



**Isolate use case:
Resource Management Research**

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RM API for the Java Platform



- Enabled by the JSR 121
 - An isolate is a convenient foundation for delivering resource management
 - Accounting is unambiguous
 - No sharing => only one owner of any unit of the resource
 - Only one owner => reclamation upon termination easier
 - The smallest unit of resource mgmt is an isolate
 - Arbitrary collections of isolates can be grouped to share a resource policy

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RM API in a Nutshell



- RM API for the Java platform: programmatic control over resources available to computations
 - Extensible (can define new resource types)
 - Flexible (can express a variety of policies)
 - Abstract (decouples management from control)
 - Platform-independent
 - Based on isolates (no sharing eases accounting)
 - Managed tradeoff between accuracy and cost
 - Accommodates various styles of resource impl's

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A Taste of the API



```
Public static void main(String[] args) { // class Manager
    String R = args[0]; // get name of resource to manage
    Isolate iB = new Isolate("App", new String[0]); // new isolate, not started yet
    ResourceDomain rd0 = ResourceDomain.currentDomain(R); // current domain
    ResourceDomain rd1 = ResourceDomain.newDomain(R); // Create a new domain
    rd1.bind(iB); // and bind iB to it
    long reservation = rd0.getReservation().getValue(); // Reserve 100 units of
    rd0.setReservation(reservation - 100); // R for rd1
    rd1.setReservation(100);
    ConsumeCallback.Pre preCallback =
        new ConsumeCallback.Pre() {
        public long preConsume(ResourceDomain rd, long current, long proposed) {
            return current; // veto the request // Create a constraint: reject
        } // requests to consume more
    }; // than 100 units of R
    Trigger trigger = Triggers.newAbsoluteUp(100);
    ConsumeAction action = new ConsumeAction(false, true, preCallback, trigger);
    rd1.setConsumeAction(action);
    iB.start(new Link[] {}); // set-up done; start the new isolate
}
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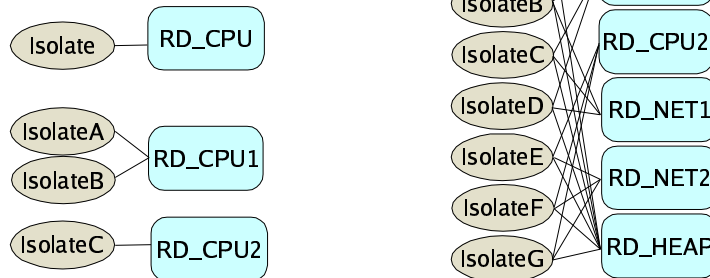
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Privileged applications would be written this way:
create other isolates and set up policies controlling
resource consumption.

High-Level Picture



- Isolates bound to *resource domains*
 - Resource domain = resource consumption policy
 - Independent bindings for different resources
 - Dynamic binding



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We'll discuss resource domains in details later; let's just say for now that they encapsulate a resource usage policy.

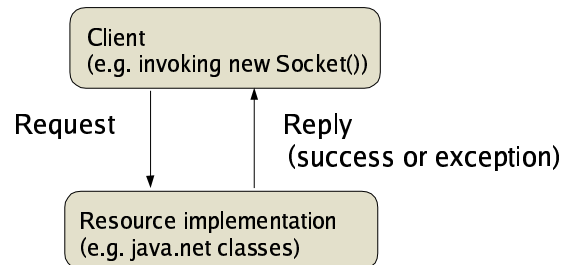
Left top – single isolate, single domain.

Left bottom – three isolates, two domains.

Right – seven isolates, five domains for three resources.

A, B, and C bound to the same domain for CPU (RD_CPU1), so they share the same policy; independent of what G's policy wrt CPU is. A and B share the same domain for CPU, but not for Net. In fact, A is not bound to any domain for Net.

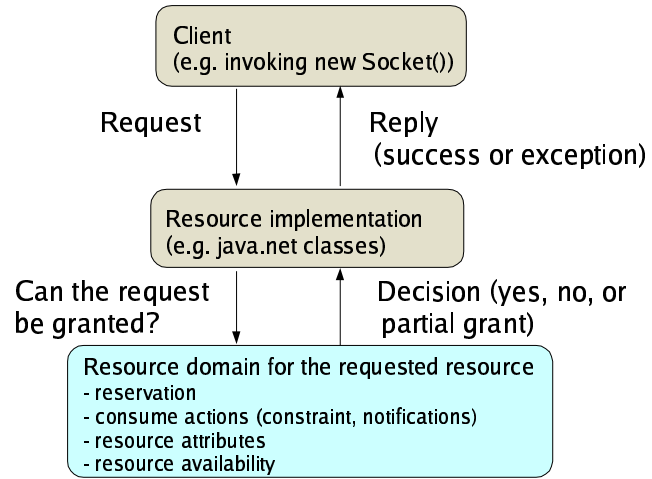
Requesting a Resource: no RM API



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The picture is the same regardless of whether the request is mediated by the JDK classes, the runtime (heap), OS (CPU), middleware (JDBC connections), etc.

Requesting a Resource: RM API



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Example: Number of Open Sockets



```
// Opening a socket – code added to java.net.PlainSocketImpl

this.rd = ResourceDomain.currentDomain(SOCK_NUM);
if (rd == null) {
    socketCreate(stream);           No control imposed
    return;
}
if (rd.consume(1) != 1)           Request denied
    throw new ResourceException("RM: can't open socket");
try {
    socketCreate(stream);
} catch (Throwable t) {
    rd.unconsume(1);           Return quantity requested if the creation fails
    throw t;
}
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Note that the client's API to using the resource hasn't changed; all RM API work is done under the hood.

Other Resources



- CPU time
 - Our prototype: polling
- Heap memory
 - Impact of the architecture of the collector
 - Our prototype: granularity = new gen capacity
- Network traffic
- Can express non-standard resources
 - Power consumption
 - Number of pending servlet requests
 - Number of summer interns

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Note: first time we've mentioned “implicit” resources; main point is that CPU is a bit different than the other resources we've mentioned (no API to request units of).

Status (June'03)



- Technical report to be published very soon
 - Feedback very welcome
- Pure Java prototype
 - Very good performance
 - Minimal changes to existing resource impls
 - Existing code runs unmodified
- Experimentation done on top of MVM
 - Experimental many-to-one impl os isolates
- Isolates were essential to realize RM API
- **No product/ISR plans yet**

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