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- Introduction to the Java EE 5 Platform
- Java Application Platform SDK: Overview
- Java EE 5 SDK Feature Summary
- The Aquarium
- New to Java Center

#### Key Resources

##### Training

- Sun Java System Application Server Training Course
- Java EE Learning Path
- Certification

##### Support

- Sun Java System Application Server Support
- Developer Assistance
- Forums
- Java EE Feedback

##### Reference

- Documentation
- Code Samples & Apps
- Java BluePrints
- Tutorials
- Technical Articles & Tips

#### Related Resources

##### Popular Downloads (Free)

- Java EE SDK
- GlassFish Downloads
- Java AVK
- Migration Tools
- Sun Java System Application Server
- NetBeans 5.5 with Sun Java System Application Server Update 1
- Sun Java System Message Queue
- Sun Java System Web Server
- Sun Java Enterprise System
- Solaris Enterprise System

##### Developer Tools (Free)

- NetBeans
- Sun Java Studio Creator
- Sun Java Studio Enterprise

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### Java Platform, Enterprise Edition

#### Q: What is the Java Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE)?

Java Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE) is the industry standard for developing portable, robust, scalable and secure server-side Java applications. Building on the solid foundation of Java SE, Java EE provides web services, component model, management, and communications APIs that make it the industry standard for implementing enterprise class service-oriented architecture (SOA) and Web 2.0 applications.

#### Q: What is the difference between Java EE and J2EE?

The name of the Java platform for the enterprise has been simplified. Formerly, the platform was known as Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE), and specific versions had "dot numbers" such as J2EE 1.4. The "2" has been dropped from the name, as has the minor revision number. So the next version of the Java platform for the enterprise is Java Platform, Enterprise Edition 5 (Java EE 5).

#### Q: What are the main benefits of the Java EE platform?

The Java EE platform provides the following:

- Complete web services support. The Java EE platform provides a framework for developing and



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