", propertyValue = "jms/myTopic"),
 @ActivationConfigProperty(
    propertyName = "subscriptionDurability", propertyValue = "Durable"),
 @ActivationConfigProperty(
    propertyName = " subscriptionName", propertyValue = "mySubscription")
public class MyMessageListener implements MessageListener {
  public void onMessage(Message message) {
```

24. Non-durable topic subscriptions

• A non-durable subscription exists only as long as the consumer exists

```
// create a non-durable subscription
JMSConsumer consumer = context.createConsumer(topic);
consumer.setMessageListener(messageListener);
// receive messages from topic
...
// destroy the non-durable subscription
consumer.close();
```

 So if your application shuts down and is restarted later, you'll miss all the messages sent to the topic whilst you were away



25. Non-durable topic subscriptions with a message-driven bean (Java EE)

```
@MessageDriven(activationConfig={
    @ActivationConfigProperty(
        propertyName = "destinationType", propertyValue = "javax.jms.Topic"),
    @ActivationConfigProperty(
        propertyName = "destinationLookup", propertyValue = "jms/myTopic"),
    @ActivationConfigProperty(
        propertyName = "subscriptionDurability", propertyValue = "NonDurable")
})
public class MyMessageListener implements MessageListener {
    public void onMessage(Message message) {
        ...
    }
}
```

26. Persistent or non-persistent messages? Queues

- Messages are persistent by default
- Persistent messages sent to a queue will be saved on disk so that it won't be lost if the server is restarted

```
context.createProducer().send(messageQueue,message);
```

- Messages may be optionally configured to be non-persistent
 - usually much faster
 - message will be lost if the server is restarted
 - or if the server becomes short of memory or other resource limits are reached

```
context.createProducer().
  setDeliveryMode(DeliveryMode.NON_PERSISTENT).send(messageQueue,message);
```



27. Persistent or non-persistent messages?

- For each durable subscription
 - Persistent messages are persisted
 - Non-persistent messages not persisted (and may also be thrown away if consumer disconnects)
- For each non-durable subscription on the topic
 - Messages are not persisted (even messages sent as "persistent").

	Persistent message	Non-persistent message
Durable subscription	Message is persisted	Message is not persisted
Non-durable subscription	Message is not persisted	Message is not persisted



28. Persistent or non-persistent messages? Gotcha

```
// send a non-persistent message using the simplified API
context.createProducer().setDeliveryMode(NON_PERSISTENT).send(messageQueue,message);

// Warning: this does not do what you might expect!
message.setJMSDeliveryMode(NON_PERSISTENT)
context.createProducer().send(messageQueue,message);
```



29. Which message type to use

Four principal message types

```
// TextMessage
// Contains a single string (e.g. XML)
String stockData = ...
TextMessage message = context.createTextMessage();
message.setText(stockData);
// BytesMessage
// Contains any bytes
byte[] stockData;
BytesMessage message = context.createBytesMessage();
message.writeBytes(stockData);
// ObjectMessage
// Contains a single object that implements java.io.Serializable
ObjectMessage message = context.createObjectMessage();
message.setObject(stockObject);
// Message
// Contains no body (only headers and properties)
Message message = context.createMessage();
```



30. Which message type to use

Two more esoteric message types

```
// StreamMessage
// Contents must be written and read in order
StreamMessage message = context.createStreamMessage();
message.writeString(stockName); // name of stock
message.writeDouble(stockValue); // current value of stock
message.writeLong(stockTime);  // time stock info was updated
message.writeDouble(stockDiff); // price change
message.writeString(stockInfo); // info on this stock
// MapMessage
// Contents may be written and read in any order
MapMessage message = context.createMapMessage();
message.setString("Name", "ORCL");
message.setDouble("Value", stockValue);
message.setLong("Time", stockTime);
message.setDouble("Diff", stockDiff);
message.setString("Info", "Recent server announcement causes market interest");
```



31. Message acknowledgement

- After you've received a message, the server needs to know you've got it
- If the message is not acknowledged, the server will think that something went wrong and will send it again later
- JMS offers several ways of acknowledging messages
- Type of acknowledgement required is specified by calling createContext(sessionMode)



32. Automatic acknowledgement

- AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE a good choice if you aren't using a transaction
 - message is acknowledged before receive returns a message to the application
 - and after the application returns from onMessage

```
JMSContext context2 = connectionFactory.createContext(AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE);
JMSContext context1 = connectionFactory.createContext(); // uses AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE
```

- DUPS_OK_ACKNOWLEDGE potentially the fastest mode
 - acknowledgement is automatic but may be deferred
 - may get duplicate messages if your application fails and is restarted

```
JMSContext context3 = connectionFactory.createContext(DUPS_OK_ACKNOWLEDGE);
```



33. Client acknowledgement

- Gives you control over acknowledgement without using a transaction
 - allows you to defer acknowledgement to improve performance
 - may get duplicate messages if your application fails and is restarted
- Specify client-acknowledgement when you create the JMSContext

```
JMSContext context2 = connectionFactory.createContext(CLIENT_ACKNOWLEDGE);
```

Call acknowledge() to acknowledge all received messages

```
// acknowledge this message (and any other messages received from the same JMSContext)
message.acknowledge()
```

- Use in Java SE applications
- Avoid in Java EE applications use global (XA) transactions instead



34. Local transactions

```
JMSContext context = connectionFactory.createContext(SESSION_TRANSACTED);
// now receive a message (could also use a listener)
JMSConsumer consumer = context.createConsumer(someQueue);
Message message = consumer.receive(timeout);
// we can process the received message,
  but message is not acknowledged until the transaction is committed
// now send a message
context.createProducer().send(messageQueue,message);
// message is not actually sent until the transaction is committed
context.commit();
```

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35. Global (XA) transactions

- Java EE only
- Allow multiple transactional resources to be committed in the same transaction
- Receive a message and update a database in the same transaction
- Java EE supports two types of transaction management
 - Container-managed transactions
 - Bean-managed transactions



36. Global (XA) transactions (Java EE)

Container-managed transactions with EJBs

```
// EJBs use container-managed transactions by default
@Stateless
public class MyCMTBean {
    @Inject @JMSConnectionFactory("jms.MyXACF1") JMSContext context;
    @Resource(lookup = "TestQueue") Queue queue;
    public String myMethod() throws Exception {
        context.createProducer().send(queue, "Some text");
    } // transaction is committed automatically
}
```



37. Global (XA) transactions (Java EE)

Container-managed transactions with servlets and CDI managed beans



38. Global (XA) transactions (Java EE)

Managing the transaction yourself

```
@WebServlet(name="myServlet", urlPatterns={"/myservlet"})
public class MyServlet extends HttpServlet {
   @Inject @JMSConnectionFactory("jms.MyXACF1") JMSContext context;
   @Resource(lookup = "TestQueue") Queue queue;
   @Resource UserTransaction ut;
   protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
           throws ServletException, IOException {
       String text = request.getParameter("text");
       ut.begin();
       context.createProducer().send(queue, text);
       ut.commit();
```



39. Message properties

Adding filterable metadata to your messages

• Properties can be boolean, byte, short, int, long, float, double, and String.

```
setBooleanProperty, setByteProperty, setShortProperty,setLongProperty,
setFloatProperty, setDoubleProperty, setStringProperty
```

Set a property directly on the message object

```
textMessage.setStringProperty("StockSector","Tech");
context.createProducer().send(topic,textMessage)
```

or on the JMSProducer object prior to sending

```
context.createProducer().
  setStringProperty("StockSector", "Tech").send(topic, textMessage);
```



40. Message selectors When you don't want every message

Sender sets properties on the message

```
// create stock info message
String info = ...
TextMessage tm = context.createTextMessage();
tm.setText(info);

// set property to identify stock sector
tm.setStringProperty("StockSector", "Tech");

// sent the message
context.send(topic, stockData);
```

 Consumer uses message selector to receive only messages with certain message property values

```
String selector = "(StockSector='Tech')");
JMSConsumer consumer =
  context.createConsumer(topic,selector);
consumer.setMessageListener(listener);
```

 Message selector expressions can filter on property values and on message headers (e.g. JMSPriority)



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41. Shortcuts for sending messages Send the message body directly

```
// send a TextMessage
context.createProducer().send(queue,"hello");

// send a MapMessage
Map mapData = ....;
context.createProducer().send(queue,mapData);

// send an ObjectMessage
Serializable object = ....;
context.createProducer().send(queue,object);

// send a BytesMessage
byte[] bytes = ....;
context.createProducer().setStringProperty("foo","bar").send(queue,bytes);
```



42. Using the JMSProducer to configure send parameters Use the builder pattern

- JMSProducer is a lightweight object used to hold "send configurations"
- Use setter methods to configure
 - persistent/non-persistent (delivery mode), time to live, delivery delay
 - message headers (alternative to setting on message)
 - message properties (alternative to setting on message)
- Setter methods all return the JMSProducer object.
 - allows method calls to be chained together

```
context.createProducer().setProperty("foo","bar").
   setTimeToLive(10000).setDeliveryMode(NON_PERSISTENT).send(dataQueue, body);
```



43. Java EE 7 queue and topic definitions

Non-portable resource definitions for rapid prototyping and development

- Create a queue or topic in JNDI
- Either using annotations in your code

```
@JMSDestinationDefinition(
  interfaceName = "javax.jms.Queue",
  name = "java:global/MyTestQueue",
  destinationName = "MyQueue")
```

 Use @JMSDestinationDefinitions to wrap multiple @JMSDestinationDefinitions elements Or using XML in your deployment descriptor



44. Java EE 7 connection factory definitions

Non-portable resource definitions for rapid prototyping and development

 Create a JMS connection factory in JNDI using annotations in your code

```
@JMSConnectionfactoryDefinition(
  name = "java:global/MyTestCF",
  properties = {
    "addressList=mq://localhost:7676"
  })
```

 Use @JMSConnectionFactoryDefinitions to wrap multiple @JMSConnectionFactoryDefinition elements Create a JMS connection factory in JNDI using XML in your deployment descriptor



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45. Message redelivery

In the real world, something things go wrong

- Messages that are delivered but not acknowledged (e.g. if a message listener throws an exception) will be delivered again
- Exactly when a message is redelivered depends on the type of acknowledgment being used
- When a message is redelivered,
 - message.getJMSRedelivered() will return true
 - message.getIntProperty("JMSXDeliveryCount") will return how many times message has been redelivered
- Design your code to detect messages being redelivered repeatedly



46. Temporary queues and topics

• You can create a temporary queue or topic on-the-fly in your code

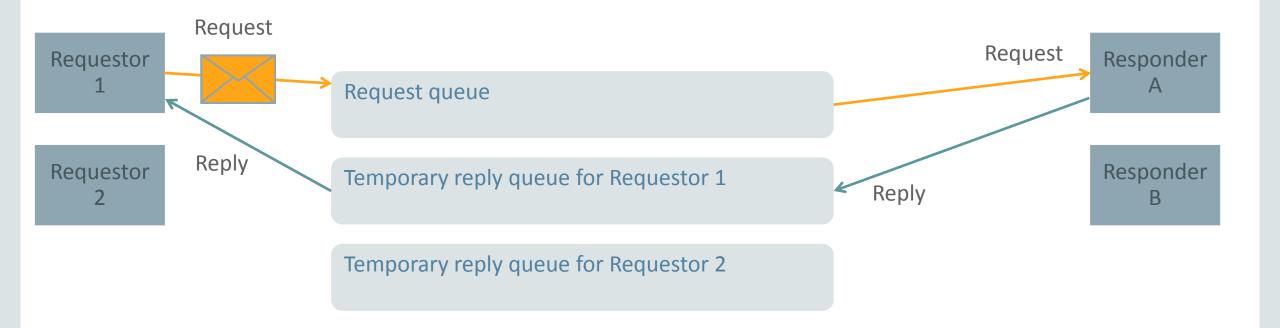
```
Queue tempQueue = context.createTemporaryQueue();
Topic tempTopic = context.createTemporaryTopic();
```

- Anyone can send to a temporary queue or topic
- Only the JMSContext (Connection) that created it can receive messages
 - so temporary queues are more useful than temporary topics
- When the connection that created it is closed, the temporary queue or topic is automatically destroyed
- Use for request-reply messaging



47a. Request-reply messaging

The main reason for using temporary queues





47b. Request-reply messaging

• Requestor:

- creates temporary queue using context.createTemporaryQueue()
- creates request message and saves name of temporary queue in it using message.setJMSReplyTo(queue)
- sends message to request queue(which is a normal permanent queue)
- waits for a reply message from the temporary reply queue
- Reuse the temporary queue, and the consumer on it, for subsequent requests (optional)

• Responder:

- receives request message from request queue
- calls message.getJMSReplyTo() to obtain temporary reply queue
- creates reply message
- sends reply message to temporary reply queue



48. Understanding message order

- Messages are delivered in the same order in which they are sent
 - for the same sending JMSContext (Session), receiving JMSContext, and queue/topic
 - no requirement to preserve relative order of messages sent by different JMSContext s



- Exceptions
 - High priority messages can overtake lower priority messages
 - Non-persistent messages may overtake persistent messages
 - Setting delivery delay may mean messages are delivered in a different order



49. Message priority

When some messages are more urgent than others

- A message can be given an integer priority value in the range 0-9
 - − 0 is lowest priority, 4 is default priority, 9 is highest priority
- JMS provider should "do its best" to deliver higher priority messages before lower priority messages but don't rely on it
- Set message priority on the JMSProducer prior to calling send context.createProducer().setPriority(5).send(destination, message);
- Don't try to set the priority directly on the message

```
// This does not do what you might expect
message.setJMSPriority(5);
context.createProducer().send(destination, message)
```



50. Message delivery delay

When you want your message to be delivered later

Set delivery delay on the JMSProducer prior to calling send

```
long delay = 12*60*60*1000; // 12 hours in milliseconds
context.createProducer().setDeliveryDelay(delay).send(destination, message);
```

- Message will be added to queue or topic immediately
- Message will not be delivered to a consumer until at least 12 hours after time it was sent



Topics we didn't mention

- Shared subscriptions
- Async send
- Exception handling
- Message expiration
- Security
- Using a QueueBrowser to browse queues (sorry, can't browse topics)
- JMSConsumer#receiveBody
- Message#getBody



Any questions?



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Shortcuts for receiving messages Receive the message body directly

```
// next message is a TextMessage
String text = consumer.receiveBody(String.class);

// next message is a MapMessage, and we want to specify a receive timeout
Map map = consumer.receiveBody(Map.class, 1000);

// next message is an ObjectMessage which holds a MyObject
MyObject object = consumer.receiveBody(MyObject.class);

// next message is a BytesMessage
byte[] bytes = consumer.receiveBody(byte[].class);
```

Only useful if you know the expected message type, and you don't need to access message properties or headers



Shared subscriptions

- Topic subscriptions are normally unshared
 - You can have only one consumer for each subscription
 - Means only one thread can process messages
- Topic subscriptions may alternatively be shared

```
// create multiple consumers on the same shared non-durable subscription
JMSConsumer consumer1 = context1.createSharedConsumer(topic,sharedSubName)
JMSConsumer consumer2 = context2.createSharedConsumer(topic,sharedSubName)
// create multiple consumers on the same shared durable subscription
JMSConsumer consumer3 = context3.createSharedDurableConsumer(topic,sharedSubName)
JMSConsumer consumer4 = context4.createSharedDurableConsumer(topic,sharedSubName)
```

- Advanced feature for Java SE allowing higher scalability and throughput
- In Java EE, MDBs already provide a way to do this



51. Message expiration

When your message soon becomes worthless

Set timeToLive on the JMSProducer before calling send

```
// stock data message will expire after 500ms
context.createProducer().setTimeToLive(500).send(topic,stockData);
```

- Message will be added to queue or topic immediately
- Message will not be delivered to consumers after time to live has expired
- Useful for time-sensitive data such as stock prices

