#### **Blackberry BBM SDK**



#### Week 1: Getting Started with BBM and the BBM SDK



#### Overview

- What is BBM?
- Setting up the Environment
- Setting up BBM Connected Simulators
- Tools
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#### What is **BBM**?

- BBM or BlackBerry Messenger is a messaging platform available only for BlackBerry smartphone owners
- There are over 50 million active subscribers, with over 2 million new users joining each month
- Allows instance messages to be sent anywhere around the world with no additional cost to the end user



### **BBM SDK**

- Blackberry BBM SDK can be used to create Blackberry applications which can access BBM contact lists, user profiles while enabling user to chat within their applications
- Gives the potential for a wide range of truly interactive applications that are only available on BlackBerry devices



### **BBM SDK Compatibility**

- Apps developed using the BBM SDK can either be written in Java or WebWorks
- There is no support for the BlackBerry
   PlayBook at the moment
- BlackBerry devices need to have BlackBerry Messenger version 6.1 or above installed to take advantage of the SDK
- BlackBerry OS 5.0 or later is also required to take advantage of the SDK
- The SDK currently does not support Java 7



### **BBM SDK Compatibility**

 There are different dependencies between different versions of the BBM SDK, BlackBerry Messenger and the BlackBerry Device Software.

<b>BBM SDK Version</b>	<b>BBM Version</b>	BlackBerry Device Software Version
1.0	6.0.0	5.0 and later
1.2	6.0.1	5.0 and later
1.3	6.1.0	5.0 and later



### BBM SDK System Requirements

#### • For Java:

- BlackBerry Messenger SDK for Java version 1.3 or above
- Java SE Development Kit (JDK), 32-bit, Version 6, Update 20 or higher
- Either the BlackBerry Java Plug-in for Eclipse (Includes BlackBerry Java SDK 6.0) or the BlackBerry Java Development Environment 6.0



### BBM SDK System Requirements

- For WebWorks:
  - BlackBerry Messenger SDK For WebWorks version 1.1 or above
  - BlackBerry® WebWorks<sup>™</sup> SDK for Smartphones
     2.2 or higher
  - Java SE Development Kit (JDK), 32-bit, Version 6, Update 20 or higher



### BBM Pre-Production Environment

- An environment dedicated to allowing to develop and test your application with a small beta community before you deploy it.
- Provides all the functionality of a production environment with the following limitations:
  - Each application is limited to 100 instances
  - Each application expires after 180 days
  - Application is pre-production cannot communicate with the same application that is registered in BlackBerry App World



### Limitations on Communication

- The BBM Platform will limit the traffic of an application that uses too much bandwidth
- All messages and application data for all BBM connected applications running on a BlackBerry device are limited to a maximum data transfer rate (configured by the BBM server)
- The BBM server may throttle application traffic to reduce transfer rates to acceptable levels



### Limitations on Communication

- File transfers sent from BBM connected applications are exempt from the limitation of data transfer rate
- File transfers are limited to 60K per transfer for a BBM connected application
- The maximum number of users in a connection is limited to 24



#### **Blackberry WebWorks Application Development**

**Setting up the Environment** 



- To test your BBM connected applications, the BlackBerry MDS simulator and the BlackBerry smartphone simulators need to be configured
  - This is required to allow communication between two instances of the BlackBerry smartphone simulator



- First, make sure that you have the Java SE development kit installed
- For Java and WebWorks Development:
  - Open the Environment Variables dialog
    - Right click on Computer in the Start Menu
    - Click on Properties
    - Click on Advanced System Settings
    - Click on Environment Variables



- Set the JAVA\_HOME environment variable to the directory where you installed the the JDK, for example: C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.6.0\_24. In 64-bit Windows, the default path is C:\Program Files(x86)\Java\jdk1.6.0\_24.
- In the PATH environment variable, add %JAVA\_HOME%\bin; to the beginning of the existing text for Value
- Click OK which will save and close the Environment Variables Dialog



- Verify that the environment is installed correctly by typing in command prompt: java –version
- Something similar to the following should appear:

java version "1.6.0\_24" Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.6.0\_24-b07) Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 19.1-b02, mixed mode, sharing)

 Download and extract the BlackBerry Messenger SDK from: <u>http://us.blackberry.com/developers/blackbe</u> <u>rrymessenger/</u>



- Install and run the BlackBerry MDS simulator:
- For Java and WebWorks:
  - In the folder where you extracted the BlackBerry Messenger SDK, open the 'MDS Simulator' folder
  - Extract the contents of the MDSv3.x.x.zip file into the same folder
  - Open the mds folder and double click 'run.bat' to launch the simulator



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- To configure the MDS simulator to use unlimited strength encryption:
  - Download the 'jce\_policy-6.zip' file from the Oracle website: <u>http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/d</u> <u>ownloads/jce-6-download-429243.html</u>
  - Extract the files to your computer
  - In the JDK directory (for example: C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jdk1.6.0\_23\jre\lib\security) replace the 'local\_policy.jar' and 'US\_export\_policy.jar' in the security folder



#### The MDS simulator should now open successfully

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- Download and install any one of the compatible BBM v6.1 enabled simulators: <u>http://us.blackberry.com/developers/blackbe</u> <u>rrymessenger/</u>
- For Java and WebWorks Development:
  - Navigate to the folder where you extracted the simulator
  - Double click on the BlackBerry\_Simulators\_<version>\_<model>.exe file



- Complete the install process
  - It is a requirement to install the Visual Studio C++ Redistributable. The installation process will do this for you
- After the installation is completed, two .bat files (named sim1.bat and sim2.bat) are available in the installation folder
- These two .bat files will launch two instances of the BlackBerry simulator
- The simulators will be able to communicate using the BlackBerry MDS simulator



- If you want to configure the simulator without launching the two provided 'sim.bat' files, you can create your own '.bat' files which have specific parameters supported by the BlackBerry Messenger SDK
- Parameters:
  - app-param=regDestIP
    - Specifies the IP of the computer running the MDS simulator



- app-param=regDestIP
  - Specifies the IP of the computer running the MDS simulator
- app-param=regDestPort
  - Specifies the default port. Should be the same for every instance of the BlackBerry simulator
- app-param=DisableSyncServiceRecord
  - Specifies that PIN to PIN connections between devices are possible. Simulator must be cleaned before the parameter will work
  - Click BlackBerry > Clean to clean the simulator



- session
  - Specifies the session number which must be unique for each simulator instance
- app-param=regSrcPort
  - Specifies the port number which must be unique for each instance of the simulator
- pin
  - Specifies the PIN of the simulator. The parameter must be 0x2100000 or greater and unique for each instance of the simulator



#### Example Simulator 1 .bat contents

@echo off fledge.exe /app=Jvm.dll /handheld=9800 /session=Sim1 /app-param=JvmAlxConfigFile:9800.xml /dataport=0x4d44 /data-port=0x4d4e /pin=0x2100000A /appparam=regVersion=3 /app-param=regDestIP=127.0.0.1 /appparam=regDestPort=19781 /app-param=regSrcPort=19780 /appparam=DisableSyncServiceRecord

#### Example Simulator 1 .bat contents

@echo off fledge.exe /app=Jvm.dll /handheld=9800 /session=Sim2 /app-param=JvmAlxConfigFile:9800.xml /dataport=0x4d44 /data-port=0x4d4e /pin=0x2100000B /appparam=regVersion=3 /app-param=regDestIP=127.0.0.1 /appparam=regDestPort=19781 /app-param=regSrcPort=19782 /appparam=DisableSyncServiceRecord



### Setting up the Java Development Environment

- To create a project for a BBM connected application in Eclipse:
  - In Eclipse, open the BlackBerry Application Development perspective
  - Click File, New, BlackBerry Project
  - In the New BlackBerry Project dialog box, in the Project Name field, type a name for your project
  - In the JRE section, make sure you select a BlackBerry JRE that is version 5.0 or later, and click Finish



### Setting up the Java Development Environment

- In the Package Explorer view, right-click the project and click Properties
- In the Properties dialog box, in the left pane, click Java Build Path
- Click the Libraries tab
- Click the Add External JARs button
- Navigate to the folder where you extracted the BlackBerry Messenger SDK file,. In the BBM SDK folder, double-click net\_rim\_bb\_qm\_platform.jar
- Click Next, then in the Properties window click OK

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- You can run your BBM connected simulators from Eclipse or manually using the BlackBerry Smartphone Simulator
  - Within Eclipse:
    - Click on Run, then Debug Configurations
    - Create a new BlackBerry Simulator launch configuration by right clicking on 'BlackBerry Simulator', clicking 'New' and then type in a name
    - On the Simulator tab, click General
    - In the Device dropdown list, select a simulator (for example: SimPackage-6.0.0.313\_9800-9800)



- In the Device dropdown list, select a simulator (for example: SimPackage-6.0.0.313\_9800-9800)
  - If no simulators appear, click the 'Apply' button on the bottom right, then choose a simulator
- Click the Advanced tab
- Check the 'Use customized command options' checkbox
- In the 'Customized command line' box, type the argument from the sim1.bat file



• Sample arguments in the sim1.bat file:

"C:\Program Files\Research In Motion\BlackBerry Smartphone Simulators 6.0.0\6.0.0.313 (9800)\fledge.exe" /handheld=9800 /app-param=JvmAlxConfigFile:9800.xml /pin=0x2100000A /data-port=0x4d44 /data-port=0x4d4e /session=9800 /app="C:\Program Files\Research In Motion\BlackBerry Smartphone Simulators 6.0.0\6.0.0.313 (9800)\Jvm.dll" /app=Jvm.dll /handheld=9800 /session=Sim1 /app-param=JvmAlxConfigFile:9800.xml /data-port=0x4d44 /data-port=0x4d4e /pin=0x2100000A /appparam=regVersion=3 /app-param=regDestIP=127.0.0.1 /appparam=regDestPort=19781 /app-param=regSrcPort=19780 /app-param=DisableSyncServiceRecord /title="BlackBerry 9800-1 Simulator"



- In the 'Customized working directory' box, type the path for the directory where you installed the simulator package
- In the 'Customized MDS directory' box, type the path of the directory where you installed the MDS simulator package
- Click Apply to save the settings
- Click the Projects tab
- Select the BBM application projects you wish to use this configuration for
- Click Apply in save the settings
- Click Close



- Using the BlackBerry Smartphone Simulator
  - In the folder where you extracted the BBM SDK, open the MDS Simulator folder, then the sdk folder then the mds folder
  - Double click 'run.bat' to launch the MDS simulator
  - Navigate to the folder where you installed the smartphone simulator
  - Launch the first instance of the simulator by double clicking on 'sim1.bat' (or another batch file you configured to connect to the MDS simulator)
  - Launch the second instance of the simulator by double clicking on 'sim2.bat' (or another batch file you configured to connect to the MDS simulator)



- To have each instance of the simulator have the other as a contact, open BBM in the first simulator
- When the name field appears, type 'simulator 1' as the name. When the window pops up asking you to select contacts, hit cancel
- Open BBM in the second simulator, and type 'simulator 2' when the name field appears. Again hit cancel when the select contacts dialog box appears
- On the first simulator, click the Menu key and click the Invite Contact menu item
- In the 'To' field, type '2100000B' or the PIN you set for the second simulator in the sim2.bat file



- On the second simulator accept the invitation. Send a test message from both devices.
- You are now ready to load your BBM connected applications onto the simulators







- BlackBerry Java Application Development Tools-<u>http://us.blackberry.com/developers/javaappdev/</u>
- Blackberry WebWorks SDK -<u>http://us.blackberry.com/developers/browserdev/devtoolsdownloads.jsp</u>
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