# **App Start**

Launching JavaFX Applications



### Running a JavaFX Client Application

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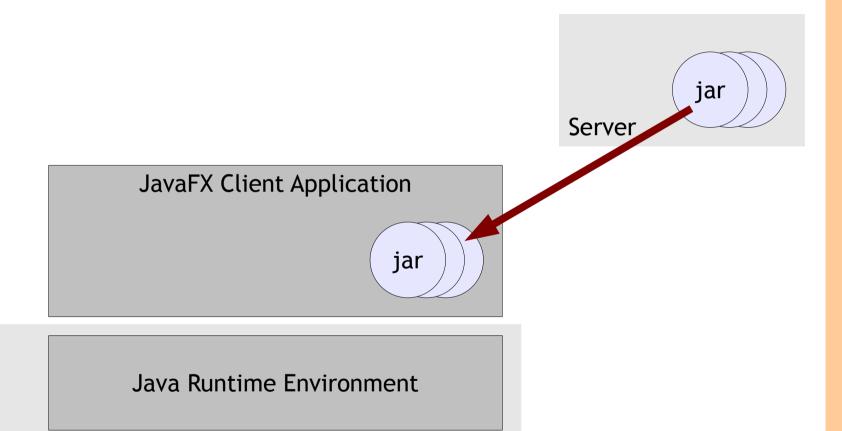
jar

Java Runtime Environment



# Applet/Web Start

Client Java Installation





### Applet/Web Start

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Automated Donwload of JavaFX Application (both initial load and continuos)

- CON

Requires a client side Java Installation (security issues..., policy issues...)

Rollout of a certain Java version is always a problem

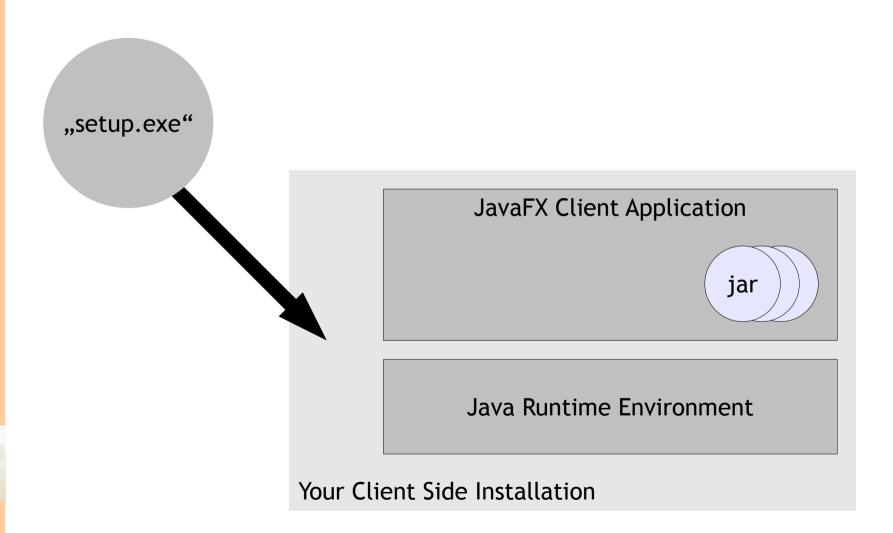
Especially JavaFX applications require the user to keep up to date with the client side JRE

JRE version is driven by the user - not by the JavaFX application. Does your application run on JRE 8.xx?

Client Java Installation



# **Application**





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"setup.exe"

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No central JRE installation You bundle the JRE that you require, that you tested

- CON

No concept of how to continuosly update your JavaFX Application

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Your Client Side Installation

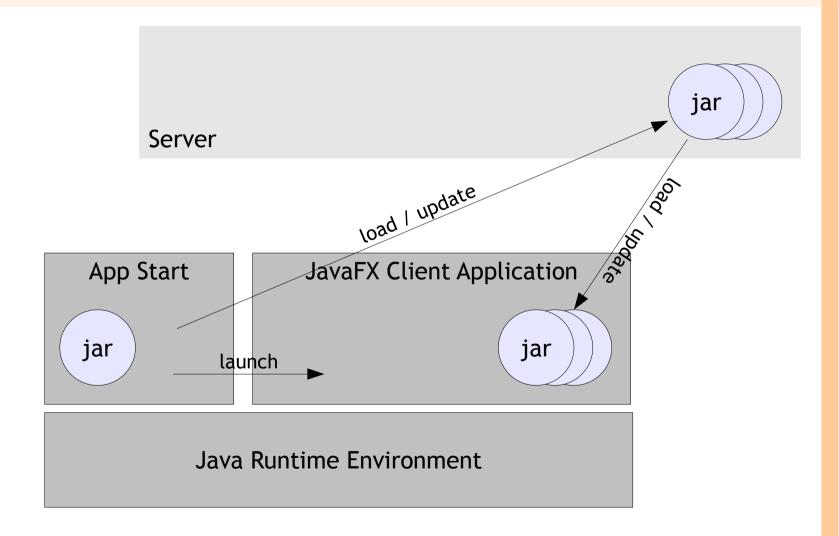


### Consequence

- Missing framework which runs JavaFX as stand alone application AND...
  - ...loading the JavaFX program from central servers
  - ...conitnuously checking the client side JavaFX program for server side updates
- · ... "App Start"!
  - ...combining the "pro"s of Webstart with the "pro"s of running JavaFX as stand alone application.



# **App Start - Basics**





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Server

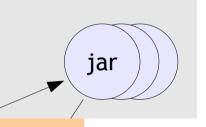
Typical Use Case

The JavaFX application is updated - a new version is provided on server side.

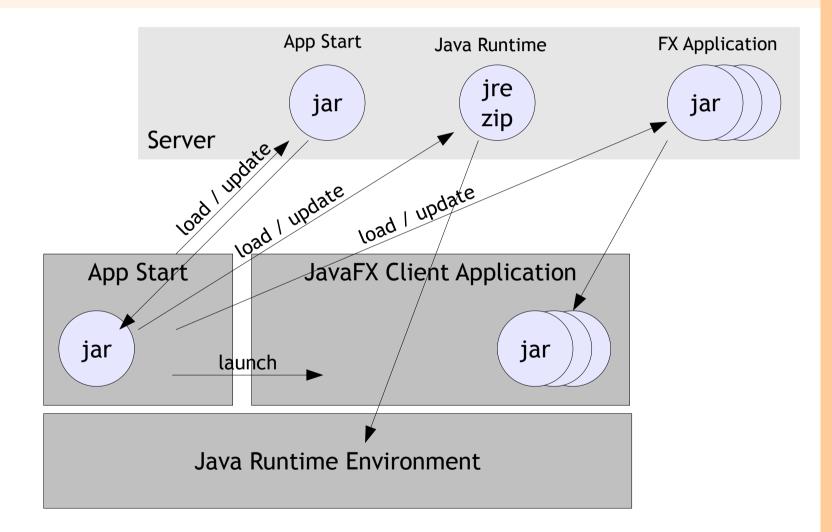
App Start downloads the updated jar-files and updates the client side accordingly.

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### App Start - Full picture





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Long term, "full" picture:

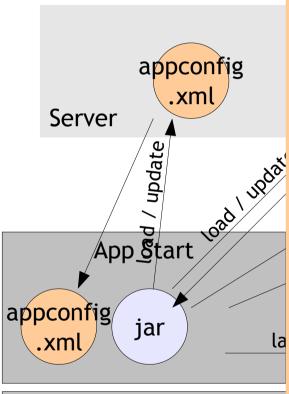
"Everything" is to be updated during the life cycle of a JavaFX application:

- the application
- the Java Runtime Environment
- the App Start framework

So, everything is versioned and downloaded/updated correspondingly.



# Configuration



Java Rui

```
<app
 appname="CaptainCasa Enterprise Client"
 appversion="20140218 1"
 launcherversion="5 0 20140218"
 launcherurl="http://host/eclntlaunchfx/launchfx 5 0 20140218.jar"
 javaversion="17 15"
 javaurl="http://host/eclntlaunchfx/jre_17_15.zip">
 <!-- Definition of application jars -->
 <jar jarurl="http://host/eclnt/libfx/app1.jar"/>
 <jar jarurl="http://host/eclnt/libfx/app2.jar"/>
 <!-- Definition of startables -->
 <start id="DW"
     name="Demo Workplace"
     classname="org.eclnt.fxclient.elements.PageBrowserStarter">
   <vmparam value="-Xmx256m"/>
   <vmparam value="-Xms128m"/>
   <param value="url=http://host/faces/workplaceFX.jsp"/>
   <param value="loglevel=INFO"/>
   <param value="undecorated=true"/>
 </start>
</app>
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#### Please note...

- · The App Start framework currently is a "small" one
  - ...comparing versions
  - ...loading resources via http(s)
  - ...managing resources on client side
  - ...creating scripts (if required) on client side
- It's not rocket science!
- There is room for development...
  - ...checking signatures
  - ...script generation for non-Windows scenarios



