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**ZK**

**The Quick Start Guide**

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# 1. Installation

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## Install ZK on Tomcat

1. Download Tomcat from <http://tomcat.apache.org> and install it, if you haven't installed it yet.
2. Stop Tomcat.
3. Unzip `zk-1.0.0.zip` or `zk-1.0.0.tar.gz`
4. Copy `dist/lib/*.jar` to `$TOMCAT_HOME1/shared/lib`
5. Copy `dist/lib/ext/*.jar` to `$TOMCAT_HOME/shared/lib`
6. [Optional] Copy `dist/lib/zkforge/*.jar` to `$TOMCAT_HOME2/shared/lib`  
It depends whether you need components from ZK Forge<sup>3</sup>, such as FCKeditor (<http://www.fckeditor.net>) and DOJO (<http://dojotoolkit.org/>).
7. Re-start Tomcat.
8. Deploy `demo/bin/zkdemo.war` to Tomcat. It can be done by use of the Tomcat manager, or by copying it to `$TOMCAT_HOME/webapps` directly. If you prefer copying directly, you have to stop Tomcat first.
9. Browse to <http://localhost/zkdemo/userguide> or <http://localhost:8080/zkdemo/userguide>, depending on your configuration.

## Install ZK on Jetty

1. Download Jetty from <http://www.mortbay.org/jetty/index.html> and install it<sup>4</sup>, if you haven't installed it yet.
2. Stop Jetty.
3. Unzip `zk-1.0.0.zip` or `zk-1.0.0.tar.gz`
4. Copy `dist/lib/*.jar` to `$JETTY_HOME5/ext`

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<sup>1</sup> `$TOMCAT_HOME` is where you installed Tomcat.

<sup>2</sup> `$TOMCAT_HOME` is where you installed Tomcat.

<sup>3</sup> ZK Forge (<http://zkforge.sourceforge.net>) is a collection of components from the community collaboration.

<sup>4</sup> Refer to <http://www.mortbay.org/jetty/tut/GettingStarted.html>

5. Copy `dist/lib/ext/*.jar` to `$JETTY_HOME/ext`
6. [Optional] Copy `dist/lib/zkforge/*.jar` to `$JETTY_HOME/ext`  
It depends whether you need component from ZK Forge.
7. Deploy `demo/bin/zkdemo.war` to Jetty by copying it to `$JETTY_HOME/webapps` directly.
8. Start Jetty.
9. Browse to `http://localhost/zkdemo/userguide` or  
`http://localhost:8080/zkdemo/userguide`, depending on your configuration.

## Deploy your Application as a WAR file or an EAR file

There are two ways to make your Web application ready to use ZK. First, copy `dist/lib/*.jar`, `dist/lib/zkforge/*.jar`, and `dist/lib/ext/*.jar` to the class-path of the Web or JavaEE container as mentioned in the above sections.

Second, you could bundle them with the WAR or EAR file as follows.

- If your application is a WAR file, copy `dist/lib/*.jar`, `dist/zkforge/*.jar`, and `dist/lib/ext/*.jar` from `zk-1.0.0.zip` to the `/WEB-INF/lib` directory of your WAR file.
- If your application is an EAR file, copy `dist/lib/*.jar`, `dist/zkforge/*.jar`, and `dist/lib/ext/*.jar` from `zk-1.0.0.zip` to the root directory of your EAR file.

## Working with MySQL<sup>6</sup>

To open the connection under `zscript`, you have to put MySQL JDBC driver (`mysql-connector-*.jar`) under the same directory with ZK libraries (`zk.jar` and others). For example, if you prefer to put ZK libraries under `$TOMCAT_DIR/shared/lib`, you have to put MySQL JDBC driver under `$TOMCAT_DIR/shared/lib`, too.

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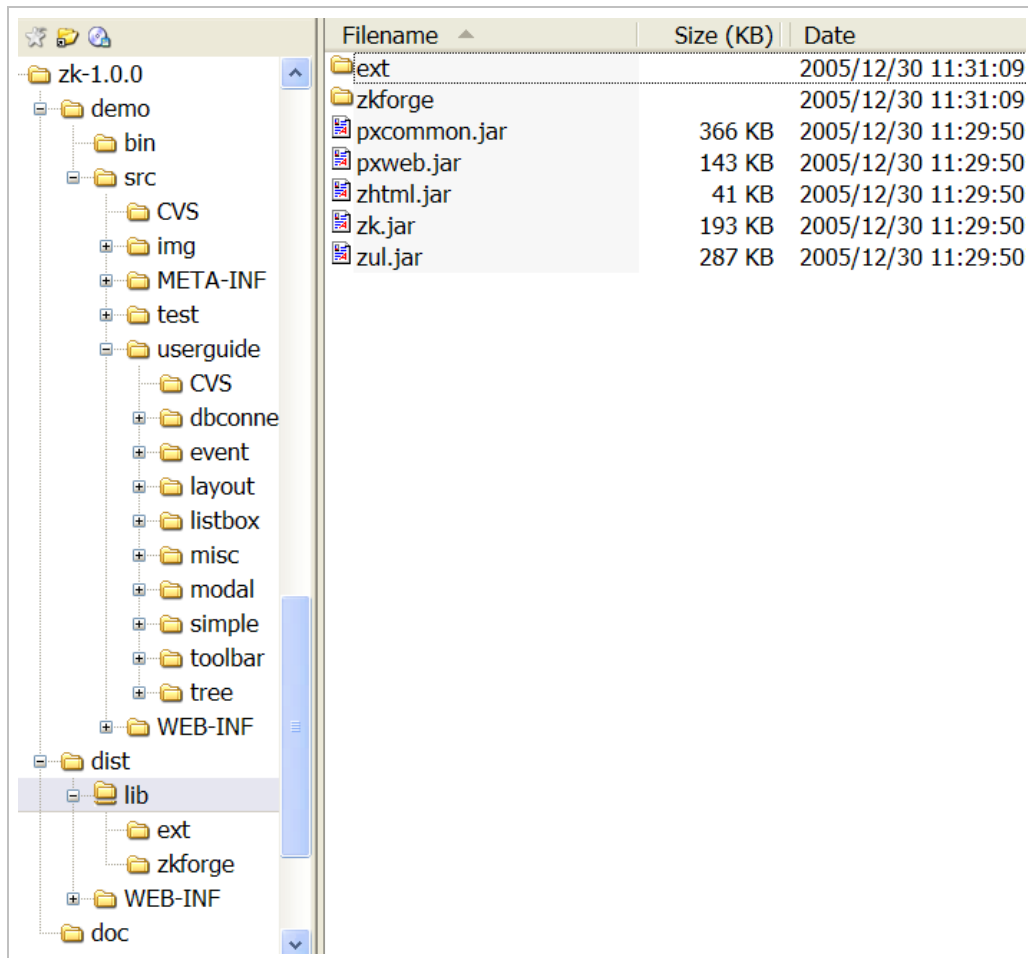
<sup>5</sup> `$JETTY_HOME` is where you installed Jetty.

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.mysql.com>

## 2. The Content of Distribution

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This chapter describes the content of zk-1.0.0.zip.



### **demo**

This directory holds the demo codes, including executable and source codes.

### **demo/bin**

This directory holds the executable, zkdemo.war.

### **demo/src**

This directory holds the source codes of demo and samples.

## **demo/src/userguide**

This directory holds the source codes of the live demo.

## **demo/src/test**

This directory holds the source codes for testing ZK. It explores more ZK features.

## **demo/src/WEB-INF/web.xml**

The file is a sample how to configure ZK for an application.

## **doc**

This directory holds the documents including Quick Start Guide and User Guide.

## **dist/lib**

This directory holds the libraries required to run ZK.

## **dist/lib/zkforge**

This directory holds the components from ZK Forge, such as FCKeditor and Dojo. It is optional depending on whether you need them.

## **dist/lib/ext**

This directory holds the external libraries required to run ZK. Since these libraries are common, you might have installed them in your container.

## **dist/WEB-INF**

This directory holds the TLD files that are useful if you use JSP with ZK.

## 3. My First ZK Application

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### Prepare WEB-INF/web.xml

Copy or merge the following content to the web.xml in the WEB-INF directory in your application. This step must be done once each time you created a new Web applications. Then, what you need to do is to copy files with .zul or .zhtml extension to the proper directories in your Web applications.

```
<web-app version="2.4" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee
http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee/web-app_2_4.xsd">

    <!-- /// -->
    <!-- DSP -->
    <servlet>
        <description><![CDATA[
The servlet loads the DSP pages.
        ]]></description>
        <servlet-name>dspLoader</servlet-name>
        <servlet-
class>com.potix.web.servlet.dsp.InterpreterServlet</servlet-class>
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>dspLoader</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>*.dsp</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <!-- /// -->

    <!-- //// -->
    <!-- ZK -->
    <listener>
        <description>Used to cleanup when a session is
destroyed</description>
        <display-name>ZK Session Cleaner</display-name>
        <listener-
class>com.potix.zk.ui.http.HttpSessionListener</listener-class>
    </listener>
    <servlet>
        <description>ZK loader for evaluating ZK pages</description>
        <servlet-name>zkLoader</servlet-name>
        <servlet-class>com.potix.zk.ui.http.DHtmlLayoutServlet</servlet-
class>
```



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        <!-- Must. Specifies URI of the update engine
        (DHtmlUpdateServlet). -->
        <init-param>
            <param-name>update-uri</param-name>
            <param-value>/zkau</param-value>
        </init-param>
        <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup><!-- MUST -->
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>zkLoader</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>*.zul</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>zkLoader</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>*.zhtml</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet>
        <description>The asynchronous update engine for ZK</description>
        <servlet-name>auEngine</servlet-name>
        <servlet-class>com.potix.zk.au.http.DHtmlUpdateServlet</servlet-
class>
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>auEngine</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/zkau/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <!-- //// -->

    <!-- MIME mapping -->
    <mime-mapping>
        <extension>dsp</extension>
        <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
    </mime-mapping>
    <mime-mapping>
        <extension>gif</extension>
        <mime-type>image/gif</mime-type>
    </mime-mapping>
    <mime-mapping>
        <extension>html</extension>
        <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
    </mime-mapping>
    <mime-mapping>
        <extension>htm</extension>
        <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
    </mime-mapping>
    <mime-mapping>
        <extension>jpeg</extension>
        <mime-type>image/jpeg</mime-type>
    </mime-mapping>

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<mime-mapping>
  <extension>jpg</extension>
  <mime-type>image/jpeg</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
  <extension>js</extension>
  <mime-type>application/x-javascript</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
  <extension>png</extension>
  <mime-type>image/png</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
  <extension>txt</extension>
  <mime-type>text/plain</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
  <extension>xml</extension>
  <mime-type>text/xml</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
  <extension>zhtml</extension>
  <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
  <extension>zul</extension>
  <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>

<welcome-file-list>
  <welcome-file>index.zul</welcome-file>
  <welcome-file>index.zhtml</welcome-file>
  <welcome-file>index.html</welcome-file>
  <welcome-file>index.htm</welcome-file>
  <welcome-file>index.dsp</welcome-file>
</welcome-file-list>
</web-app>

```

## My First Hello World

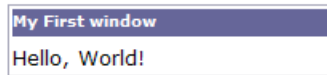
Create a file called `hello.zul` with the following content. Then, you could use the browser to see the result, say `http://localhost:8080/zkdemo/hello.zul`.

```

<window title="My First window" border="normal" width="200px">
  Hello, World!
</window>

```

Then, the result is depicted as follow.



Notice that, though the content of `hello.zul` is very similar to XUL<sup>7</sup>, it is actually written in ZUML. ZK Loader parse it into a valid HTML page which can be interpreted correctly by a regular browser, such as Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox. Refer to the Developer's Guide for more details.

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<sup>7</sup> <http://xul.sourceforge.net/mozilla.html>