

# Topics covered in GH track

## Day 7

### Overview of Middleware

Middleware is software that provides common services and capabilities to applications outside of what's offered by the operating system. Data management, application services, messaging, authentication, and API management are all commonly handled by middleware.

Middleware helps developers build applications more efficiently. It acts like the connective tissue between applications, data, and users.

For organizations with multi-cloud and containerized environments, middleware can make it cost-effective to develop and run applications at scale.

#### What kinds of middleware are there?

**New application development**

**Optimization of existing applications**

**Comprehensive integration**

**Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)**

**Data streaming**

**Intelligent business automation**

**Introduction to client server computing:** Client – Server – File Server, Database server, Group server, Object server, Web server, Client / server building blocks.

**Emergence of Middleware:** Objects, Web Services – Middleware Elements – Vendor Architecture – Interoperability – Middleware requirements- Middleware in Distributed Applications – Types of Middleware – Transaction-Oriented Middleware.

**Exploring Other Types of Middleware:** Real-time Middleware – RT CORBA – multimedia Middleware–Reflective Middleware – Agent-Based Middleware – RFID Middleware.

**Mobile Middleware:** : Evolution of Mobile Network Standards, Mobile Systems – Evolution- Mobile services vs. Mobile applications- Need for a Middleware-.

**EJB architecture:** Overview of EJB software architecture – View of EJB – Conversation – Building and deploying EJBs – Roles in EJB.

**EJB APPLICATIONS:** EJB session beans – EJB entity beans – EJB clients – EJB deployment – Building an application with EJB.

**Web services:** Introduction –XML Web Services standards – Creating Web Services.

**Extending Web Services:** Messaging Protocol – Describing – Discovering – Securing-Study of technology for business driven information technology management.

Introduction to Web Server

Introduction to application servers

Understand that a Web server's delegation

Transactions or database connection pooling, it may employ various strategies for fault tolerance and scalability such as load balancing, caching, and clustering—features oftentimes erroneously assigned as features reserved only for application servers.

How Application Server exposes business logic to client applications through various protocols, possibly including HTTP?

Graphical user interface running on a PC, a Web server, or even other application servers.

**Web server with an application server**

**Caveats**

Role of Database in 3 tier architecture

How database can be used as Data layer in distributed systems.

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**Tomcat and Jboss**

Apache tomcat contents

### **Installation of Tomcat on Docker**

- Installing Apache
- Apache starting, stopping and Apache restarting
- Apache uninstalling
- Finding Apache's files location

### **Using OpenShift cartridge for Tomcat installation**

## **Jboss Server Contents**

### **Installing Core Components on Docker Container**

- Installing the Java environment
- Installing JBoss EAP
- Application server features
- Creating a custom server configuration
- Using OpenShift cartridge for installation

### **Customizing JBoss EAP Services**

- How to monitor JBoss AS services
- JBoss AS thread pool
- Configuring logging services
- Configuring the connection to the database
- Configuring the transaction service

### **Deploying EJB 3 Session Beans**

- Developing Enterprise JavaBeans
- Configuring the EJB container

### **Deploying a Web Application**

- Developing web layout
- Configuring JBoss Web Server

### **Deploying Applications with JBoss Messaging Service**

- The new JBoss Messaging system
- Developing JMS applications
- Advanced JBoss Messaging

## Managing JBoss AS

- Introducing Java Management Extension
- JBoss AS Administration Console
- Managing applications
- Administering resources

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## Web server installation

Installing IBM HTTP Server

Web servers for WebSphere Application Server

Web server plug-in installation

IBM HTTP Server: Installation

IBM HTTP Server: Select package

IBM HTTP Server: License agreement

IBM HTTP Server: Installation directory and package group

IBM HTTP Server: Features

IBM HTTP Server: Port values

## Adding Common Modules

- Installing a Generic installation modules
- Installing Unix mod\_dav
- Installing mod\_perl
- Installing Unix mod\_php
- Installing mod\_ssl SSL (Secure Socket Layers)
- Finding Modules Using [modules.apache.org](http://modules.apache.org)
- Installing mod\_security

## Logging

- Getting more logs entries and Details
- Logs rotating

## Virtual Hosts

- Setting Up Name-Based Virtual Hosts
- Setting Up address-based virtual hosts

## Aliases, Redirecting, and Rewriting

- Mapping a URL to a Directory
- Creating a New URL for Existing Content
- Giving URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) users having own URLs Users Their Own URLs
- Redirecting to another location
- Redirecting Several URLs to the same Destination
- Rewriting elements between path and query string
- Turning URL Segments into query arguments

## SSL

- Installing SSL
- Generating self-signed SSL certificates
- Generating a trusted CA
- Serving a portion of site via SSL
- Authenticating with Client certificates

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## WebSphere Application Server

Installation of WAS on OpenShift by using Cartridge

Installation of WAS on Docker Container

### **WebSphere product family overview**

WebSphere software platform

WebSphere application infrastructure

WebSphere Application Server family

WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5 packaging

WebSphere family products

WebSphere family products

WebSphere Application Server for Developers

WebSphere Application Server Hypervisor Edition

Mobile application development

WebSphere eXtreme Scale

WebSphere eXtreme Scale entitled capabilities

WebSphere DataPower XC10 Appliance

WebSphere eXtreme Scale and DataPower XC10 Appliance

IBM Workload Deployer  
IBM Tivoli Composite Application Manager for WebSphere Application Server  
Rational Application Developer  
IBM Assembly and Deploy Tools for WebSphere Administration  
**WebSphere Application Server architecture – stand-alone**  
Architecture runtime  
Version 8.5 packaging  
WebSphere Application Server basics

JDBC providers  
Data sources  
    Architecture administration  
WebSphere architecture administration Profiles  
WebSphere profile overview  
WebSphere profile benefits  
Managing profiles  
Profile types  
**WebSphere Application Server architecture – federated**  
Network deployment concepts  
Network deployment runtime flow  
Administration flow  
File synchronization  
WebSphere Network Deployment profiles

Managing web servers  
Web servers within a cell  
Managed versus unmanaged nodes  
Web server definitions  
Web server custom plugin-cfg.xml  
Managing plugin-cfg.xml files  
Managing web server plug-in properties

Virtual hosts  
Defining virtual hosts  
Managing web servers with WebSphere  
Unmanaged web server  
Managed web server on a managed node (local)  
IBM HTTP Server as unmanaged node (remote)  
IBM HTTP Server administration overview  
IBM HTTP Server administration server

Additional concepts  
Flexible management  
Centralized installation manager (CIM)  
Intelligent runtime provisioning  
Edge Components  
Intelligent Management

## **IBM Installation Manager**

IBM Installation Manager overview  
Installation Manager command line  
IBM Installation Manager repository  
Remote installations  
IBM Installation Manager installation  
    IBM Installation Manager: Modify  
    Modify (add or remove)  
    IBM Installation Manager: Update.  
    IBM Packaging Utility  
    Uninstall IBM Installation

## **WebSphere Application Server installation**

Installation overview  
Preinstallation tasks  
Installation overview  
Installing WebSphere Application Server  
IBM WebSphere Application Server product packages  
Hardware and software requirements  
Software requirements: Operating systems  
Software requirements: Web servers and database servers  
Installing WebSphere Application Server  
Installing WebSphere Application Server  
IBM Installation Manager terminology  
Repositories  
Installation GUI  
Packages  
Shared resources directory  
Package group and installation directory

Working with profiles  
Starting the Profile Management Tool  
Profile Management Tool: Environment and options  
Profile creation options  
Profile Management Tool

- Profile creation with command-line tool
- Verifying an installation
- First steps
- Installation verification
- Post installation tasks
- Applications installed following installation
- Uninstall
- Directory structure
- Configuration files
- Common command-line tools
- Server commands
- Configuration backup and restore
- Accessing the information center: Online
- Accessing the information center: Offline options

- WebSphere Customization Toolbox overview
- WebSphere Customization Toolbox: Offerings
- WebSphere Customization Toolbox: Installation
- WebSphere Customization Toolbox: Selective tool installation
- WebSphere Customization Toolbox: Features
- Starting WebSphere Customization Toolbox
- Embedded WebSphere Customization Toolbox
- Stand-alone WebSphere Customization Toolbox
- WebSphere Customization Toolbox: Command line
- WebSphere Customization Toolbox: Restrictions

- Installing web server plug-ins
- Web server plug-ins: Package installation
- Web server plug-ins: License agreement
- Web server plug-ins: Package group and installation directory
- Web server plug-ins: Features
- Web server plug-ins: Summary and results
- Plug-ins Configuration Tool: Add location
- Plug-ins Configuration Tool: Web server selection
- Plug-ins Configuration Tool: Administration server
- Plug-ins Configuration Tool: Web server definition name
- Plug-ins Configuration Tool: Configuration scenario

## **WebSphere Application Server administrative console**

- Administrative console
- Starting the administrative console



- Administrative console in a cell topology
- Console login
- Recovering prior changes
- Administrative console session timeout
- Administrative console panels
- Administrative console areas

- Administrative console preferences, filters, and scope
- Guided Activities
- My tasks
- Users and groups
- Troubleshooting information
- Tivoli Performance Viewer

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## **Introduction to the PlantsByWebSphere application**

- PlantsByWebSphere application
- Shopping

- View Server Info page
- Admin home page

### **Application assembly**

- Overview of Java EE application packaging
- Overview of application assembly and installation
- Java EE 6 packaging
- WebSphere: Application packaging
- WebSphere application contents
- Application assembly and deployment tools
- Application assembly and deployment tools
- Assembling an enterprise application
- Import modules
- Java EE perspective
- Application deployment
- Enterprise applications without application.xml
- Packaging enterprise applications for deployment
- Application scope resources
- Enhanced EAR
- Java EE modules
- EJB module assembly

- EJBs included in the web module
- Web module assembly
- Web module
- Adding metadata through the menus
- Web deployment descriptor editor
- Application client assembly
- Generating an EAR file for deployment
  - Java EE annotations
- Stateless session bean
- Using annotations to inject EJB references
- Application bindings

## **Application installation**

- Installing enterprise applications
- Creating a J2C authentication alias
- Creating a data source
- Installing a new application
- Example of fast path installation
- Example of detailed installation
- Enhanced EAR
- Removing enhancements
- Application settings and interaction
- Starting an application
- Application update
- Other application configuration settings
- Application startup behavior and auto start
- View the application deployment descriptor
- The application deployment descriptor
- Manage modules
- Metadata for modules

- Monitored directory
- Overview of monitored directory deployment
- Enabling the monitored directory
- Notes about the monitored directory
- Drag-and-drop properties files
- Properties file based configuration
- Steps to use properties file to deploy applications

## **Problem determination**

- Server logs and diagnostic tracing
- Examining server log files
- WebSphere Application Server logs

Server log files: Types and locations  
Configuring JVM logs  
Viewing runtime messages in the console  
HTTP plug-in logs and tracing  
Diagnostic tracing

Using diagnostic tracing  
Enable and configure tracing  
Setting the log detail level  
Trace output content and format  
Reading a log or trace file  
High Performance Extensible Logging (HPEL)  
HPEL logging and tracing configuration  
Configure HPEL logging  
The HPEL Log Viewer  
LogViewer command-line tool

What is Cross Component Trace (XCT)?  
Administering XCT  
XCT request IDs  
Use XCT request ID information to track requests  
Gathering diagnostic data  
Gathering JVM diagnostic data  
Enable verbose garbage collection  
Java memory dumps and cores  
Generating a JVM thread dump (javacore)  
Generating a JVM heap dump  
Hung thread detection  
Connection leak diagnostic messages  
Checking version levels and applying APARs  
Problem determination tools  
Problem determination tools: Administrative console  
Dumping the JNDI namespace  
IBM Support Assistant

IBM Support Assistant  
What is the IBM Support Assistant?  
IBM Support Assistant workbench home page  
IBM Support Assistant: Search component

IBM Support Assistant:

## Using the IBM Support Assistant Data Collector

### **Introduction to wsadmin and scripting**

wsadmin versus administration console

Scripting benefits

wsadmin

wsadmin invocation options

Jython versus Jacl

Administrative functions that use wsadmin

Administrative objects in wsadmin

Starting wsadmin

Starting wsadmin with security enabled

wsadmin properties

Profile scripts

AdminConfig: Managing configurations

AdminApp: Managing applications

AdminControl: Managing running objects

AdminTask: Accessing administrative functions

Help within wsadmin

Administrative command help

Important points to remember when using wsadmin

Jython script library

Configuration repository: The issues

Properties file based configuration

Create, test, and debug Jython scripts

Start the Jython debugger

Jython debugger perspectiveCommand assistance

Using command assistance within IBM Assembly and Deploy Tools

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### **Federating a cell**

WebSphere cells

WebSphere Application Server process types

Network deployment concepts

Profiles in network deployment

Application server profile

Deployment manager profile

Custom profile

Creating profiles

- Profile Management Tool
- Profile creation: Command-line tool
- Directory structure
- Server commands review
- Profile precautions
- Deployment manager console versus stand-alone console
- Common command-line tools
- Adding a node to a cell

- Adding a node
- Managed versus unmanaged nodes
- Cell topology
- Configuring synchronization
- Remove a node from a cell
- Synchronization
- Managing a web server: Adding a node to a cell
- Managing a web server: Add the web server
- Managing a web server: Plug-in configuration file

## **Workload management**

- Workload management concepts
- What is workload management (WLM)?
- Clusters and cluster members
- Clusters
- Clusters and cluster members
- Configurations: Vertical scaling
- Configurations: Horizontal scaling
- Configurations: Vertical and horizontal scaling
- Creating a cluster
- Installing enterprise applications to a cluster
- Controlling a cluster
- Cluster members
- Modification of clusters
- Routing concepts and session affinity
- Routing concepts and session affinity
- Basic routing algorithms
- HTTP session management
- Session affinity
- JSESSIONID cookie
- WebSphere session affinity
- Plug-in
- Plugin-cfg.xml

- Interpreting the plugin-cfg.xml file
- Weighted round robin
- Weighted routing example with no affinity
- Weighted routing example with affinity
- Weighted routing example with counting affinity
- Routing alternative: Random

## Using Intelligent Management

- Failover
- Edge Components failover
- HTTP server failover
- Web container failover
- EJB container failover
- Session persistence

- Session persistence
- Session configuration: Memory-to-memory
- Session configuration: Replication domains
- Database persistence configuration
- Tuning session persistence
- eXtreme Scale persistence configuration
- Deployment manager high availability
- Deployment manager high availability
- Highly available deployment manager

## **WebSphere security**

- WebSphere security basics
- Basic security end-to-end model

- WebSphere Application Server security overview
- WebSphere security service: Big picture
- Types of security
- Administrative security
- Application security
- Authentication and authorization
- Challenge mechanism: Authentication basic steps
- Defining the challenge type
- WebSphere user registries
- Registries and authentication mechanisms
- Defining user registries
- Manual security configuration
- User registry support

Federated repositories  
Custom registry: Configuration  
Authentication mechanism: LTPA  
LTPA provides delegation  
LTPA provides single sign-on (SSO)

Administrative security  
Console security  
Additional console security roles  
Administrative roles  
Console security: Mapping users and groups  
Application security  
Authorization  
Security roles: Application authorization  
Applying application security  
Creating security constraints  
Using the console to map security roles  
Creating a security domain  
Configuring a security domain

Java 2 security  
Java security model  
Java security overview  
Enabling Java 2 security  
SSL basics  
SSL basics  
What is SSL?  
Symmetric key encryption  
Asymmetric key encryption  
How does SSL work? Certificates and certificate authorities  
Certificates and certificate authorities  
What is a certificate?  
Types of certificates  
What is a certificate authority (CA)?  
SSL: Putting it all together  
    SSL within a WebSphere cell

SSL within a WebSphere cell  
SSL within WebSphere Application Server  
WebSphere SSL management  
What are key rings, keystores, and truststores?  
Node certificates

- Cell default truststore
- Managing WebSphere keystores
- Creating keystores and certificates
- What is a chained certificate?
- Expiration manager scheduling
- Keys for web servers
- Web server plug-in keystores propagation
- IBM HTTP Server key ring propagation
- Security auditing
  - Enabling security auditing
  - Viewing audit data
  - Securing audit records
- Overview of the Liberty profile**
  - Introduction to the Liberty profile
  - Liberty profile architecture
  - Clarification: Profile versus profile
  - WebSphere Application Server family
  - Features available in the Liberty editions
  - Tools, runtime, and installation
  - Liberty profile developer tools
  - Where to get WebSphere Application Server Developer Tools for Eclipse
  - Where to get the Liberty profile runtime environment

Installing the Liberty profile on OpenShift

- Creating a Liberty profile server
- Creating a server with developer tools Configurations
- Configurations
  - Simplified server configuration
  - Simplified configuration: server.xml
  - Flexible configuration
  - Shared configurations
- Application deployment
- Highly composable runtime that is based on features
- Dynamic enablement of feature sets
- Class visibility
- Shared libraries
- Packaging an application for deployment
- Liberty profile server command-line tools



- Deploying an application by using the drop-ins directory
- Creating the production image
- Deploying Liberty topologies
- Example: A shared topology
- Security

## Security

- Liberty profile security

- Enable SSL

- Advanced SSL

- User registries

- Basic user registry

- LDAP user registry

- SAF user registry

- Authorization

- Liberty administrative security

- Using the job manager to manage Liberty profile servers

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- Administering Liberty profiles by using the job manager

- Job manager Liberty profile jobs

- Deploying a self-contained topology

- HTTP request routing

- Job type: Generate merged plug-in configuration

- Merged plugin-cfg.xml

- Liberty collectives and clusters

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- Example of server clusters and a Liberty collective

- Administering Liberty profiles in collectives

- Liberty profile collective controller and collective members

- Liberty clusters

## **Performance monitoring**

- Performance tuning and monitoring

- Tuning performance suggested practices

- Performance terminology

- Tuning parameter hot list

- Solving performance problems

- Measuring performance and collecting data

- WebSphere performance tools

PMI architecture  
Types of performance data  
PMI data collection settings  
Using the administrative console to enable PMI  
Start monitoring  
Tivoli Performance Viewer  
Performance servlet overview  
Performance servlet output

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### **ISM Tool Chain**

Introduction to ISM tool Chain & Monitoring  
Infrastructure & Database Monitoring - Agent Deployment

Introduction to Solarwinds  
Microservices and Container Monitoring - Agent Deployment  
Application monitoring using JMeter  
Application availability, API and Synthetics Monitoring  
Working on Nagios  
Auto-Discovery  
Graphs  
Alerting (SMS, Email)  
Reporting  
Configuration wizards

Event Management basics - Tool Chain Integrations  
Notification and Collaboration - Tools walkthrough  
Incident Management