



Getting Started Guide – part I

Creating your first Enterprise JavaBean Stateless Session Bean

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Preface

This document provides an overview of the development process of an Enterprise JavaBean (EJB)™ with **Borland® JBuilder™ 4 Enterprise Edition** and **Inprise® Application Server™ 4.1**.

Note

A developers license of the Inprise Application Server is shipped with JBuilder.

It is not a reference on developing Enterprise JavaBeans™; instead it is designed to get you jump-started using both products.

Definitions

Acronym	Description
CORBA®	Common Object Request Broker Architecture
EJB™	Enterprise JavaBeans™
RMI	Remote Method Invocation
JPDA	Java Platform Debugger Architecture

JBuilder™

white paper

Additional information

Inprise Application Server (now Borland® AppServer™)

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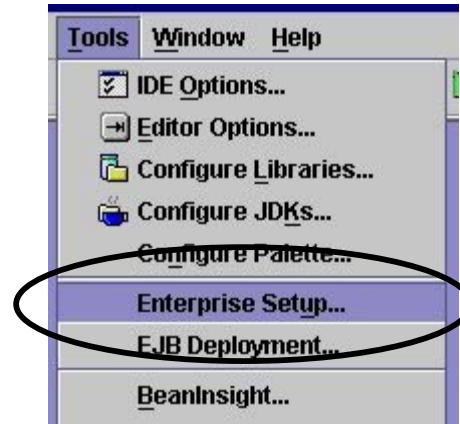
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Sun's Java® 2 Platform Enterprise Edition

<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/>

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The Enterprise Setup Dialog enables you to configure JBuilder for CORBA® and EJB development and also add your JDBC® drivers to the JBuilder Environment.

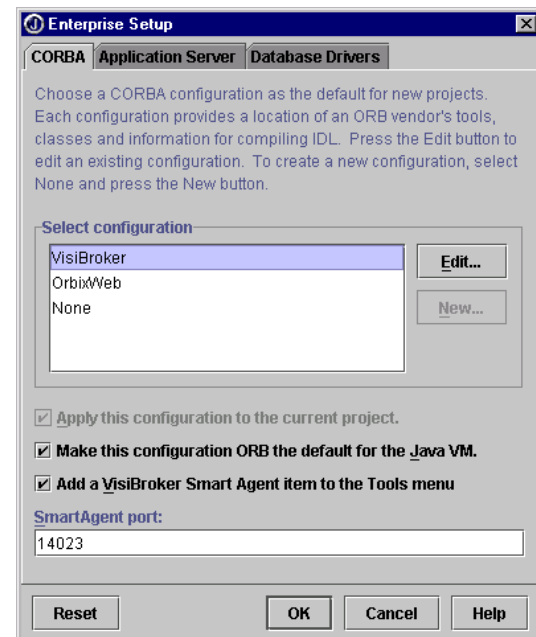
Configuring JBuilder™ for EJB development

Before we start developing our first Enterprise JavaBean, let's spend some time on what's needed to get started.

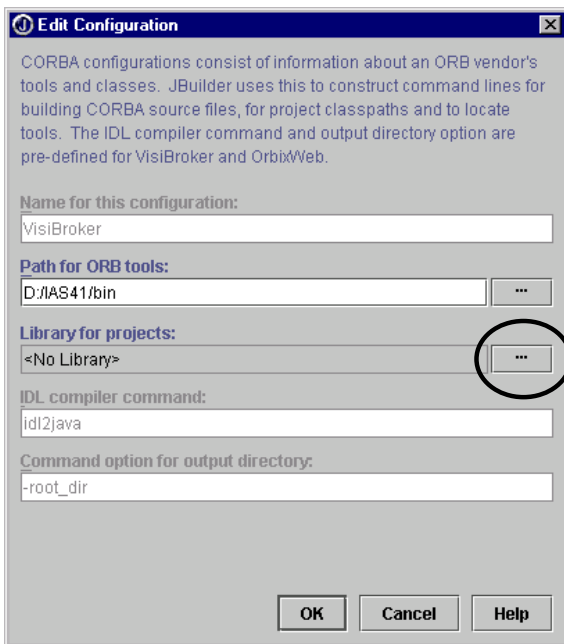
We assume you have installed both products on your machine. For more information on the installation refer to the Installation Guide.

After installation you need to configure JBuilder in order to enable Enterprise JavaBean Development. We will take a look at the Enterprise Setup, Default Project Properties, and configuring your libraries. Select **Tools, Enterprise Setup...** to open the Enterprise Setup dialog.

The first thing to do is set up CORBA. If you don't select a CORBA configuration other than None, you will not be able to use the CORBA Wizards on the Enterprise tab of the Object Gallery.

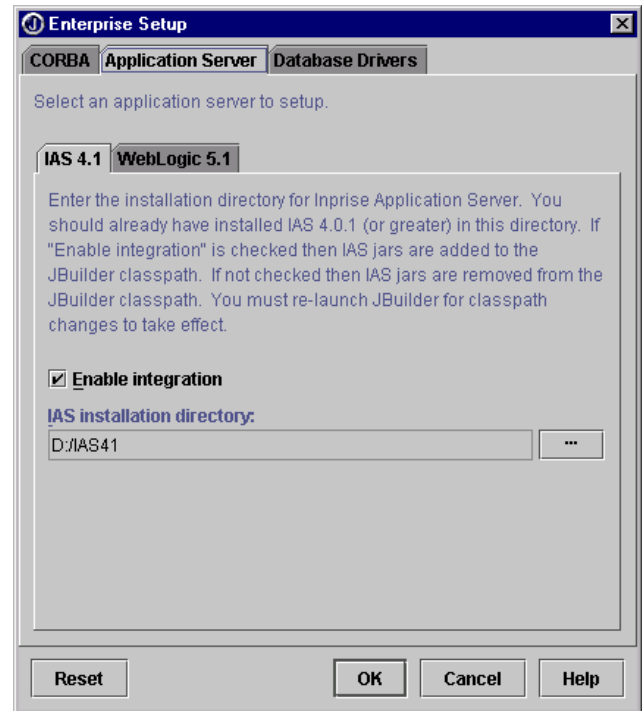


JBuilder ships with Inprise Application Server 4.1, which is based upon VisiBroker® for Java 4.1, so select VisiBroker from the list of Object Request Brokers. To complete the CORBA configuration, click on **Edit**. The Edit Configuration dialog appears.



First, enter the path for the ORB® Tools. Select the path where the VisiBroker tools, such as the IDL2JAVA compiler, reside. In this case, we select the BIN folder of the directory where you installed the Inprise Application Server.

Next is configuring the Application Server. Select the Application Server tab. You will have to specify the installation details of your Application Server to enable the integration with your Application Server and JBuilder. This integration gives you full control over the development and deployment process.



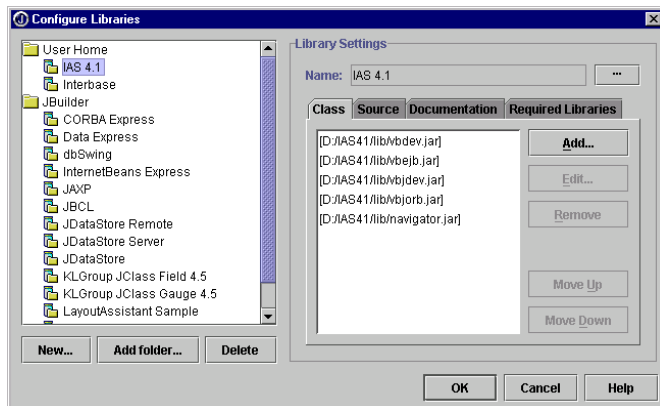
To enable integration, select the checkbox and specify the installation path of IAS. Those who have set this up under earlier versions of JBuilder will find that integrating Inprise Application Server in to JBuilder is made even simpler than it already was. JBuilder 4 has a many new EJB features that makes developing, debugging, and deploying your Enterprise JavaBeans, very easy. For development, JBuilder has a number of wizards to help you code your beans quickly; for deployment, there is the new build process, the Deployment Wizard, and Deployment Descriptor Editor. This last wizard gives you access to the XML deployment descriptor from within JBuilder and also adds the ejb-inprise.xml to the project. The EJB Deployment Wizard makes it possible to deploy the developed beans to the Application Server directly. Later on in this document there will be further explanations on the use of these wizards.

The integration of these tools/wizards is based on the Open tools API of JBuilder. This feature is well documented within JBuilder documentation. To start building your own Open Is everything

tools add-on, look at the website of Blake Stone found at:
<http://homepages.borland.com/bstone/index.html>

Configuring your Libraries.

To have complete control over your libraries, select
Tools, Configure Libraries...



Configure Libraries allows you to add the path to the source (if you have source available), documentation, and required libraries of your library.

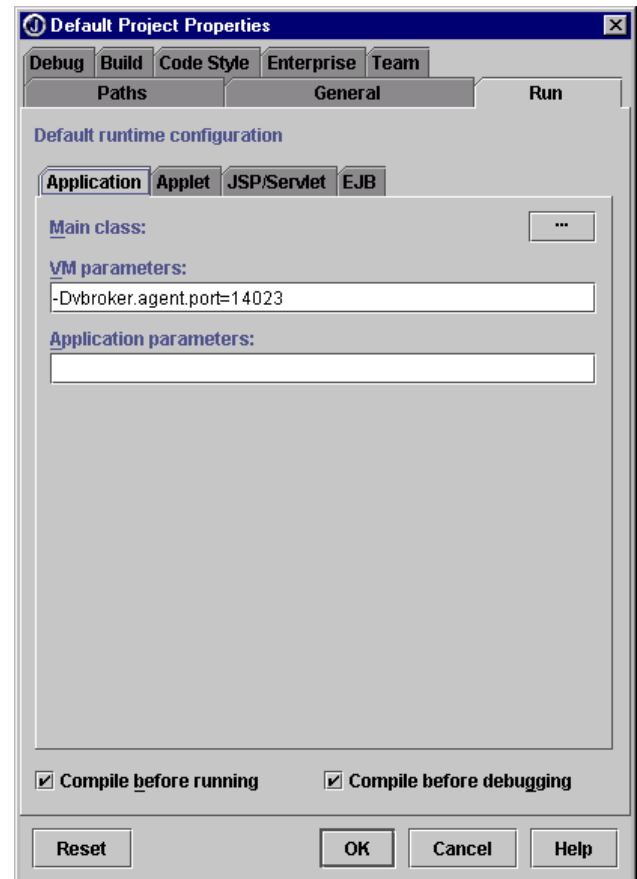
In the above figure you see the IAS 4.1 library we just created. You might notice that the number of jar files listed are not the same as we added before. In the case of our IAS 4.1 Library, JBuilder will automatically filter out the jar files it needs for the integration with Inprise Application Server. Later we will see where JBuilder get the info to do this.

Default Project Properties

Next on our Configuration Tour is a stop at the Default Project Properties dialog. Default project settings are stored in an actual project called Default.jpr found in the /.jbuilder 4 subdirectory of your Home directory. This Default.jpr file is used as a template whenever a new project is created. To change the default project

properties, choose **Project | Default Project Properties** from the main menu.

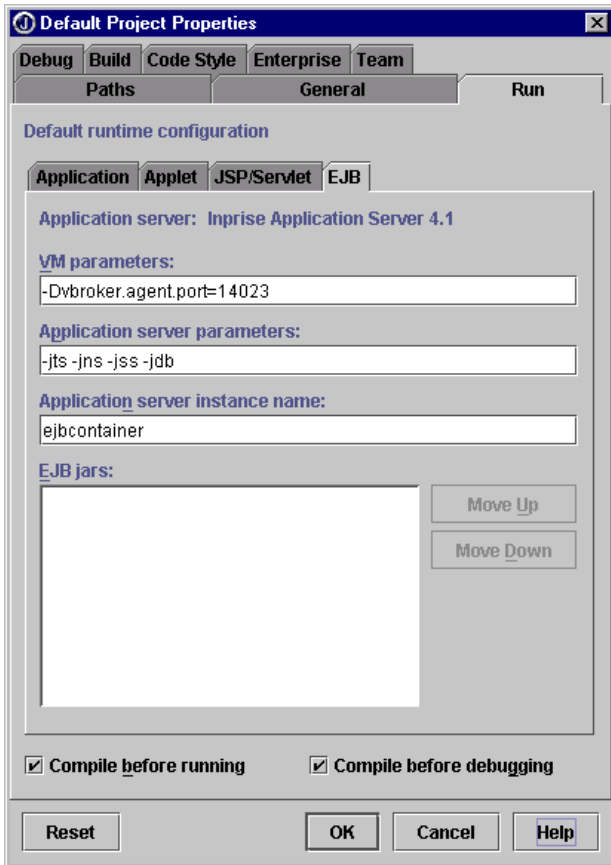
JBuilder4 adds a number of properties to configure your project. See the online documentation for a complete description of this feature. For now we will only focus on the Run and Enterprise Properties.



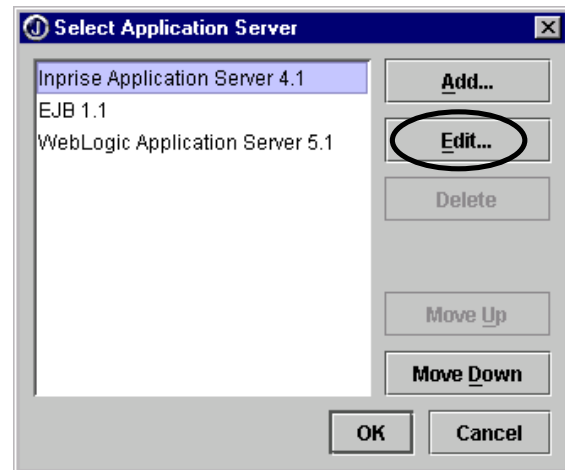
On the run tab you can specify the parameters to pass to your application, EJB Container or Virtual Machine. On the Application Tab, specify the Smart Agent Port you configured at the CORBA setup.

The EJB Run Properties allow you to specify the services to be started by the EJB Container, the default instance name of the Container and also the Smart Agent Port to use.

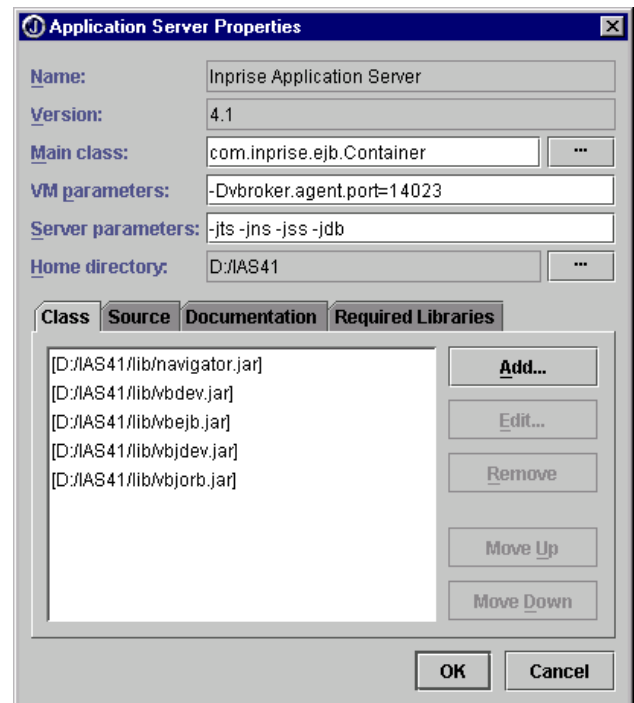
You can also specify the EJB Jarfiles that the Container has to load on startup. We will see later how this feature is used.



Next, we click on the Enterprise Tab of the Default Project properties dialog. On this page we can configure the Application Server. Click on the ... button to open the Select Application Server dialog.



Click on **Edit** to open the Application Server Properties dialog. This dialog enables us to configure the main class of the Application Server, VM parameters, Server parameters, and the libraries belonging to IAS. This information is already available after you install JBuilder. This is the place where JBuilder collects the information to filter the libraries in the CORBA setup.



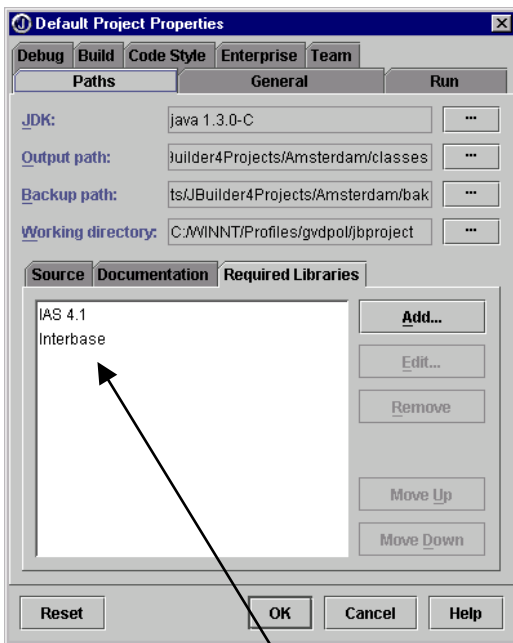
The Server parameters in the case of the Borland EJBContainer are:

- ◆ Jts for starting the Lightweight Transaction Service;
- ◆ Jns for starting the Java Naming Service;

- ◆ Jss for starting the Java Storage Service; and
- ◆ Jdb for starting the Java Database.

Project properties.

You can set the properties for your current project by right-clicking a .jpr or .jpx project file in the project pane and selecting Properties or by choosing **Project | Project Properties**.



Important for Enterprise JavaBean development is:

- ◆ Selecting the required libraries. Make sure the Enterprise JavaBeans library and the IAS4 library (see configuring CORBA) are included.
- ◆ Selecting the target JDK™ (JDK 1.3.0.C in this case)

Developing an Enterprise JavaBean in ten steps

Now that we've set up our JBuilder environment for development of CORBA and EJB components, it's time to start creating our first Enterprise JavaBean.

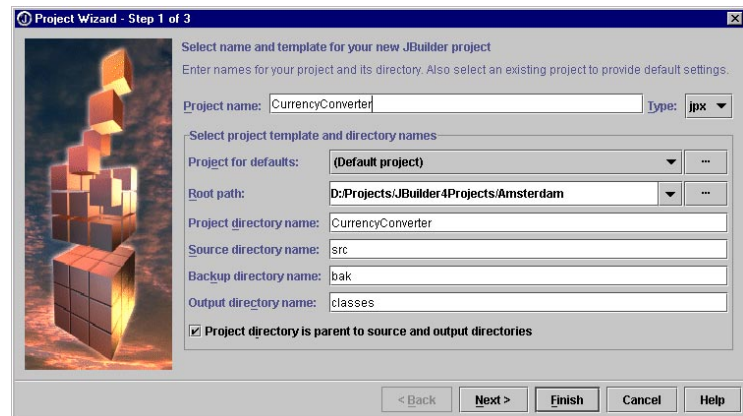
JBuilder provides several wizards to assist with creating Enterprise JavaBeans, and with generating the required interfaces. This is an example of creating an Enterprise

JavaBean. The bean we create will convert a given amount of Dutch guilders (Hfl) into an amount of Euros (Euro).

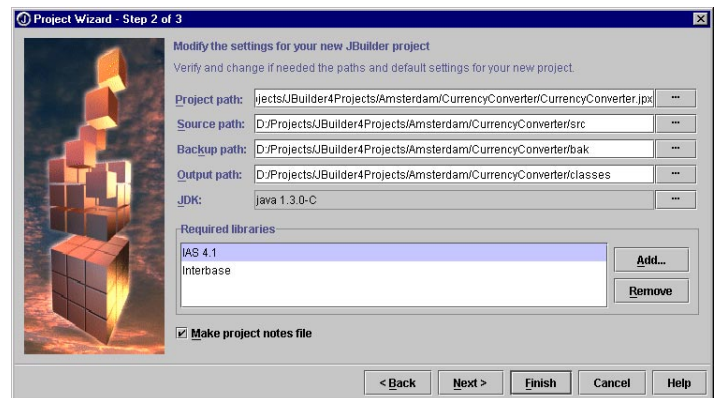
Step 1. Create a new project

To create an Enterprise JavaBean with JBuilder, first create a new project. To create a new project,

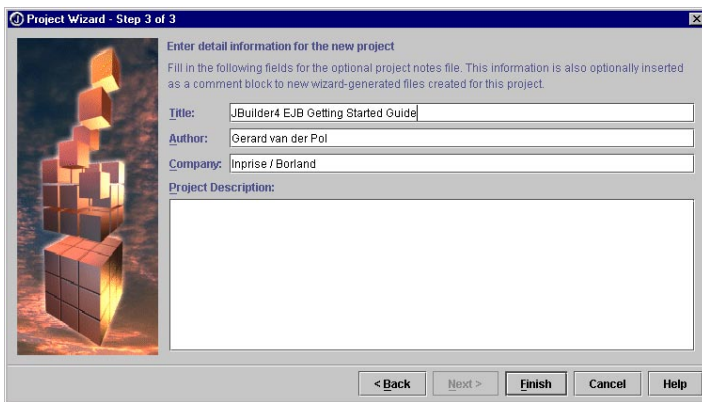
- ◆ Select **File | New Project** from the JBuilder menu.
- ◆ Enter the project name **CurrencyConverter**.
- ◆ Enter the root path of your project.



The JBuilder 4 Project wizard has been significantly improved; select **Next** to proceed.

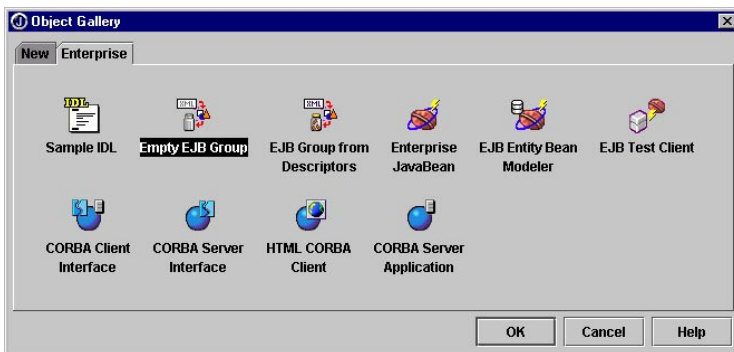


On page two, we'll see that JBuilder has added the default required libraries to our project. We now can add additional libraries if so needed.

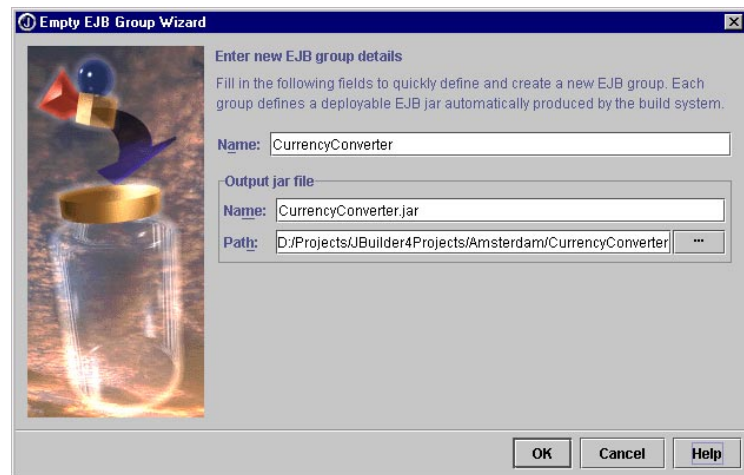


On step 3 of the Wizard enter the Title, Author, Company, and Description fields. This is not required. Click **Finish**.

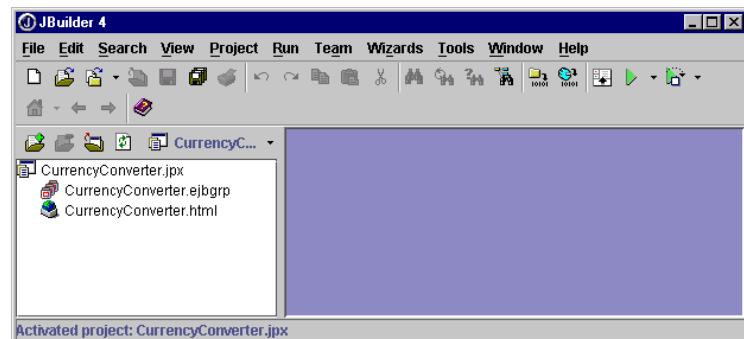
Step 2. Create an Empty EJB Group



EJB Group is a new feature of JBuilder4. JBuilder Help says that an EJB Group is a logical grouping of one or more beans that will be deployed into a single jarfile. This offers great flexibility in developing your beans; you now will be able to develop multiple jarfiles in one JBuilder Project.



Enter the Name of the EJB Group and click OK. By default this name will also be use as the name for the output jar file.

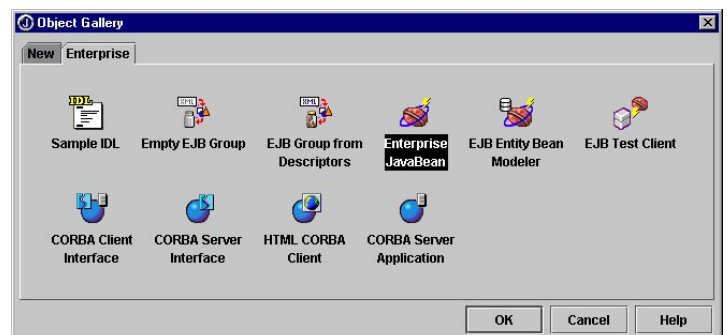


JBuilder adds an EJB group to our Project.

Step 3. Create the Enterprise JavaBean

In this step we are going to create the Enterprise JavaBean.

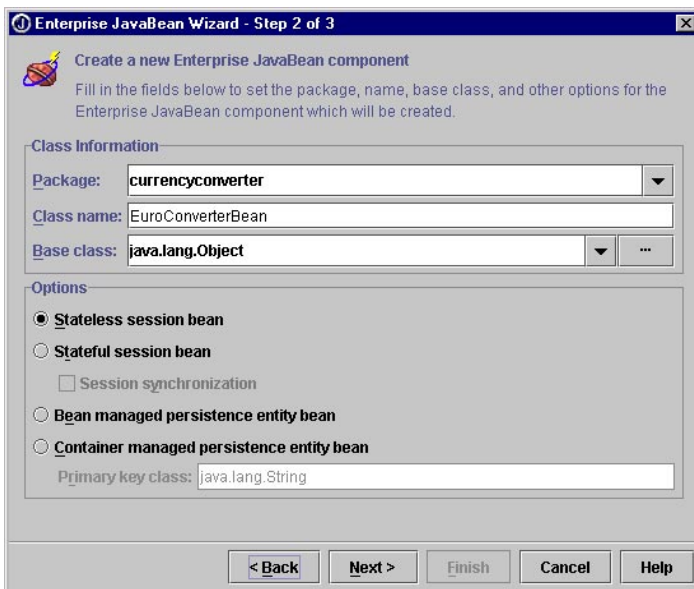
Select **File | New**, then select Enterprise JavaBean from the Enterprise tab of the Object Gallery.



The Enterprise JavaBean wizard displays.



Select the EJB group you've just created and click **Next**. On page two, we can specify the characteristics of our bean.



Do the following:

- ◆ Keep the default value for the Package name
- ◆ Enter EuroConverterBean™ for the Class name of the new Enterprise JavaBean Component
- ◆ Keep the default value of the Base class

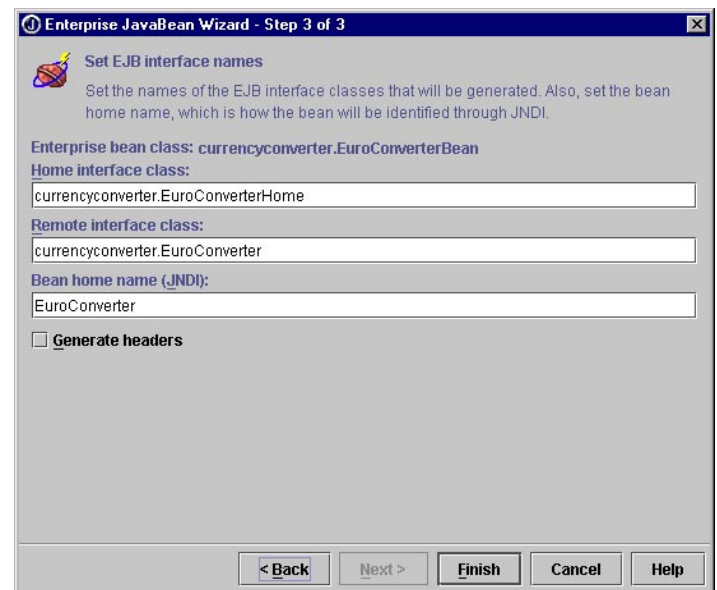
Under the options, select **Stateless session bean** to create a stateless session bean.

EJB 1.1 supports two types of Enterprise JavaBeans:

- ◆ Session Beans
 - A Session Bean is a bean that is live for one session
- ◆ Entity Beans
 - An Entity Bean is a bean that maintains its state in, for example, a database

EJB 2.0 adds a new bean, a message bean to the above types. Read the draft specification of EJB 2.0 if you are interested in the new features of this specification; they're available on Sun's website.

Click **Next** to go to the last page of the New EJB Wizard.



This page allows you to enter the names of the Home and Remote Interfaces as well as the JNDI name of our bean. Click **OK** to close the wizard and to create a new bean called EuroConverterBean.java.

JBuilder generates the following source code for Enterprise JavaBean based on the information supplied to the wizard.


```
package currencyconverter;

import java.rmi.*;
import javax.ejb.*;

public class EuroConverterBean implements SessionBean {
    private SessionContext sessionContext;

    public void ejbCreate() {
    }

    public void ejbRemove() {
    }

    public void ejbActivate() {
    }

    public void ejbPassivate() {
    }

    public void setSessionContext(SessionContext context) {
        sessionContext = context;
    }
}
```

Step 4. Adding the business logic to the Enterprise JavaBean

Next, we will code the bean by adding a public method signature. Add the following method signature to the EuroConverterBean.java file in the Content pane.

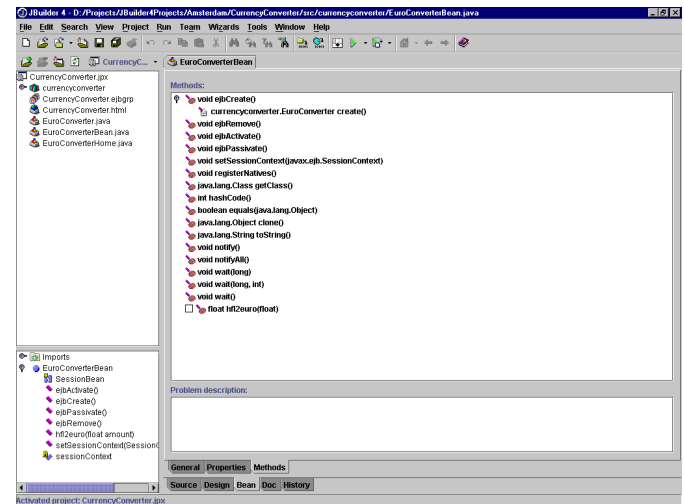
```
public float hfl2euro(float amount) {
    return amount / 2.20371f;
}
```

Step 5. Refresh the remote interface

Now that the business logic for bean is written, the next step is to make it into an Enterprise JavaBean component by adding the signature of our business method to the remote interface. The home interface defines how the server/container manages the lifecycle of the bean (i.e., creating finding, etc.). The remote interface defines how the client talks to the bean.

To add the signature to the remote interface, select the **Bean** tab of the content tab to activate BeansExpress™.

BeansExpress has been enhanced to support Enterprise JavaBeans as well as regular JavaBeans. On the BeansExpress page, select the methods tab.



To add our method hfl2euro to the remote interface, check the checkbox in front of the signature. The remote interface, EuroConverterBean.java, now shows our method.

```
package currencyconverter;

import java.rmi.*;
import javax.ejb.*;

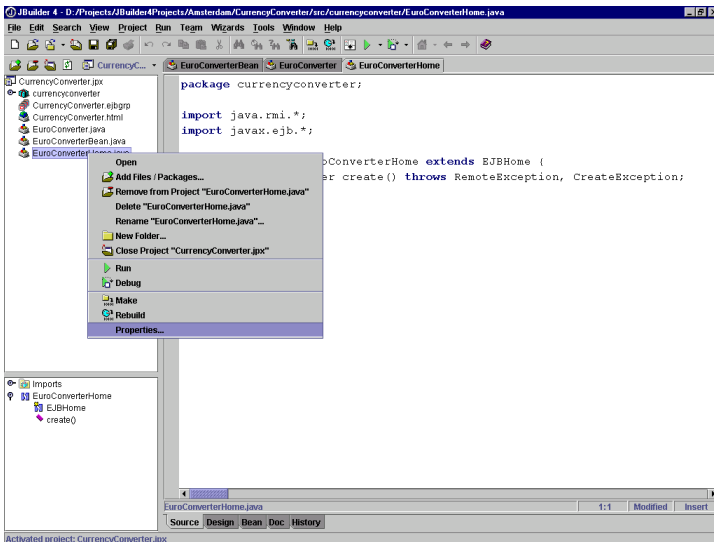
public interface EuroConverter extends EJBObject {
    public float hfl2euro(float amount)
        throws RemoteException;
}
```

Step 6. Compiling and generating the stubs and skeletons

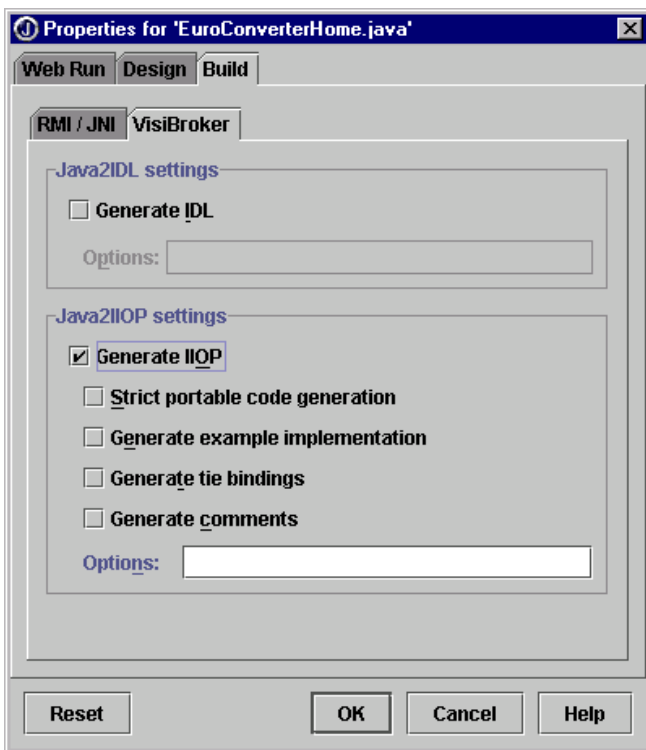
The next step is to compile and generate the IIOP stubs and skeletons. These stubs and skeletons are used to enable the Enterprise JavaBeans to be contacted by RMI over IIOP

(See the Java 2 Enterprise Edition Platform specification on RMI over IIOP)

- ◆ Select the EuroConverterHome.java file.
- ◆ Right-click to produce the popupmenu and choose the "Properties..." menu.



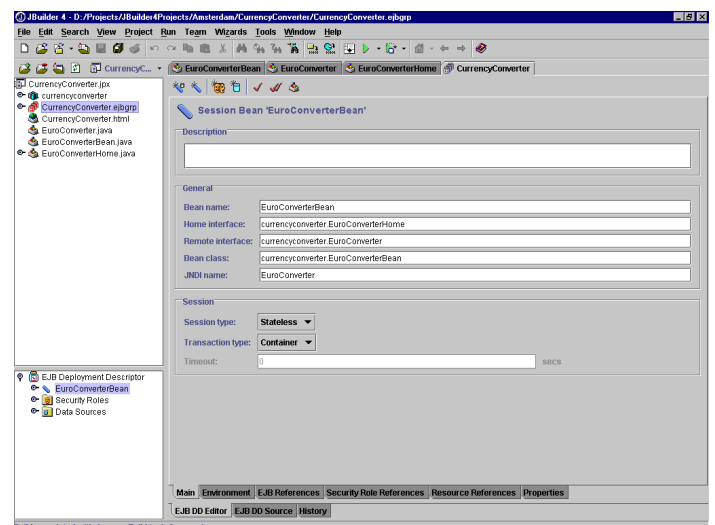
Select the VisiBroker tab of the Build tab and enable "Generate IIOP" checkbox and Click **OK**



Next select **Project | Make Project**. This will start the generation of the IIOP classes based on the Home and Remote interfaces, followed by a compilation of the Java code. During this process, JBuilder 4 generates the jarfile, which we can use to deploy. For this it adds all the necessary files to the jarfile. JBuilder also checks if the deployment descriptor is valid. Because we did not yet complete the deployment descriptor, JBuilder shows an error. We have to specify a transaction attribute for our method, as this is a session bean and the default transaction type is Container. In the next step we will look into the deployment descriptor.

Step 7. Looking at the Deploying Descriptor

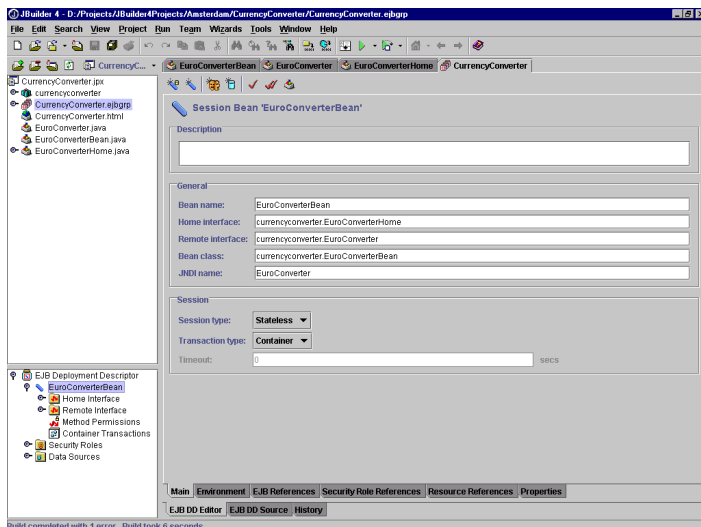
By using the Deployment Descriptor Editor™ for editing the deployment descriptor, it's possible to complete the first stage of the deployment. The Deployment Descriptor Editor (DDE) can be used to finish creating the necessary xml deployment description files. The DDE will add the settings, which are defined in the EJB 1.1 specifications, to the ejb-jar.xml file and create an inprise-ejb.xml file containing additional settings needed for deployment, but not defined in the EJB 1.1 specification. Double-click on the ejbgroup to activate the Deployment Descriptor Editor.



You now have all the functionality also available in the Inprise Application Server Console. The Editor has the following tabs:

- ◆ Main
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ EJB References
- ◆ Security Role References
- ◆ Resource References
- ◆ Properties

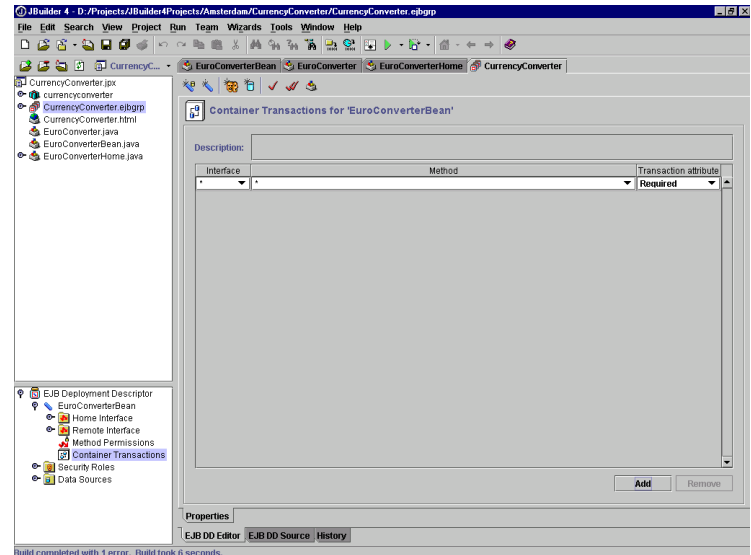
Those of you familiar with JBuilder 3.5 and Inprise Application Server 4.02 will notice that this version offers much more. Also take a look at the console of Inprise Application Server 4.1— this console also offers great flexibility in configuring your environment.



First select the bean, and then select the main tab of the editor, as shown in the picture above. The wizard has already entered the JNDI Name for the Enterprise JavaBean. It is also possible to change the session type (stateless or stateful) and the transaction type (Container or Bean managed). We leave the session type to stateless and the transaction type to container.

In order to complete our Enterprise JavaBean, we need to add a container transaction to the assembly descriptor.

Open the nodes of the bean and select the node Container Transactions. Click **Add** to add a new container transaction to our bean deployment descriptor.



A new container transaction is created.

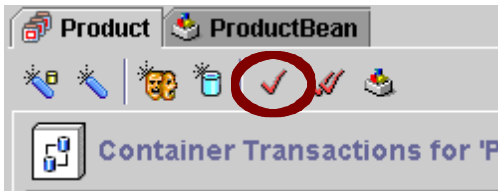
It is possible to set the transaction attribute. Possible values are:

- ◆ Not supported;
- ◆ Supports;
- ◆ Required;
- ◆ RequiresNew;
- ◆ Mandatory;
- ◆ Never.

For this bean we select Supports, as this is a stateless session bean that is not involved in a transaction. In this case, there is no need to throw an exception if the client requires a transaction. It's possible to make a group of transaction policies for the various interfaces and methods in different combinations.

Before we go to the next step, we can verify if the deployment descriptor is ok. Select the root of the structure pane, the item is called EJB deployment descriptor. Right-click this item and select Verify from the

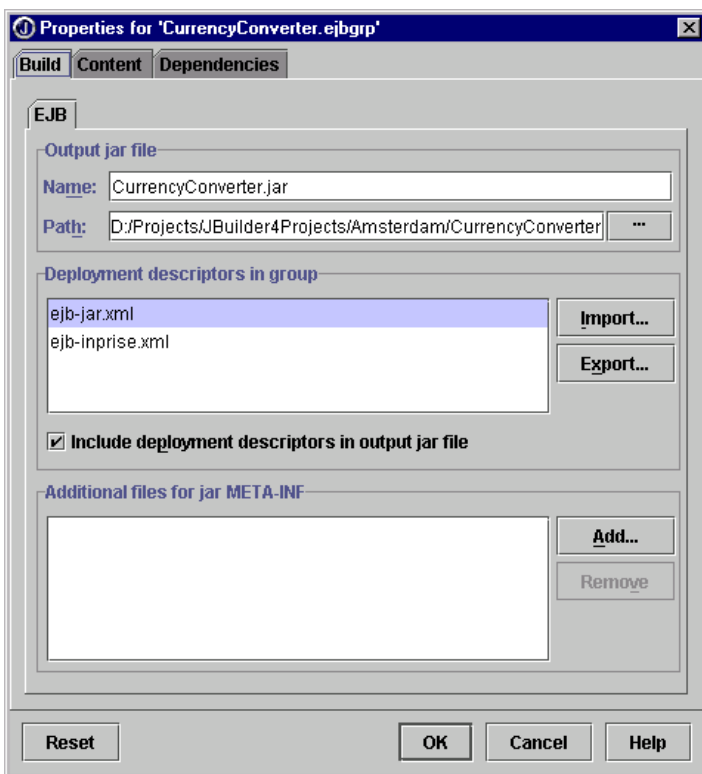
popup-menu or click on the button in the top of the content pane as shown below.



The message log window appears and the verification process starts.

Step 8. Create the JAR for the deployment

Next, create a jar containing the Enterprise JavaBean. Because this step is integrated in the build process of JBuilder, we just have to make or rebuild our project.



To have complete control over the contents of your JAR file, right-click on the EJB group and select **properties**. The dialog above will appear. You can change the name and location of the jar and have control of the files included. This replaces the dependency wizard in

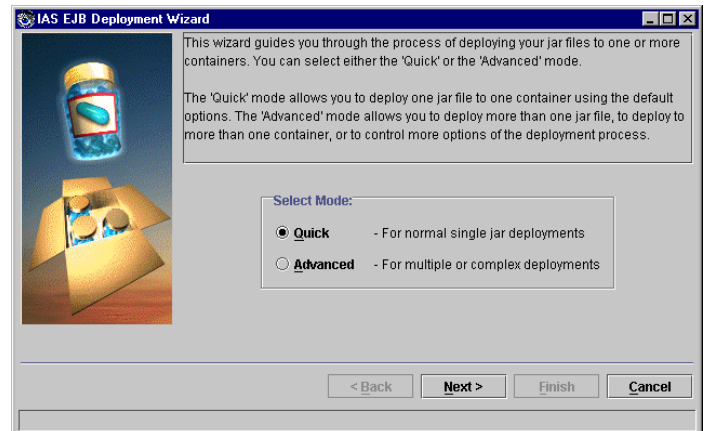
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Step 9. Deploying the bean to the Inprise Application Server

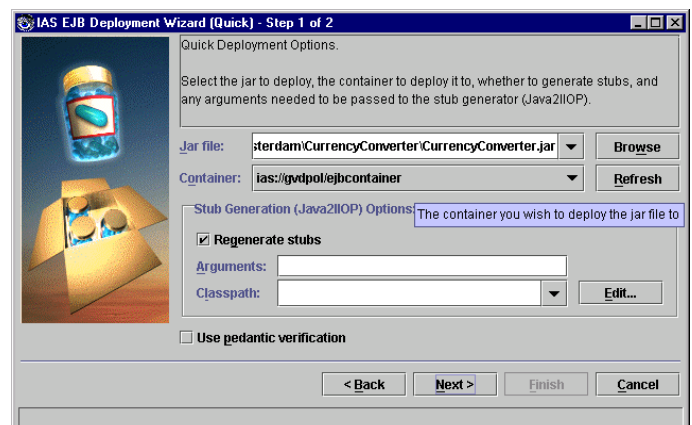
If you want to deploy your bean, you can use the EJB Deployment tool from the tools menu. This wizard makes it possible to deploy your bean(s) from within JBuilder. In order to successfully deploy your beans, you need to have an application server running.

Select **Tools, EJB Deployment...** to activate it.

It's the same wizard as the Deployment wizard, which is activated in the Inprise Application Server Console.



As we have just one bean and one jar file, we will select the quick deployment mode. Click **Next** to go to the next page.

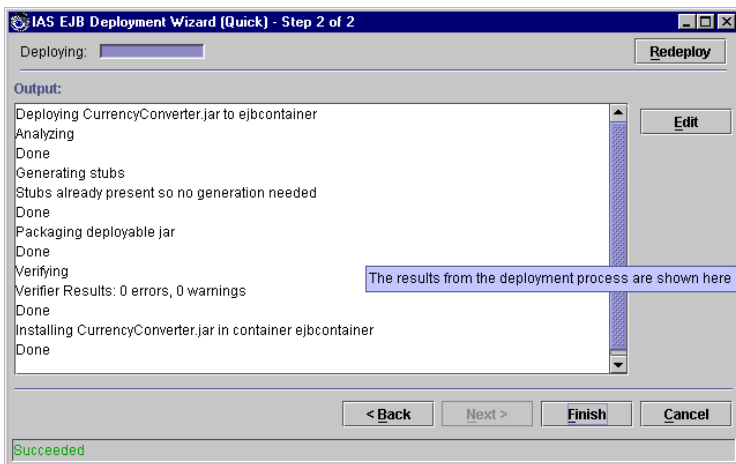


We enter the Quick Deployment wizard. In order to

deploy your bean, do the following:

- ◆ Fill in the complete path to your bean or Click **Browse** to navigate to your bean.
- ◆ Select the container to which you want to deploy.
- ◆ Uncheck the Regenerate stubs checkbox. This determines whether the deployment wizard will generate IIOP stub and skeletons. This is already done in JBuilder and packaged in the Jar file.

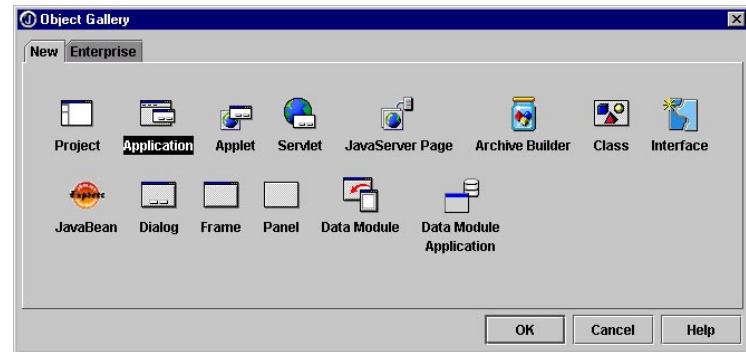
Click **Next**. This will start the deployment process. The results are shown in the next dialog.



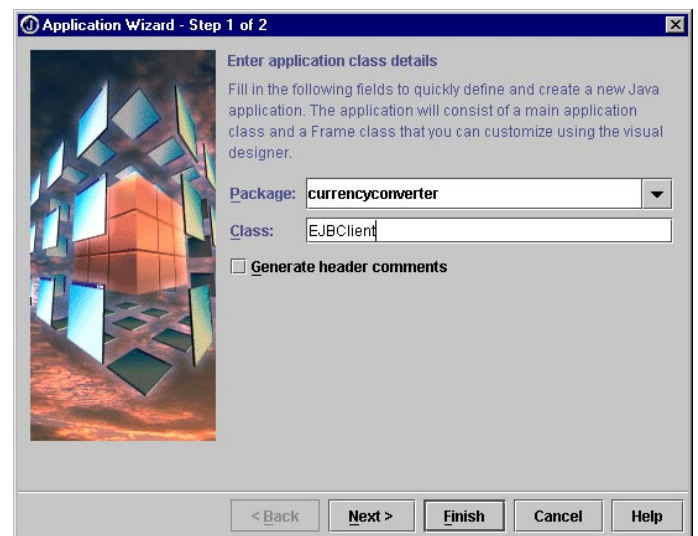
If you want to take an extra look at the deployment descriptor select the **Advanced Deployment Mode**.

Step 10. Creating an Enterprise JavaBean Client Application

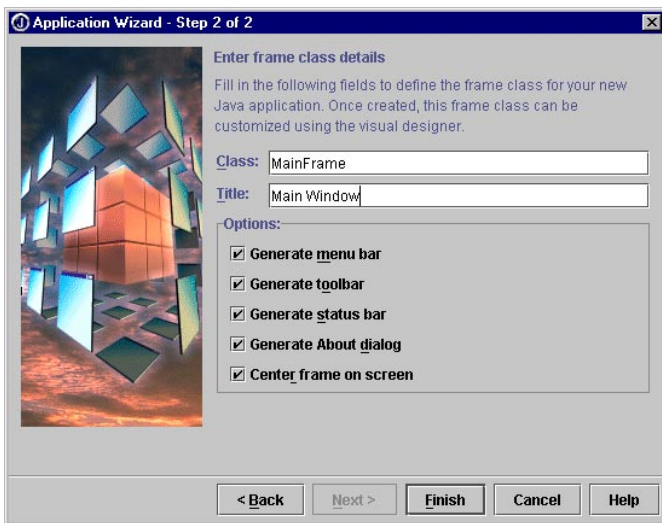
In step 10, we are going to create the Client Application. In JBuilder select **File, New** to open the Object Gallery. Select the Application Icon and press **OK**.



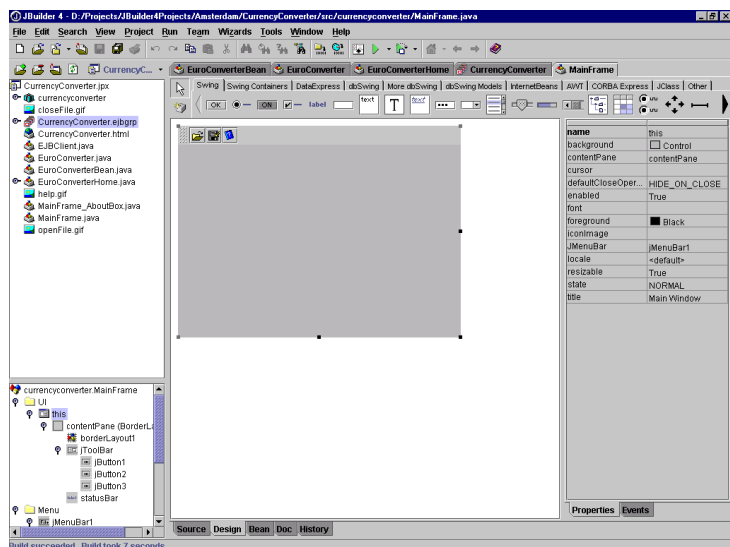
The application wizard appears. Change the default Class to EJB Test Client.



Click **Next**.

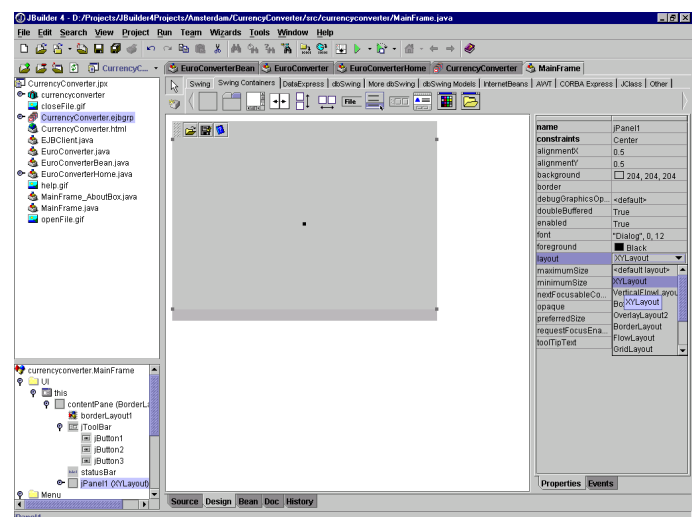


In step 2 of the wizard, the details for the Frame have to be entered. The name of the class will be **MainFrame** and the title of the frame will be **Main Window**. Select all the options and Click **Finish** to complete this wizard.

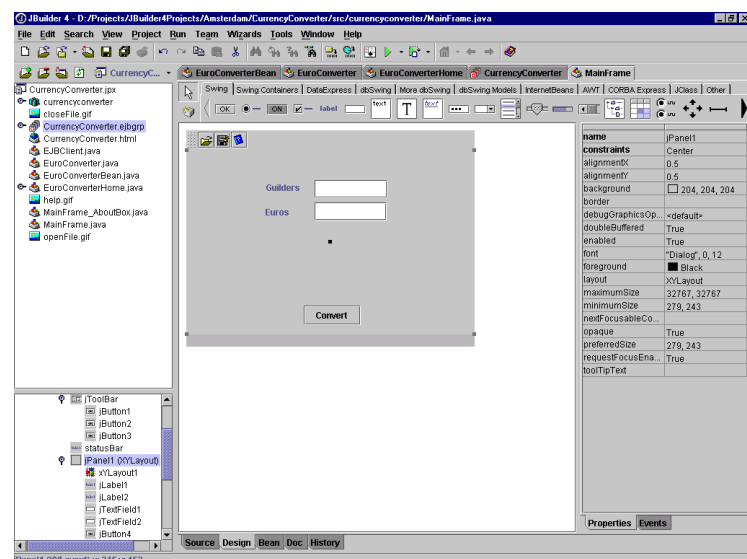


Select the file Mainframe.java in the navigation pane and click on the design. First, we are going to add a panel to the frame. Select the JPanel component from the Swing containers tab of the component palette and drop the component on the frame.

In order to quickly arrange the other components on the frame, we will set the layout of the panel to XYLayout. This gives you more flexibility when developing your frame. When the frame is finished, you can select the layout manager of your choice. To do this, click on the node in the structure pane that represents the panel component and select the layout property in the object inspector. From the combobox select XYLayout.

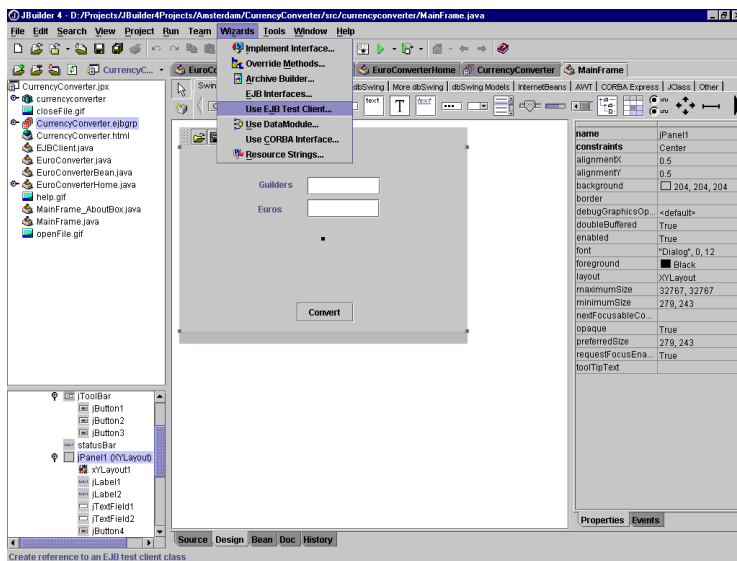


Next, place two label components, two textfield components, and a button component on the frame. Your frame should look more or less like the picture below.

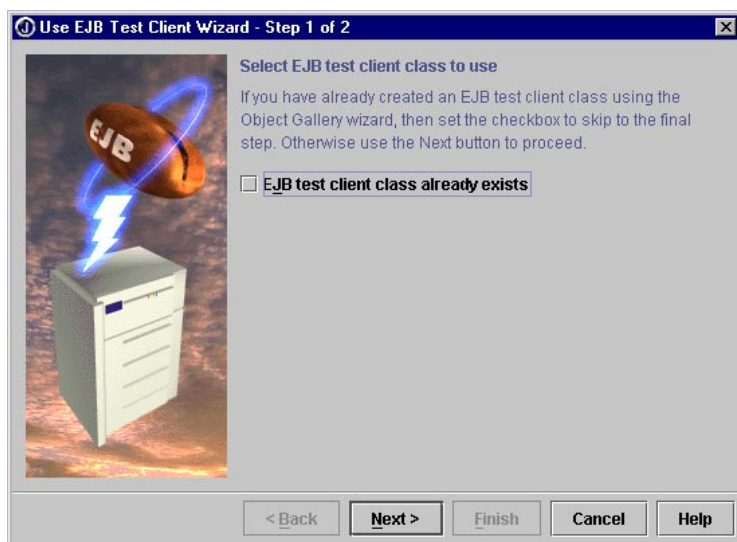


You can choose to use additional panels and layout managers to make your frame more portable, but we will skip this in this session.

After completing the frame we will add the source for using the Enterprise JavaBeans. Select **wizards, Use EJB Test Client**.

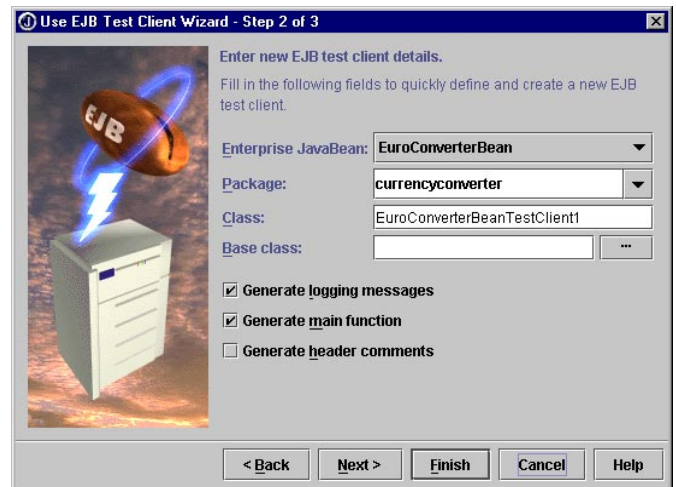


The Use EJB Test Client Wizard appears. Because we have not already created an EJB test client class we leave the checkbox open.

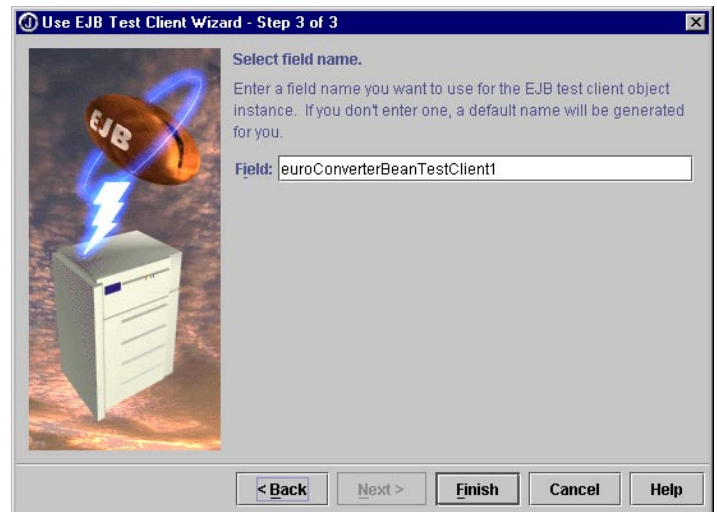


Click **Next**

On this page we select the EJB we want to use in our frame. As we only have one bean we go for the one JBuilder selected.



Click **Next**.



Enter the name of the field JBuilder will insert in your frame; this name belongs to the instance of the EJB test client class. An EJB Test Client class is a JavaBean wrapper, which will act as a proxy for our Enterprise JavaBean. Click Finish to complete the wizard.

JBuilder has created the EJB Test Client class and inserted the field in our frame.

The last thing to do is to activate our bean from the frame. Double-click the Button and JBuilder will create an empty event handler for us.

```
void jButton4_actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
    float EuroValue = 0;  
    float amount = new  
        Float(jTextField1.getText()).floatValue();  
  
    euroConverterBeanTestClient1.create();  
    EuroValue =  
        euroConverterBeanTestClient1.hfl2euro(amount);  
  
    jTextField2.setText(Float.toString(EuroValue));  
}
```

This completes our client application. As we already deployed our bean, we check if our code is correct. Right-click the EJBClient (our application) and select run from the context menu. The frame should appear and we can enter a value for the guilders we want to convert.

Click on the Convert Button to activate our Stateless Session Bean.

Congratulations!

You have now created, deployed, and invoked your first Enterprise JavaBean. This would be a good moment to expand your background knowledge on Enterprise JavaBean development (and other Java 2 Enterprise Edition™ features) and see how Borland technology can facilitate you in developing your robust and scalable enterprise applications as well as managing them from a distributed application point of view using Inprise AppCenter.

See the web sites mentioned in the Additional information chapter at the beginning of this document for background information.

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