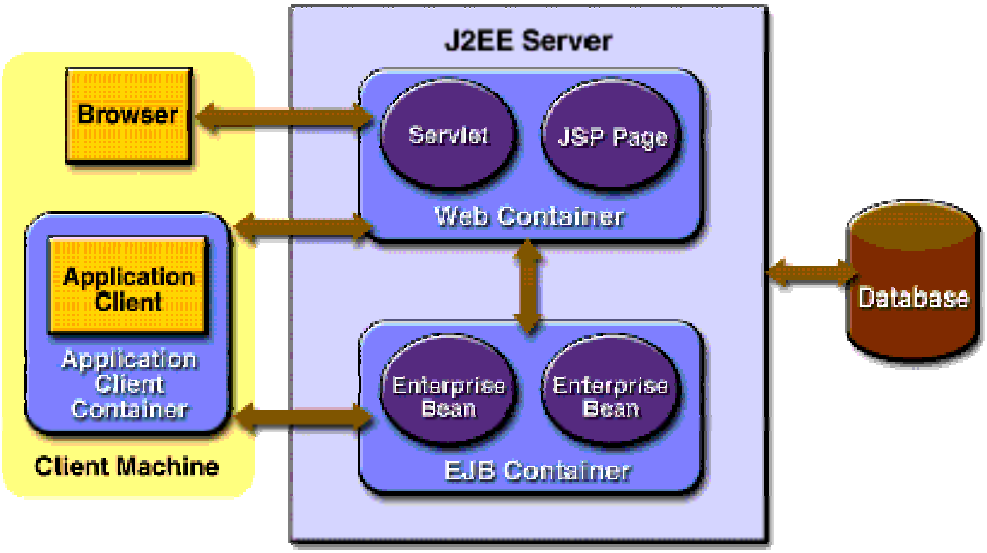
Java DataBase Connectivity (JDBC)

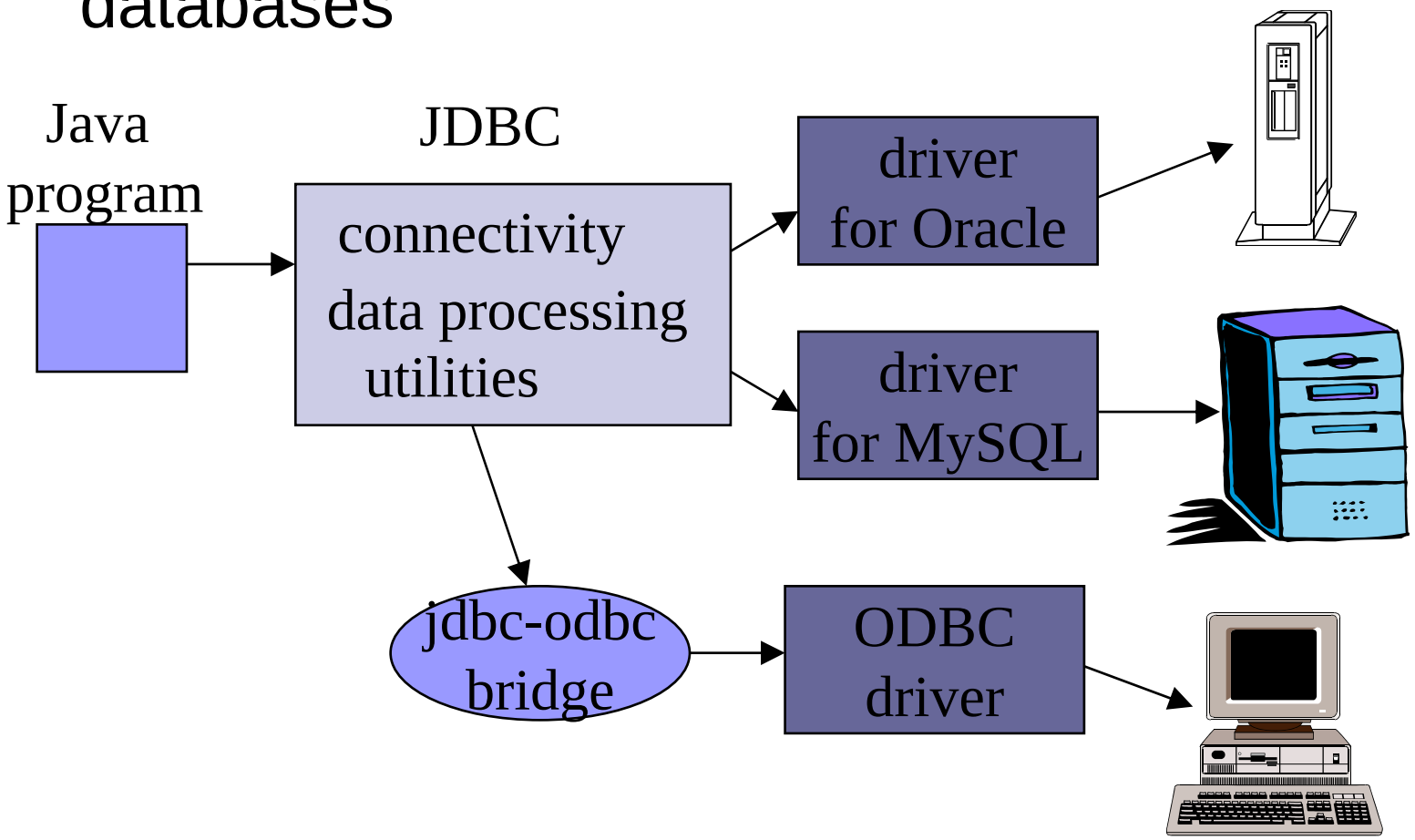
J2EE application model

- J2EE is a multitiered distributed application model
  - client machines
  - the J2EE server machine
  - the database or legacy machines at the back end



JDBC API

- JDBC is an interface which allows Java code to execute SQL statements inside relational databases



The JDBC-ODBC Bridge

- ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) is a Microsoft standard from the mid 1990's.
- It is an API that allows C/C++ programs to execute SQL inside databases
- ODBC is supported by many products.

The JDBC-ODBC Bridge (Contd.)

- The JDBC-ODBC bridge allows Java code to use the C/C++ interface of ODBC
  - it means that JDBC can access many different database products
- The layers of translation (Java --> C --> SQL) can slow down execution.

The JDBC-ODBC Bridge (Contd.)

- The JDBC-ODBC bridge comes *free* with the J2SE:
  - called `sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver`
- The ODBC driver for Microsoft Access comes with MS Office
  - so it is easy to connect Java and Access

JDBC Pseudo Code

- All JDBC programs do the following:
- Step 1) load the JDBC driver
- Step 2) Specify the name and location of the database being used
- Step 3) Connect to the database with a `Connection` object
- Step 4) Execute a SQL query using a `Statement` object
- Step 5) Get the results in a `ResultSet` object
- Step 6) Finish by closing the `ResultSet`, `Statement` and `Connection` objects

JDBC API in J2SE

- Set up a database server (Oracle , MySQL, pointbase)
- Get a JDBC driver
  - set CLASSPATH for driver lib
    - Set classpath in windows, control panel->system->advanced->environment variable
    - Set classpath in Solaris, set CLASSPATH to driver jar file
- Import the library
  - import java.sql.*;
- Specify the URL to database server
  - String **url = "jdbc:pointbase://127.0.0.1/test“**
- Load the JDBC driver
  - Class.forName("**com.pointbase.jdbc.jdbcUniversalDriver**");
- Connect to database server
  - Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(url, “dbUser", “dbPass");
- Create SQL Statement
  - stmt = con.createStatement();
- Execute SQL
  - stmt.executeUpdate("insert into COFFEES " + "values('Colombian', 00101, 7.99, 0, 0)");
  - ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(query);

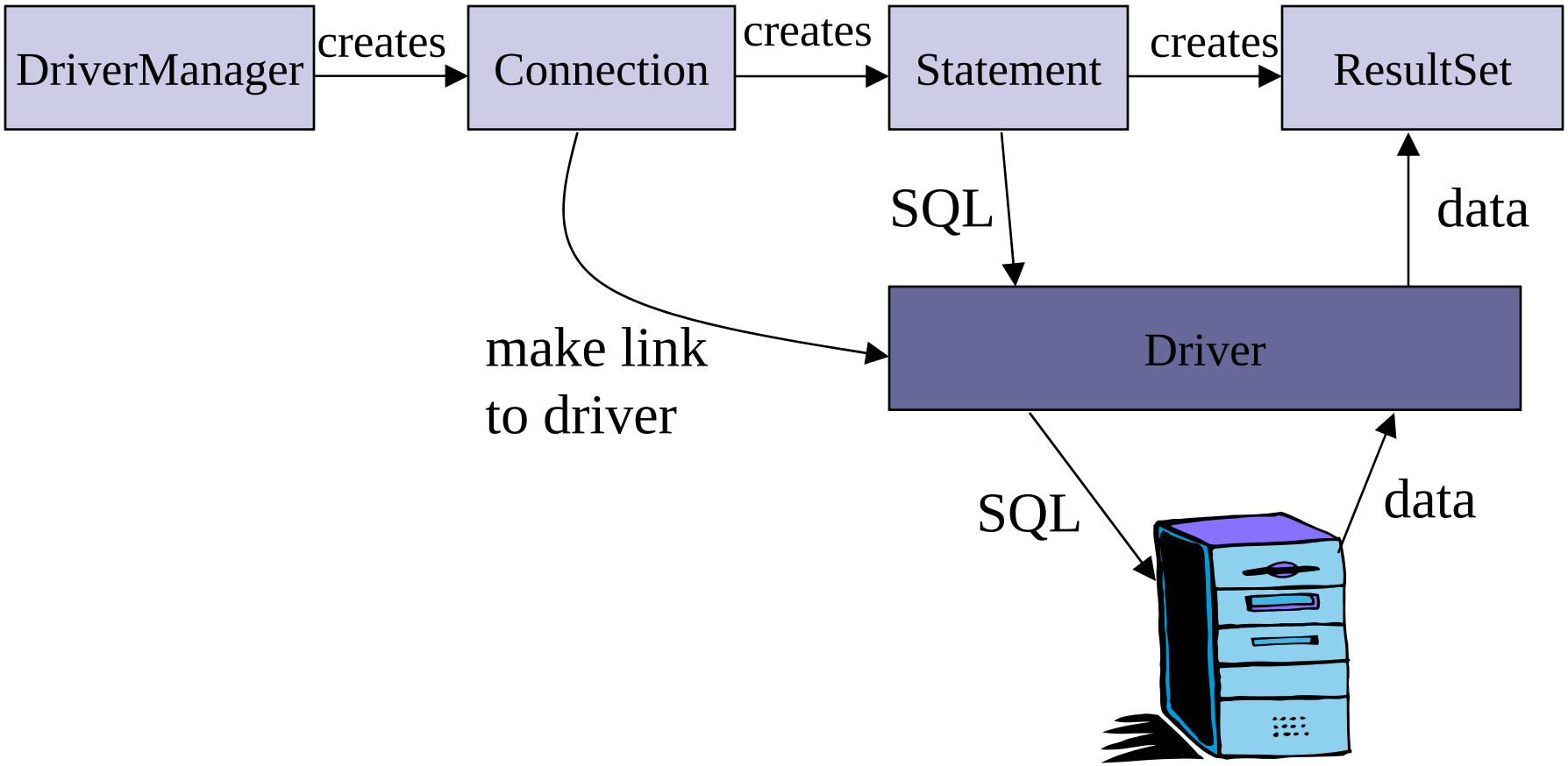
JDBC Example

```
import java.sql.*;

public class SqlTest
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		try
		{

		// Step 1: Make a connection

		// Load the driver
		Class.forName("com.pointbase.jdbc.jdbcUniversalDriver");

		// Get a connection using this driver
		String url = "jdbc:pointbase://localhost/cs595";
		String dbUser = "PBPUBLIC";
		String dbPassword = "PBPUBLIC";

		Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(url, dbUser, dbPassword);
```

JDBC Example (Contd.)

```
Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
String sql= "select * from Traps";

ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql);

String name;
double val;
java.sql.Date date;

while (rs.next())
{
        name = rs.getString("TrapName");
        val = rs.getDouble("TrapValue");
        date = rs.getDate("TrapDate");
        System.out.println("name = " + name + " Value = " + val + " Date = " + date);
}


stmt.close();
con.close();

}
catch(ClassNotFoundException ex1)
{
        System.out.println(ex1);
}
catch(SQLException ex2)
{
        System.out.println(ex2);
}
    }
}
```

JDBC Diagram



Load Driver

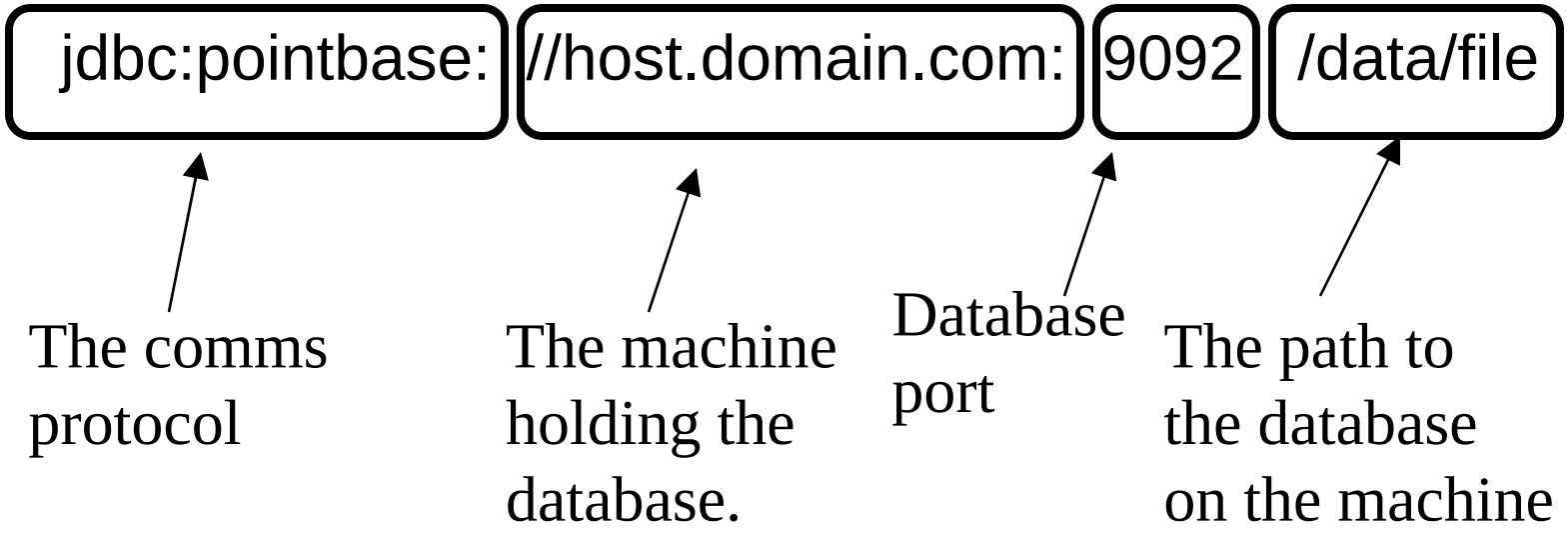
- DriverManager is responsible for establishing the connection to the database through the driver.
- e.g.

```
Class.forName(
      "sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver");
Connection conn =
      DriverManager.getConnection(url);
```

Specify the URL to database server

- The name and location of the database is given as a URL
  - the details of the URL vary depending on the type of database that is being used

Database URL



e.g. `jdbc:pointbase://localhost/myDB`

Statement Object

- The `Statement` object provides a workspace where SQL queries can be created, executed, and results collected.
- e.g.

```
Statement st =
            conn.createStatement():
ResultSet rs = st.executeQuery(
      “ select * from Authors” );
      :
st.close();
```

ResultSet Object

- Stores the results of a SQL query.
- A `ResultSet` object is similar to a ‘table’ of answers, which can be examined by moving a ‘pointer’ (cursor).

Accessing a ResultSet

- Cursor operations:
  - `first()`, `last()`, `next()`, `previous()`, etc.

- Typical code:

```
while( rs.next() ) {
  // process the row;
}
```

cursor

23	John
5	Mark
17	Paul
98	Peter

Accessing a ResultSet (Contd.)

- The `ResultSet` class contains many methods for accessing the value of a column of the current row
  - can use the column name or position
  - e.g. get the value in the lastName column:

```
rs.getString("lastName")
or rs.getString(2)
```

Accessing a ResultSet (Contd.)

- The ‘tricky’ aspect is that the values are SQL data, and so must be converted to Java types/objects.

- There are many methods for accessing/converting the data, e.g.
  - `getString(), getDate(), getInt(), getFloat(), getObject()`

Meta Data

- Meta data is the information *about* the database:
  - e.g. the number of columns, the types of the columns
  - meta data is the *schema* information

ID	Name	Course	Mark
007	James Bond	Shooting	99
008	Aj. Andrew	Kung Fu	1

meta data ←

Accessing Meta Data

- The `getMetaData()` method can be used on a `ResultSet` object to create its meta data object.
- e.g.

```
ResultSetMetaData md =
                    rs.getMetaData();
```

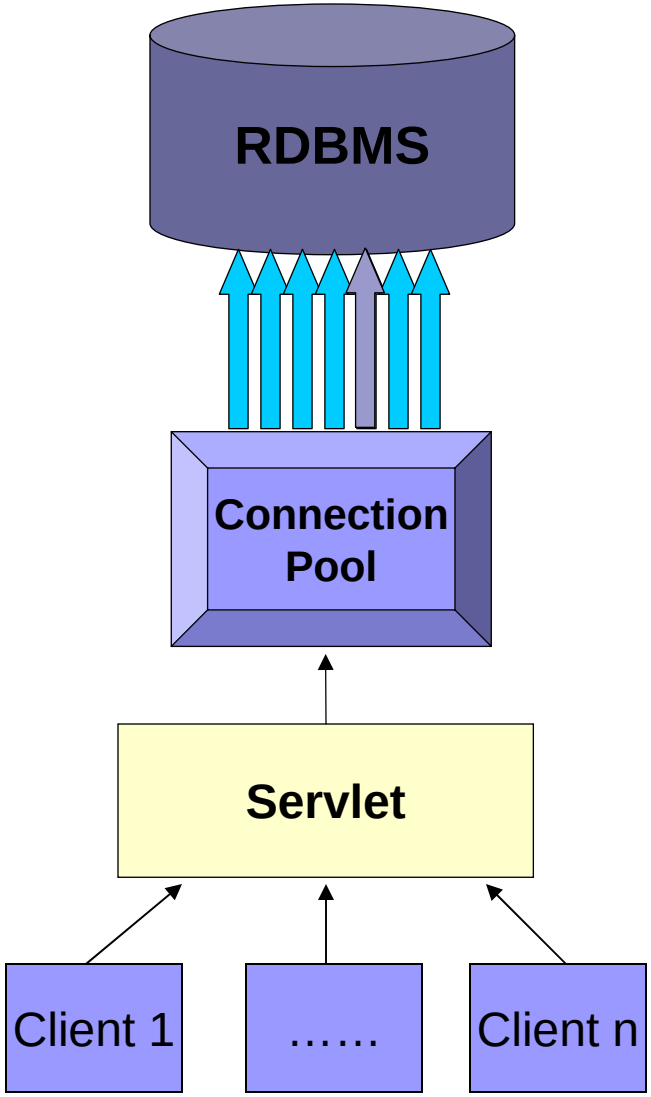
Using Meta Data

```
int numCols = md.getColumnCount();

for (int i = 0; i <= numCols; i++) {
  if (md.getColumnType(i) ==
                          Types.CHAR)
    System.out.println(
              md.getColumnName(i) )
}
```

Database Connection Pooling

- Connection pooling is a technique that was pioneered by database vendors to allow multiple clients to share a cached set of connection objects that provide access to a database resource

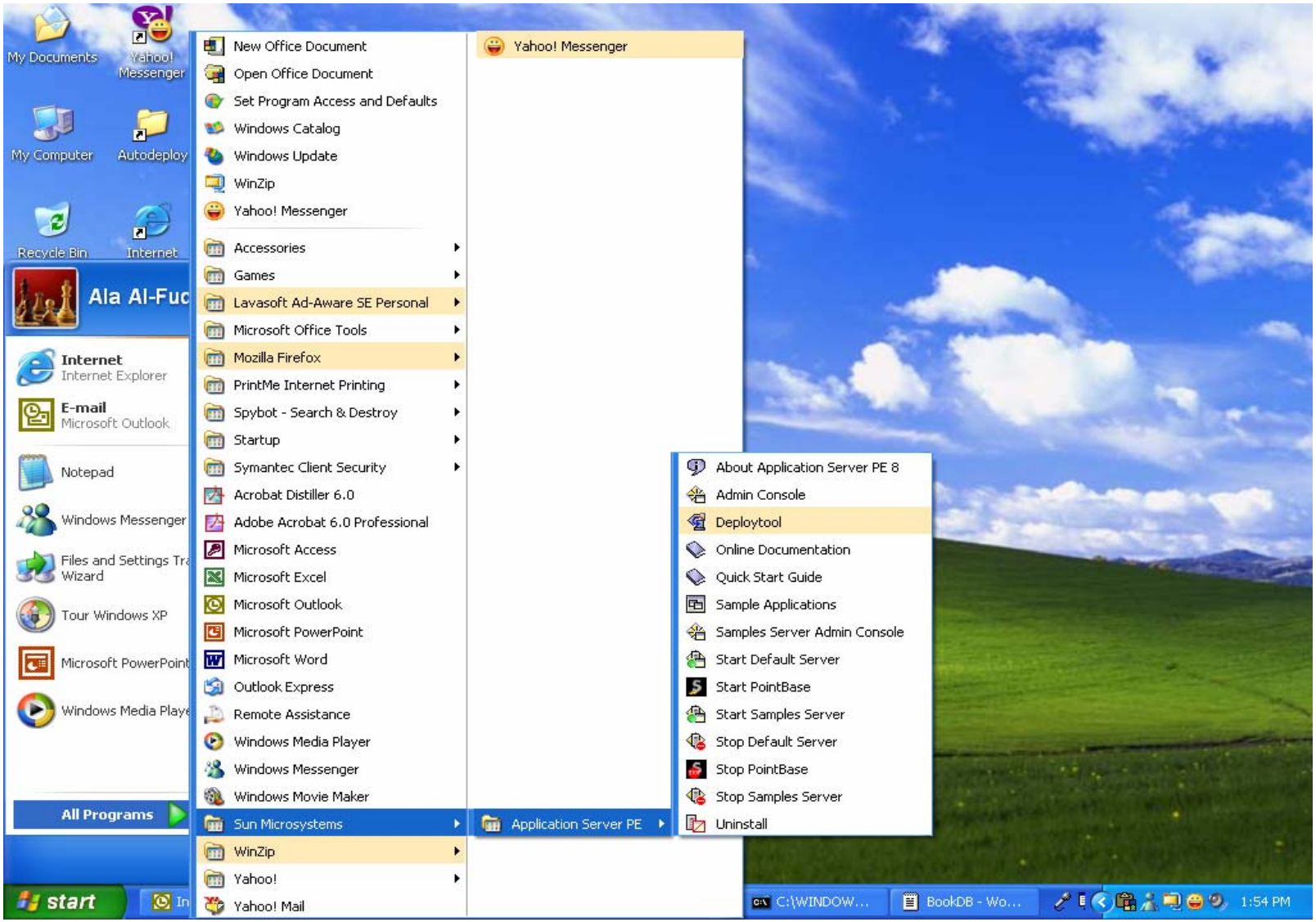
- Connection pools minimize the opening and closing of connections



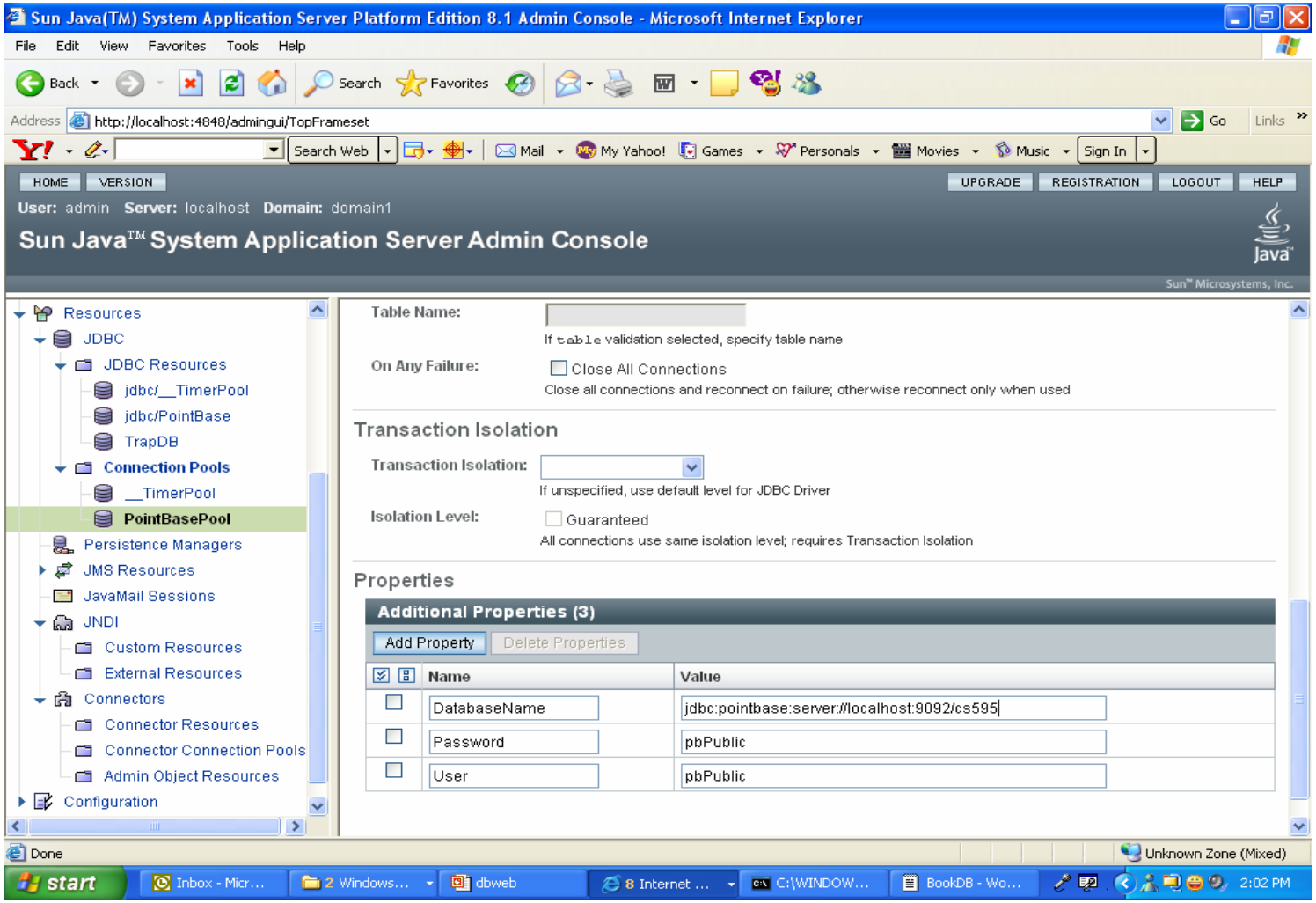
JDBC in J2EE

- Step 1: Start Sun Application Server PE 8
- Step 2: Start PointBase
- Step 3: Use J2EE admin to create connection pool
- Step 4: Use J2EE admin to create JDBC data source
- Step 5: import java.sql.*;
- Step 6: get Context
- Step 7: look up data source with JNDI
- Step 8: Execute SQL and process result

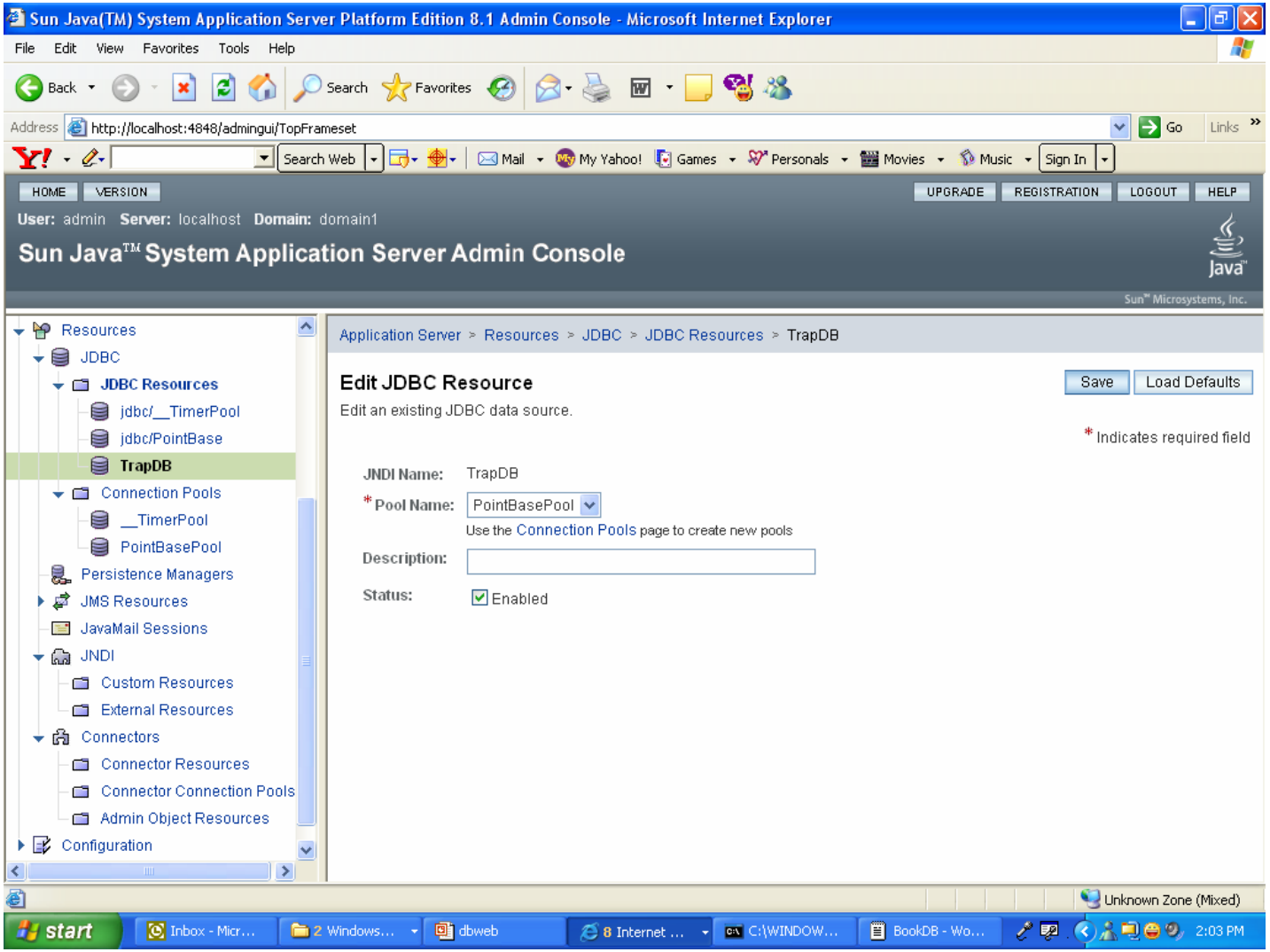
Start Application Server & PointBase



Create Connection Pool Using Admin GUI



Create Data Source Using Admin GUI



Example: JDBC Using JNDI & Connection Pools

```
import javax.servlet.*;
import javax.servlet.http.*;
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import javax.naming.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class SqlServlet extends HttpServlet
{
    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) throws
    ServletException
    {
        res.setContentType("text/plain");
```

Example: JDBC Using JNDI & Connection Pools (Contd.)

```
try
{

PrintWriter pw = res.getWriter();

String dbName = "java:comp/env/jdbc/TrapDB";

InitialContext ic = new InitialContext();
DataSource ds = (DataSource) ic.lookup(dbName);
Connection con = ds.getConnection();

Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
String sql= "select * from Traps";

ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql);

String name;
double val;
java.sql.Date date;

while (rs.next())
{
        name = rs.getString("TrapName");
        val = rs.getDouble("TrapValue");
        date = rs.getDate("TrapDate");
        pw.println("name = " + name + " Value = " + val + " Date = " + date);
}
```

Example: JDBC Using JNDI & Connection Pools (Contd.)

```
            stmt.close();

            }
            catch(SQLException ex2)
            {
                        System.out.println(ex2);
            }
            catch(IOException ex3)
            {
                        System.out.println(ex3);
            }
            catch(Exception ex4)
            {
                        System.out.println(ex4);
            }
      }
}
```

Reference

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