

WebSphere Application Server V7 OSGi, JPA, and Modern Batch Feature Packs

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OSGi Feature Pack





Modularization in Java – Problems with Jars

- Java Platform Modularity
 - Classes encapsulate data
 - Packages contain classes
 - Jars contain packages
- Class visibility:
 - private, package private, protected, public
- No "jar scoped" access modifiers.
- No means for a jar to declare its dependencies.
- No versioning.
- Jars have no modularization characteristics
 - At runtime there is just a collection of classes on a global classpath







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Problems with Global Java ClassPath



Problems with EARs/WARs

- Enterprise Apps have isolated classpaths but...
- Across applications each archive typically contains all the libraries required by the application
 - Common libraries/frameworks get installed with each application
 - Multiple copies of libraries in memory
- Within applications third party libraries consume other third party libraries leading to version conflicts







OSGi Bundles and Class Loading



- OSGi Bundle A jar containing:
 - Classes and resources.
 - OSGi Bundle manifest.
- What's in the manifest:
 - Bundle-Version: Multiple versions of bundles can live concurrently.
 - Import-Package: What packages from other bundles does this bundle depend upon?
 - Export-Package: What packages from this bundle are visible and reusable outside of the bundle?

Manifest-Version: 1.0
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: MyService bundle
Bundle-SymbolicName: com.sample.myservice
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
Bundle-Activator: com.sample.myservice.Activator
Import-Package: com.something.i.need;version="1.1.2"
Export-Package: com.myservice.api;version="1.0.0"

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- Class Loading
 - Each bundle has its own loader.
 - No flat or monolithic classpath.
 - Class sharing and visibility decided by declarative dependencies, not by class loader hierarchies.
 - OSGi framework works out the dependencies including versions.



OSGi Enterprise Specification



- Released 22 March 2010
 - The product of the OSGi Enterprise Expert Group (EEG)
- Brings Enterprise technologies and OSGi together
- Using existing Java SE/EE specifications:
 - JTA, JPA, JNDI, JMX, WebApps...
- Adds Spring-derived *Blueprint* component model and DI container
- Java EE provides the core enterprise application programming model
- Deploying modules as OSGi bundles simplifies reuse between applications, provides versioning, encourages (and enforces) modular design and enables dynamic module updates.



Enterprise OSGi in Open Source



 Apache "Aries" created as a new Apache incubator project in Sep 2009:

Apache

ARIES

- to provide enterprise OSGi spec implementations <u>http://incubator.apache.org/aries/</u>
- to provide an environment to collaborate and experiment with new technologies to inform further EEG standardization.
 - In particular the programming model aspects of OSGi applications in an enterprise environment such as the Blueprint container and multi-bundle composites.
- to build a broad development community to encourage implementation and adoption of EEG specs
- Aries componentry supporting an enterprise OSGi programming model are being integrated into both Geronimo and WebSphere Application Server.

As well as Apache Felix Karaf, JBossOSGi and others

Application exploitation of OSGi in WebSphere



- Application-level exploitation is introduced in the WebSphere Application Server Feature Pack for OSGi Applications and Java Persistence API (JPA) 2.0
 - <u>http://www-01.ibm.com/software/webservers/appserv/was/featurepacks/</u>
 - Generally available May 2010
- Early Program available since Nov 2009
 - <u>https://www14.software.ibm.com/iwm/web/cc/earlyprograms/websphere/wasfposgiajp</u>
 - More downloads in a shorter period of time than any previous WebSphere Application Server v7 feature pack open beta
- Two installable features:
 - OSGi Application feature simplifies the development, assembly, and deploy of enterprise applications
 - JPA 2.0 feature introduces Java EE 6 JPA 2.0 enhancements to objectrelational persistence to simplify data access and optimize performance

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New: Bundle Repository Configuration in WebSphere Application Server



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Welcome Int	ernal bundle repository		
Guided Activities Guided Activi	Internal bundle repository > com.ibm.json.java		
Servers	The internal bundle repository is used to store b	oundles that are referenced by OSGi ap	
Applications	WebSphere Application Server. When an OSGi a satisfy all its dependencies by using the content	s of the asset, the contents of the inte	
Services	and the contents of any available external bund	lle repositories.	
T Resources	Configuration		
Environment			
Virtual hosts	General Properties		
 Update global Web server plu configuration 	Bundle symbolic name com.ibm.json.java]	
 WebSphere variables 			
Shared libraries	Bundle version		
Replication domains	1.0.0		
Naming	Bundle name		
C OSGI bundle repositories	JSON4J		
External bundle repositorie			
Internal bundle repository	Bundle description		
Evstem administration			
	Imported packages		
Monitoring and Tuning			
Troubleshooting			
H UDDI			
	Exported packages		
	com.ibm.json.java;version="1.0.0"		



JPA Overview





What is JPA?

- Standard persistence technology
 - JPA 1.0 introduced in Java EE 5
 - JPA 2.0 is part of Java EE 6 standards
 - Object/Relational Mapping
 - Designed for highly distributed applications
 - Especially web-enabled applications
 - Life cycle manageable by application server to increase quality of service
- Simplifies development
 - Provides framework/ tools around providing automatic persistence
 - · Objects are mapped to Tables using Metadata
 - Metadata is used to transform data from one representation to another





What is JPA? (continued)

- JPA specifications made very significant simplifications:
 - Standardizes O/R mapping metadata (not the case for EJB 2.x)
 - Java SE 5.0 Annotations can be used instead of XML deployment descriptor
 - No deploy code implementing abstract classes— Entities are POJOs
 - Application Server is not required
 - The Java Persistence API is available outside of Containers
 - Unit testing greatly simplified
 - Removal of checked exceptions (for instance, remote exceptions)
 - No bean (or business) interface required





Web Application Example – MVC Framework



persistence.xml)



Annotate Entity Object Class











Advantages to using OpenJPA

- Object level programming model
 - More natural for programmers
- Container "free"
 - No requirement on an application server
 - JEE, JSE, and now OSGi
- Common programming model across databases
 - No database-specific SQL or JDBC
- Ability to Cache database records in memory
 - Fewer trips to the database





WebSphere's JPA Architecture



- WebSphere's JPA Solution
 - Spec Compliant
 - Feature Rich
 - Extensible
 - Competitive with Hibernate and EclipseLink
 - Production Ready





JPA 2.0 Feature Pack



The WebSphere Application Server V7 Feature Pack for OSGi Applications and Java Persistence API 2.0



- Based on Apache OpenJPA, a leading open source Java persistence framework.
- Provides the Apache OpenJPA 2.0 implementation with IBM enhancements to benefit integration with WebSphere Application Server.
- The Apache OpenJPA 2.0 implementation includes improvements and benefits over previous releases and even beyond the JPA 2.0 specification.



WebSphere Application Server JPA 2.0 feature Architecture



Apache OpenJPA 2.0 provides:

- JPA 2.0 standards currency: JPA 2.0 (JSR 317) includes important improvements on the data persistence and relational database management capabilities. Early delivery of part of the JEE 6 standard.
- WebSphere Application Server Integration: Enhanced management, debugging, monitoring, and security for WAS.
- WebSphere Extreme Scale Integration Enhancements:
 Features that enable JPA to use WebSphere
 eXtreme Scale as a level2 cache in order to improve data access performance.

WebSphere Application Server Feature Pack for OSGi Applications and Java Persistence API 2.0 JPA feature adds:

- Additional WebSphere Application Server Integration: Install, Extended Debugging
- Data Studio pureQuery Runtime optimization:
 Performance and monitoring improvements for database access





JPA 2.0 Highlights

- O/R Mapping and Domain Modeling
 - Embeddables
 - Access Types
 - Enhanced Map Collections
 - Derived Identities
 - JPQL Updates
- Runtime API Updates
 - EntityManagerFactory API, EntityManager API, Query API, Query Result API
- Metamodel and Criteria API
- Bean Validation
 - Provides entity validation based on JSR-303 semantics





WebSphere Application Server

Feature Pack for Modern Batch



What is the "Feature Pack for Modern Batch?"



It is a batch execution framework within the WebSphere Application Server runtime platform:



Runtime Platform and Operating System

Feature Pack adds function to an existing WebSphere Application Server runtime environment

Available for all platforms

Currently in Open Beta

What's the Objective?

In a picture and a few words:







Allows you to maintain a focus on your core business objectives while leveraging Java as a batch execution language Helps you avoid writing expensive and hard-tomaintain custom batch middleware functionality



Makes you a hero in the eyes of management, who's focused on the business imperatives

Funny pictures ... serious point. Countless hours and dollars have been spent by companies pursuing custom middleware solutions. It's costly, time consuming and may lead to disparate islands of Java batch processes

What Does it Provide?

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Here's a summary of the key features the Feature Pack provides:

Batch container environment

Provides the structure and support function your Java batch application uses

Job scheduler and dispatcher function

Provides a key separate of application code from batch job, and controls the dispatching of the submitted job to a batch container hosting the application

Declarative job control file (xJCL)

Very much like regular JCL except it uses JCL.

Development class libraries

So batch applications may be written that run within this batch container

Batch Data Stream (BDS)

Function that abstracts data into easily accessible record format, taking the burden off you with respect to stream handling

Conditional multi-step job support

A combination of declaration in xJCL with step execution control

Checkpoint processing leveraging WAS transaction manager

Record or time, specified at the job step level.

Results and return code coordination

A consistent results framework within the batch container for each job

Relationship to WebSphere Compute Grid



It's a matter of degree of functional sophistication. The Feature Pack is a subset of the much more powerful WebSphere Compute Grid product:



- Calendar and clock scheduling of jobs from repository of xJCL
- Out of the box integration with enteprise schedulers
- Usage reporting with SMF 120.20 records (z/OS only)
- WLM transaction classification by job (z/OS only)
- Application quiesce and update
- Job submission pacing and job execution throttling
- Parallel job management and dispatching

Feature Pack is designed to introduce you to WAS container processing of Java batch WebSphere Compute Grid completes the picture with enterprise functionality

How Does it Provide This Function?



Batch by its nature has an long running execution profile. Therefore it can't be run under the traditional request / response model. So it uses asynchronous beans:



This is an asynchronous bean

Your batch application runs under the control of this bean

- You can think of this as a container-managed thread
- It processes the job definition and carries it from start to finish

Applications, Jobs and Job Control Definition



A key concept to appreciate the differentiation of this over other Java batch models:



WebSphere Application Server

- Application deployed into AppServer
- Job is an invocation of that application
- The job execution characteristics defined in job control file (xJCL)
- xJCL submitted to scheduler function
- Scheduler determines location of named application
- Scheduler dispatches job to the batch end point with application
- Application runs according to xJCL definition

The Job Control Definition File -- "xJCL"

Syntax different than traditional JCL, but the concepts are very similar:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<job name="name" ... >
  <jndi-name>batch_controller_bean_jndi</jndi-name>
                                                             Roughly analogous
    <substitution-props>
                                                             to the JOB card
      <prop name="property_name" value="value" />
    </substitution-props>
    <job-step name="name">
    <classname>package.class</classname>
                                                             A job step
      <checkpoint-algorithm-ref name="chkpt"/>
      <results-ref name="jobsum"/>
        <batch-data-streams>
                                                             Like the EXEC PGM=
          <bds>
                                                             statement in JCL
            <logical-name>input stream</logical-name>
              <props>
                                                             Similar to DD
                <prop name="name" value="value"/>
                                                             statements
              </props>
          </bds>
      </batch-data-streams>
    </job-step>
```

```
</job>
```

Batch Programming Framework

Provides key functional structures for use by your batch application:



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WAS z/OS Topologies for Batch Feature Pack



As you might expect from WAS z/OS:

Since this is built on top the WAS z/OS design, it's capable of taking on the configuration options WAS z/OS itself has

Similar topologies possible with Distributed WAS ... minus the features of z/OS and Parallel Sysplex



DMGR

SR

LPAR

CR

LPAR

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Implementing the Feature Pack



A relatively simple process:

Install the Product Files

- Feature Pack for Modern Batch -- typical WAS feature pack, installs under the "Optional Materials" mount point
- WebSphere Compute Grid -- separate FMID, installs under /usr/lpp/zWebSphereXD mount point (default)

Augment the WAS z/OS Runtime Nodes

- A WebSphere Customization Tools (WCT) extension file is supplied
- · Generate augmentation job to indicate what node to augment and where batch installation is located
- Run the job -- one job for the DMGR and one for each node where batch will run

Create JDBC Provider, Data Sources and Database

- JDBC provider and data source is standard WAS configuration task
- Product comes with DDL to create database in DB2 z/OS, DB2 LUW, Oracle or Derby

Configure the Job Scheduler and the Grid End Points

· An almost entirely automated process. A few mouse-clicks and it does the rest

Validation

- "Test Connection" button on the JDBC data sources
- · Several sample applications are supplied

Draft step-by-step Techdoc available on the Beta forum

Open Beta Website



https://www14.software.ibm.com/iwm/web/cc -

/earlyprograms/websphere/iwsasfpmbb/index.shtml

