

APPENDIX C

JakartaEE Apps

What we'll cover:

- Getting the IntelliJ Ultimate edition
- Creating a simple JakartaEE web app
- Configuring GlassFish as an application server

There's plenty of support for JakartaEE in IntelliJ — that is if you're using the Ultimate edition. That's not to say you can't build any JakartaEE apps on the Community Edition; you can (by using Maven to create JakartaEE apps). The Ultimate Edition, however, makes developing JakartaEE apps much simpler and easier.

IntelliJ Ultimate

The Ultimate edition is a commercial IDE, but you can use it for free for thirty days. After thirty days, either you get a commercial license, or you'll be limited to thirty minutes of use per session.

You can download the installer for the Ultimate edition from the same place where you downloaded the Community Edition — <https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/download>. Choose the Ultimate edition.

The welcome screen of IntelliJ Ultimate (shown in Figure C-1) is exactly the same as the Community Edition.

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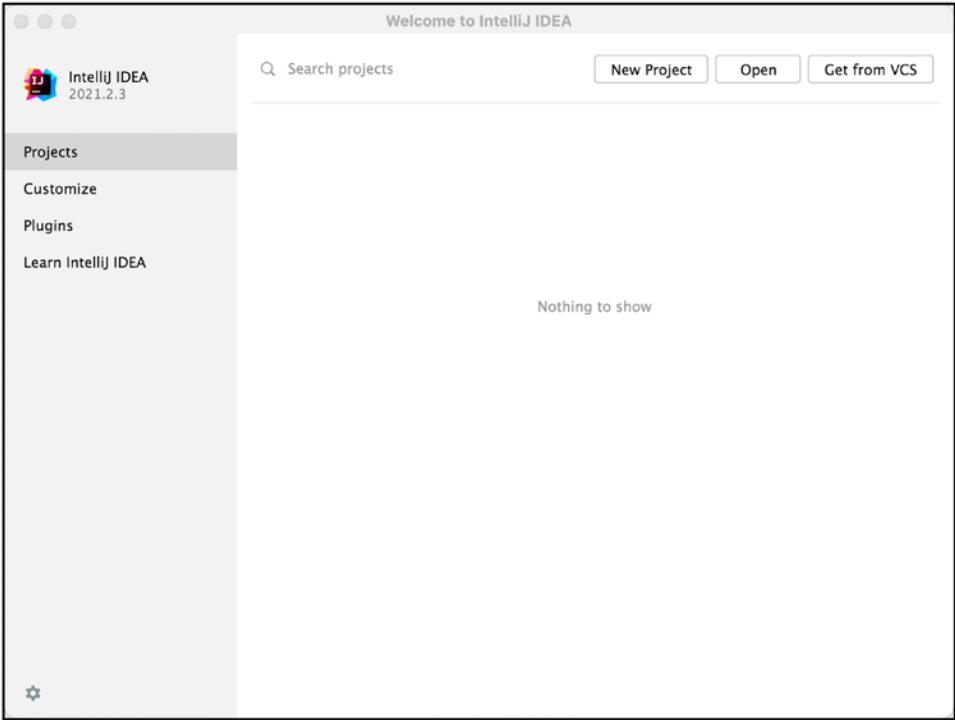


Figure C-1. Welcome to IntelliJ

Unless you go to the About dialog (shown in Figure C-2), you can’t tell whether what you’re using is the Ultimate or the Community Edition.

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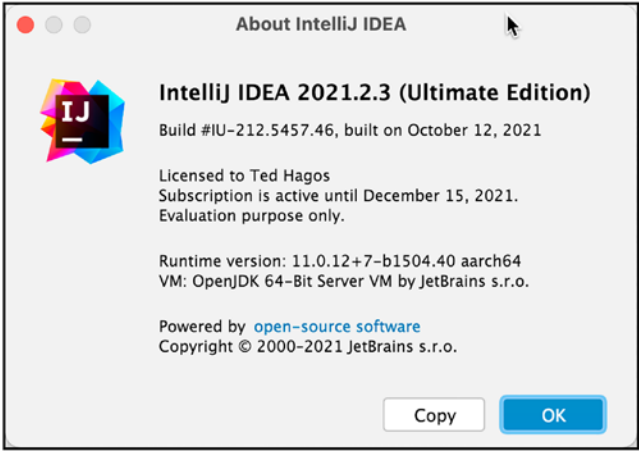


Figure C-2. About

Creating a web app

Now, going back to the project, click the *New Project* button (on the Welcome screen), then choose Java Enterprise (as shown in Figure C-3). We'll build a simple web application — Servlet and JSP — that's why we need to choose the “Java Enterprise” template.

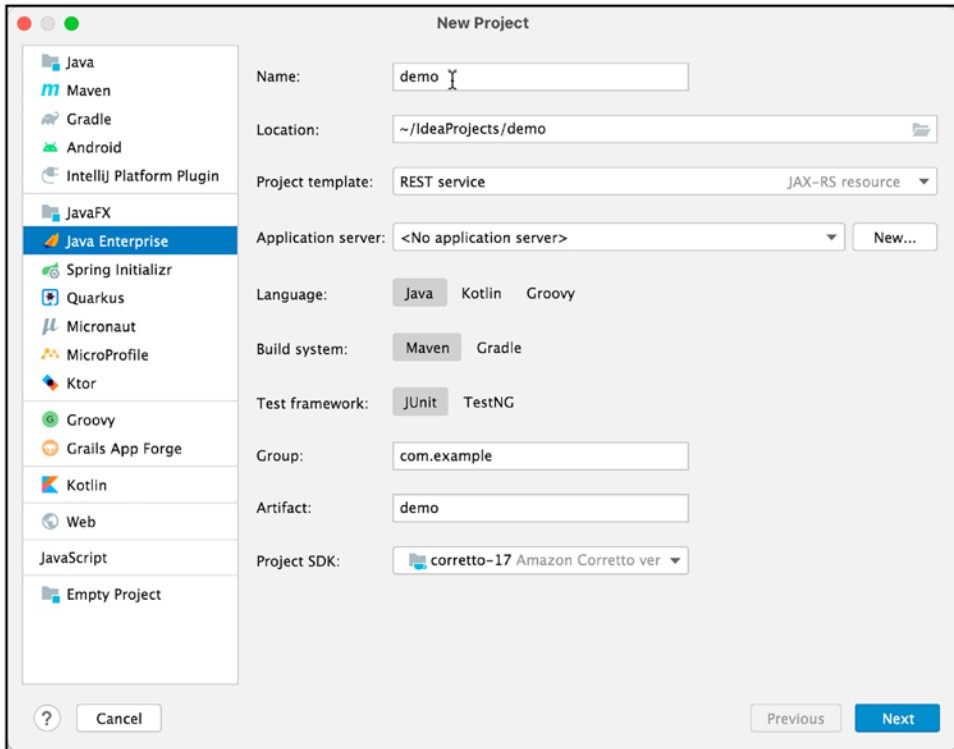


Figure C-3. *New Project*

First, let's take care of the project SDK. Just like in our past projects, you can choose to use any of the Java SDKs you've got installed locally; or, you can choose to download a fresh one — which is what I'll do for this example.

Clicking the *Download JDK* option (as shown in Figure C-4) brings you to the *Download JDK* dialog (Figure C-5).

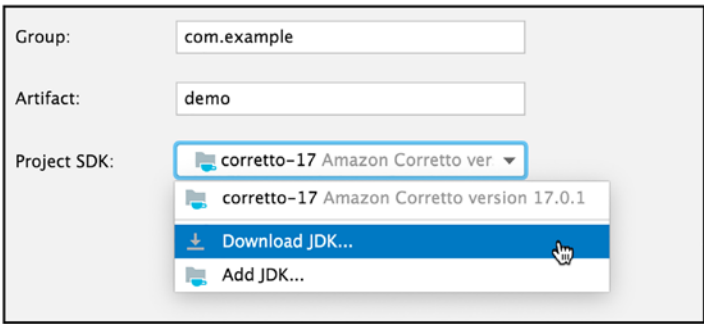


Figure C-4. Project SDK

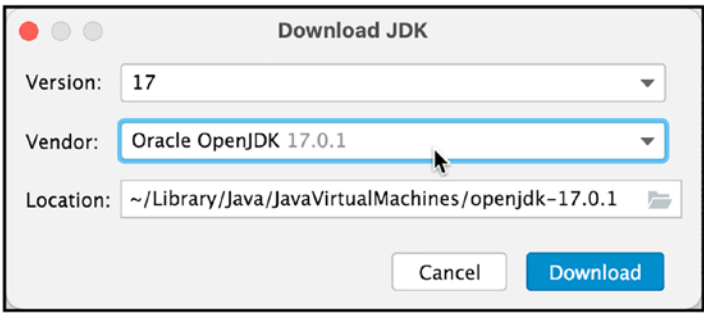


Figure C-5. Download JDK

Choose the SDK you'd like to use, then click the Download button.

Once the download is done, the Project SDK field will be set to your freshly downloaded SDK (Figure C-6).

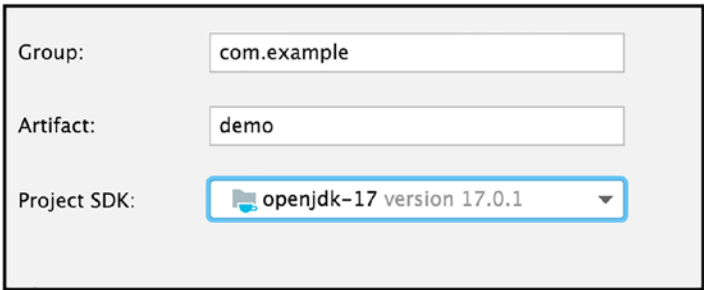


Figure C-6. Project SDK set to OpenJDK 17

We will need an application server to run our JakartaEE web app. There are plenty of choices for an application server, but for this example, we'll use GlassFish.

Click the *New* button right next to the *Application Server* field (as shown in Figure C-7), then choose GlassFish Server.



Figure C-7. *Application Server*

The GlassFish Server dialog comes up (Figure C-8). We'll leave the installation for a while and download the GlassFish server. You can get download the GlassFish application server from <https://glassfish.org/download>. At the time of writing, GlassFish 6.2.2 is the current version.

Follow the download link. The file is a zipped archive. Unzip the file anywhere you prefer — just remember where you unzipped it.

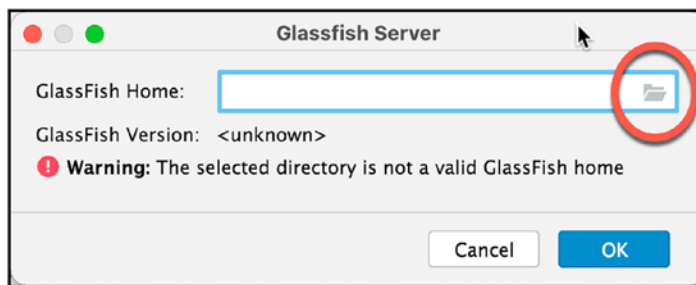


Figure C-8. *GlassFish Server*

To set the GlassFish Home, click the folder icon (as shown in Figure C-8), then find the directory where you unzipped the GlassFish server. Set the GlassFish Home to that directory.

When the GlassFish Home is set, the GlassFish version appears on the dialog as well (Figure C-9).

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Figure C-9. GlassFish Home

Next, change the Project Template to “Web application”, as shown in Figure C-10).

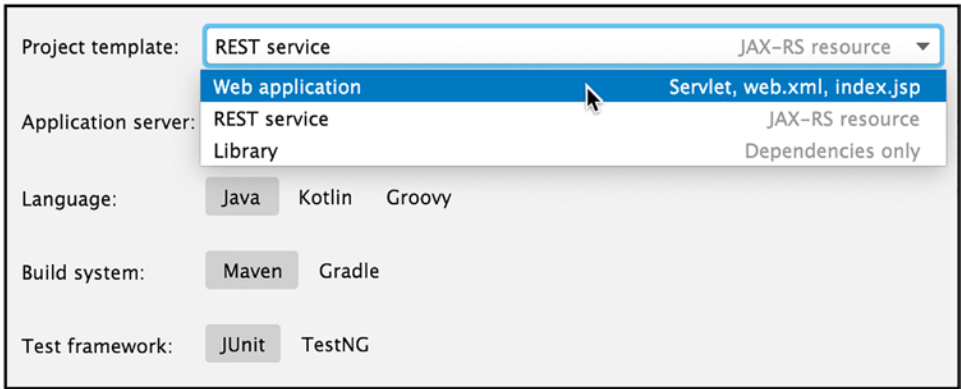


Figure C-10. Project Template

Then, change the version to the Jakarta EE 9, as shown in Figure C-11.

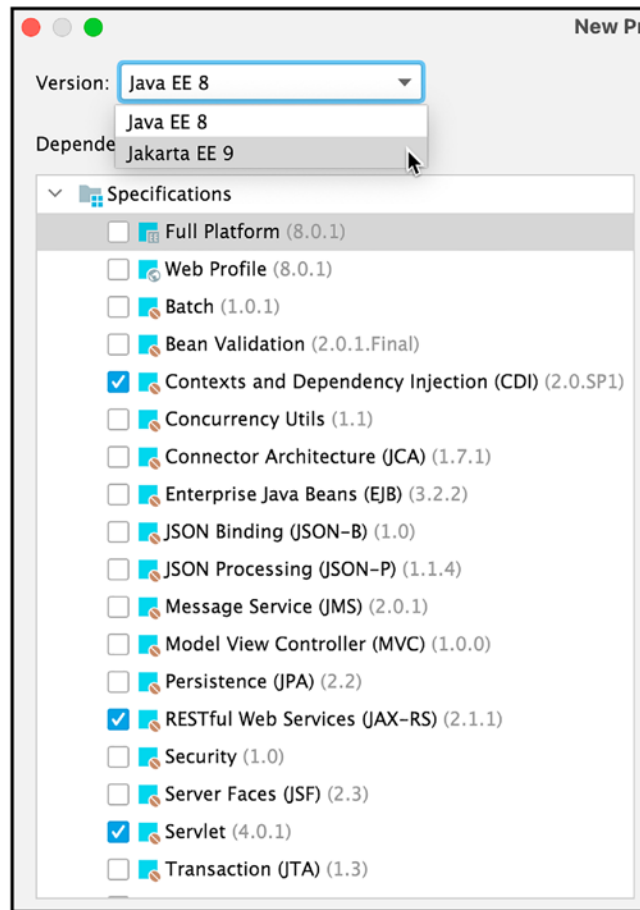


Figure C-11. JakartaEE version

In the window that follows, you'll be able to set the libraries you'll need for the app. Since I already chose a web application template, the Servlet library was automatically chosen (Figure C-12).

Click the *Finish* button to proceed (Figure C-12).

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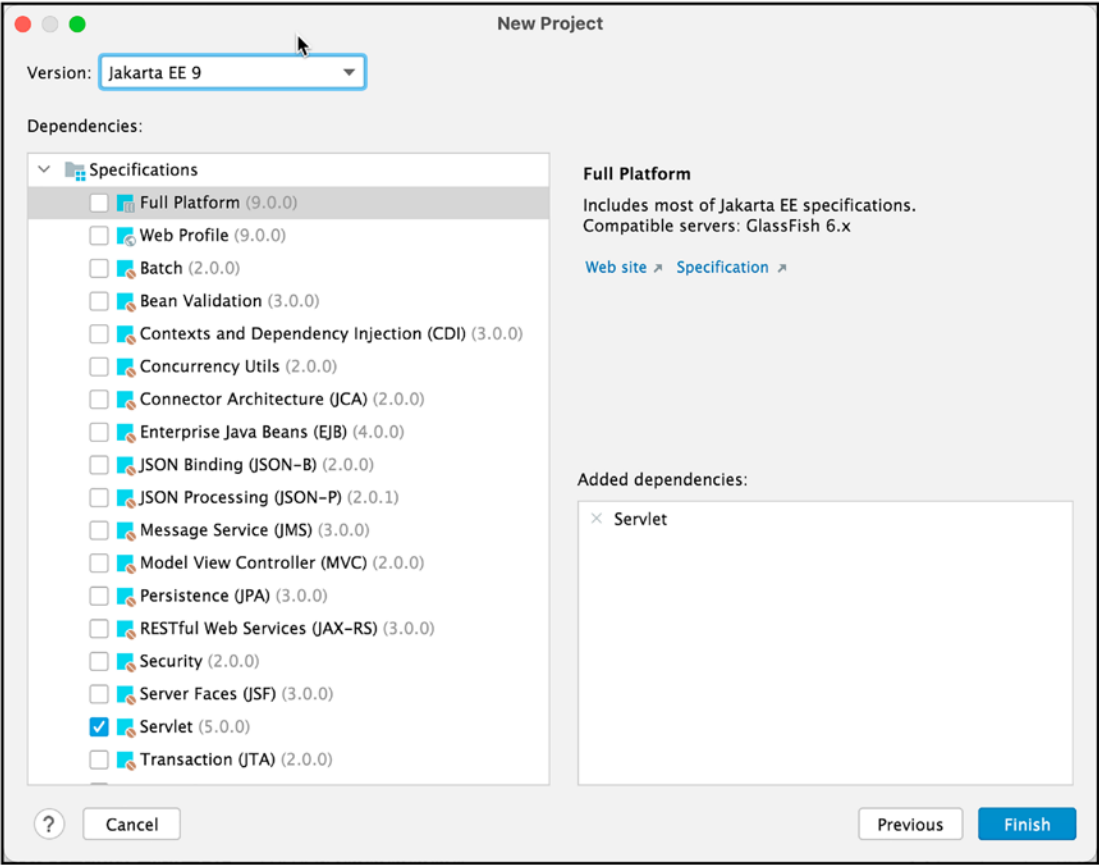


Figure C-12. New Project

IntelliJ creates a starter web application for us. As you can see in the Project Tool window (Figure C-13), we’ve got a Servlet, a JSP, and a web configuration file (WEB-INF/web.xml).

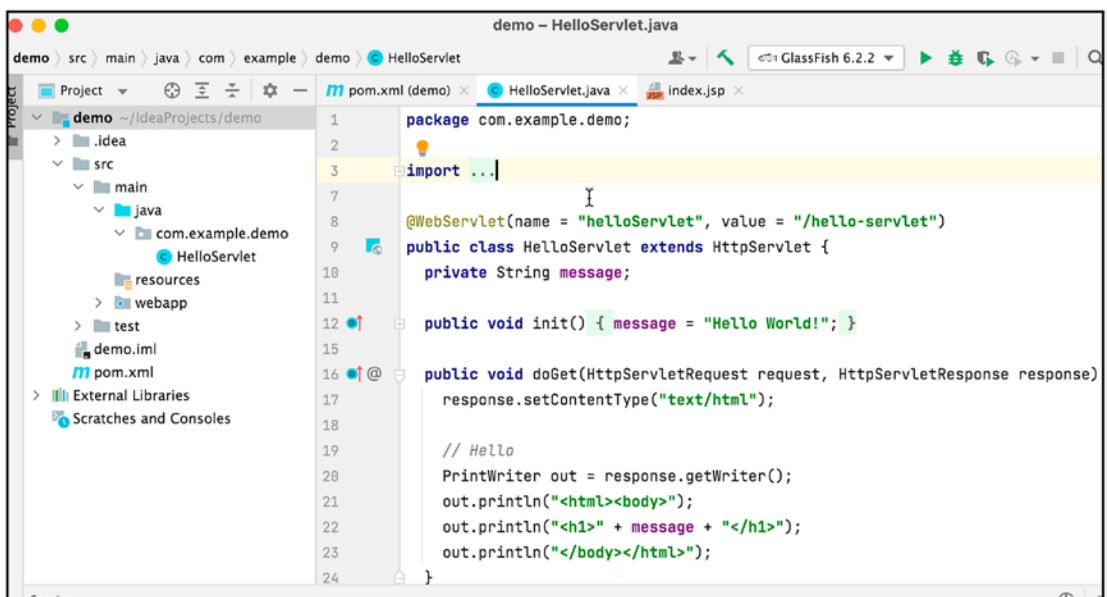


Figure C-13. Project files

Next thing to do is to configure the GlassFish application server. Application server dropdown (Figure C-14), then choose *Edit Configurations*.

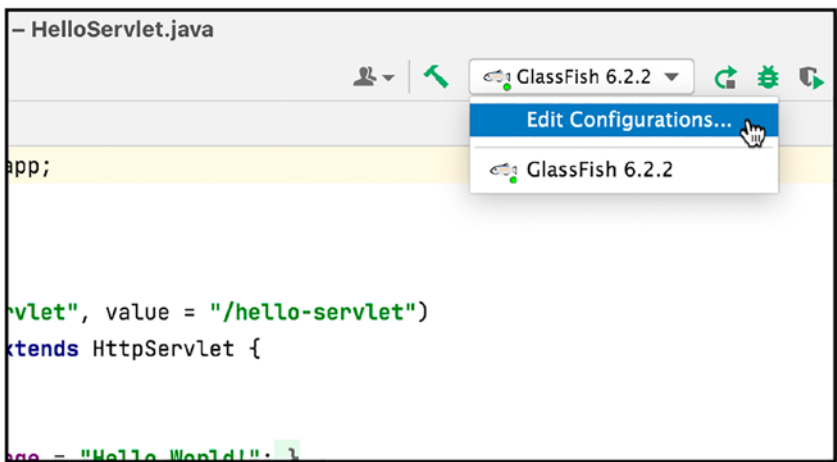


Figure C-14. Edit Configurations

You really don’t need to do much in here, but note that I’ve got a warning — lower portion of the Run/Debug Configuration dialog (Figure C-15). It says, “Debug settings are invalid or not suitable for local debugging” — I need to fix that. Just click the “Fix” button right next to it.

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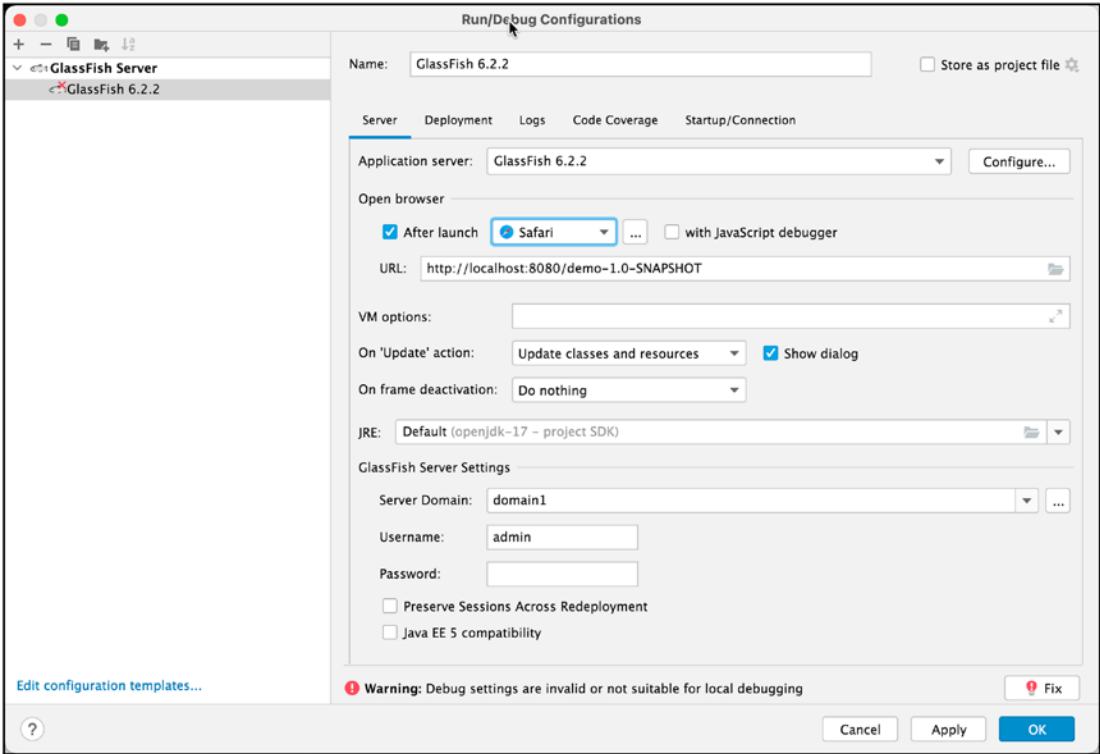


Figure C-15. *Run/Debug Configurations*

The way my server is configured, it will;

1. Launch Safari after completely launching the application server
2. It will open the browser and go to the URL `http://localhost:8080/demo-1.0-SNAPSHOT` - the `demo-1.0-SNAPSHOT` is from the Maven POM file, which was automatically generated by the project

The last configuration item I want to change is the “on frame deactivation” (Figure C-16). I’m setting it to “Update classes and resources” so that whenever I take the focus away from IntelliJ (say, when I click on the browser), the classes and other resources will automatically refresh.

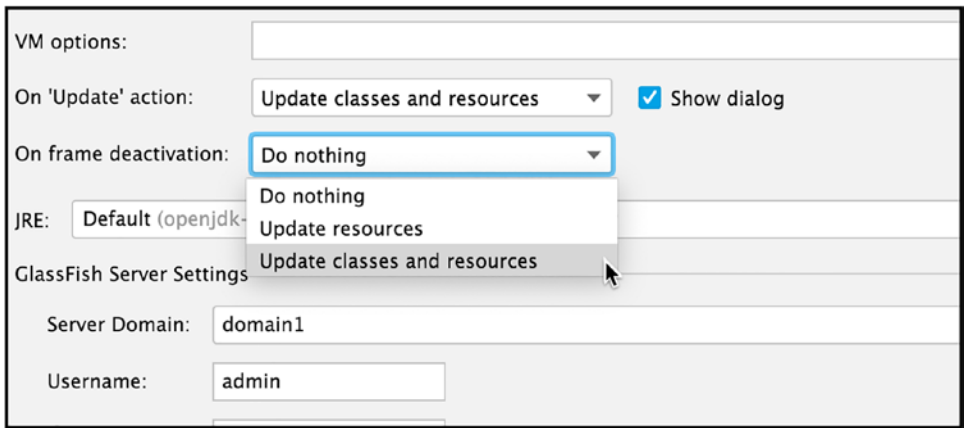


Figure C-16. On Frame deactivation

Click the OK button to save the changes
Now, Run the app so we can see how it looks like.



Figure C-17. Run

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Figure C-18 shows our Hello World app in its glorious runtime.

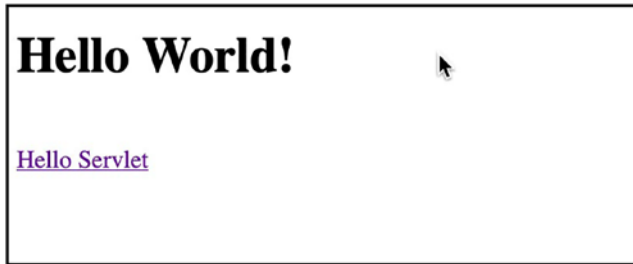


Figure C-18. *hello.jsp*

Now, let's make some changes to the code. Our app has a JSP file that is designed to respond to GET requests. Let's edit it to match the code in Listing C-1.

Listing C-1. *src/main/webapp/index.jsp*

```
<%@ page contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8" pageEncoding="UTF-8" %>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>JSP - Hello JSP</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1><%= "Hello JSP!" %>
</h1>
<br/>
<a href="hello-servlet">Click me</a>
</body>
</html>
```

Since we changed the configuration of our GlassFish server to update classes and resources whenever we take the focus away from the IDE, all we have to do is refresh the browser — no need to stop and restart the app server.



Figure C-19. hello.jsp

Key Takeaways

- IntelliJ Ultimate Edition makes JakartaEE app development a breeze
- IntelliJ doesn't come with application servers. You've got to install them separately and configure them within your projects