

Windup Rules Development Guide

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1. Introduction

This guide is for engineers, consultants, and others who plan to create custom XML-based rules for Windup.

If you are new to Windup, it is recommended that you start with the *Windup User Guide*. It provides detailed information about system requirements and detailed instructions on how to install and execute Windup. It also contains tips to optimize performance and provides links to other sources of information about Windup.

If you would like to contribute to the Windup source code base or provide Java-based rule add-ons, see the *Windup Core Development Guide*.

2. Get Started

2.1. Create Your First Rule

2.1.1. Overview

This topic guides you through the process of creating and testing your first rule.

Windup XML-base rules use the following familiar rule pattern:

```
when(condition)
  perform(action)
otherwise(action)
```

Ruleset and Rule XML elements are covered in more detail here: [XML Rule Construction](#).

Additional details about creating XML rules, with example syntax, can be found here: [Create a Basic XML Rule](#).

As you create your first rule, refer to the [Rules Schema](#) for valid XML syntax.

2.1.2. Rule Example Description

In this example, you write a rule to discover instances where an application defines a `jboss-web.xml` file containing a `<class-loading>` element and provide a link to the documentation that describes how to migrate the code.

2.1.3. Create the Directory Structure for the Rule

1. Create a directory structure to contain your first rule and the data file to use for testing.

```
$ mkdir -p migration-rules/rules
$ mkdir -p migration-rules/data
```

2. This directory structure will also be used to hold the generated Windup reports.

2.1.4. Create Data to Test the Rule

1. Use your favorite editor or IDE to create a `jboss-web.xml` file in the `~/migration-rules/data/` subdirectory.
2. Copy in the following content.

```
<!DOCTYPE jboss-web PUBLIC "-//JBoss//DTD Web Application 4.2//EN" "http://www.jboss.org/j2ee/dtd/jboss-web_4_2.dtd">
<jboss-web>
  <class-loading java2ClassLoadingCompliance="false">
    <loader-repository>
      seam.jboss.org:loader=@projectName@
      <loader-repository-config>java2ParentDelegation=false</loader-repository-config>
    </loader-repository>
  </class-loading>
</jboss-web>
```

2.1.5. Create the Rule

1. Use your favorite editor or IDE to create an XML file in the `~/migration-rules/rules/` subdirectory named `JBoss5-web-class-loading.windup.xml`. Copy in the following content.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="UNIQUE_RULESET_ID"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windu
  <metadata>
    <description>
      <!-- Ruleset Description -->
    </description>
    <sourceTechnology id="SOURCE_ID" versionRange="VERSION-RANGE"/>
    <targetTechnology id="TARGET_ID" versionRange="VERSION-RANGE"/>
    <tag>Reviewed-2015-05-01</tag>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
      <when>
        <!-- Test for a condition here -->
      </when>
      <perform>
        <!-- Perform an action -->
      </perform>
    </rule>
  </rules>
</ruleset>
```

NOTE

Windup identifies files with the `.windup.xml` extension as XML-based rules, so be sure to use this naming convention, otherwise the rule will not be evaluated!

2. Add the unique identifier for the ruleset and rule.
 - Replace the `UNIQUE_RULESET_ID` with the file name: `"JBoss5-web-class-loading"`
 - Replace the `UNIQUE_RULE_ID` with the ruleset ID appended with `'_001'`: `"JBoss5-web-class-loading_001"`
3. Complete the `when` condition.
 - Because this rule finds `jboss-web.xml` files containing the `class-loading` element, we use `xmlfile` to evaluate the files.
 - To match on the `class-loading` element that is a child of `jboss-web`, use the xpath expression `"jboss-web/class-loading"`.

```
<when>
  <xmlfile matches="jboss-web/class-loading" />
</when>
```

4. Complete the `perform` action for this rule.
 - Provide an informative message.
 - Provide a link to documentation that describes the migration details.

- Assign a level of effort of "1" to this task.

```
<perform>
  <iteration>
    <classification classification="JBoss Web Application Descriptor" effort="0"/>
    <hint message="The class-loading element is no longer valid in the jboss-web.xml file." effort="1">
      <link href="https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform/6.4/html-
    </hint>
  </iteration>
</perform>
```

5. The rule is now complete and should look like the following example.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="JBoss5-web-class-loading"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windu
  <metadata>
    <description>
      This ruleset looks for the class-loading element in a jboss-web.xml file, which is no longer valid in JBoss
    </description>
    <sourceTechnology id="eap" versionRange="(4,5)"/>
    <targetTechnology id="eap" versionRange="[6,)" />
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="JBoss5-web-class-loading_1000">
      <when>
        <xmlfile matches="jboss-web/class-loading" />
      </when>
      <perform>
        <iteration>
          <classification classification="JBoss Web Application Descriptor" effort="0"/>
          <hint message="The class-loading element is no longer valid in the jboss-web.xml file." effort="1">
            <link href="https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform
          </hint>
        </iteration>
      </perform>
    </rule>
  </rules>
</ruleset>
```

2.1.6. Install the Rule

A Windup rule is installed simply by copying the rule to the appropriate folder.

Copy the `JBoss5-web-class-loading.windup.xml` file to your `${user.home}/.windup/rules/` directory.

```
For Linux or Mac: ~/.windup/rules/
For Windows: "%Documents and Settings\USER_NAME\.windup\rules\" or "%Users\USER_NAME\.windup\rules\""
```

2.1.7. Validate the Rule Against the Schema

To validate your XML rule using the Windup rule schema, see [Validate Rulesets Against the Schema](#).

2.1.8. Test the Rule

1. Open a terminal and navigate to the `WINDUP_HOME` directory.
2. Type the following command to test the rule in batch mode, passing the test file as an input argument and a directory for the output report.

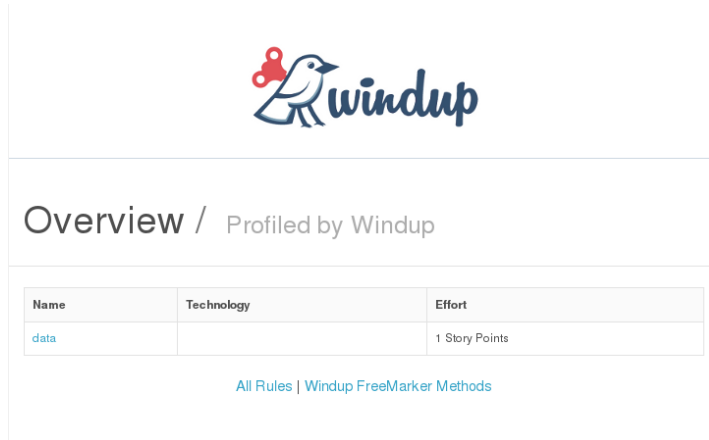
```
For Linux: WINDUP_HOME/bin/windup --sourceMode true --input ~/migration-rules/data --output ~/migration-rules/report
For Windows: WINDUP_HOME\bin\windup.bat --sourceMode true --input migration-rules\data --output migration-rules\report
```

3. You should see this result.

```
***SUCCESS*** Windup report created: /home/your-username/migration-rules/reports/index.html
Access it at this URL: file:///home/your-username/migration-rules/reports/index.html
```

4. Access the report at `~/migration-rules/reports/index.html` to be sure it provides the expected results.

- The *Overview* page displays the **Name** of the input folder, "data", along with the expected **Effort** of "1 Story Points".

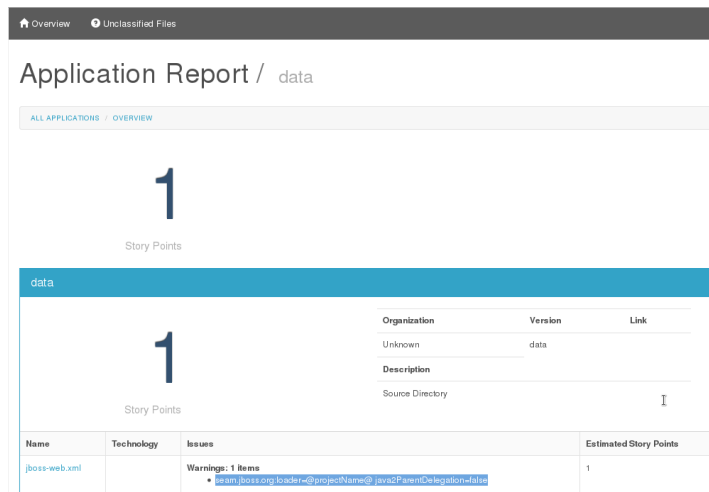


The screenshot shows the Windup Overview page. At the top is the Windup logo. Below it, the heading "Overview / Profiled by Windup" is displayed. A table with three columns: Name, Technology, and Effort. The first row shows "data" under Name and "1 Story Points" under Effort. Below the table, there are links for "All Rules" and "Windup FreeMarker Methods".

Name	Technology	Effort
data		1 Story Points

[All Rules](#) | [Windup FreeMarker Methods](#)

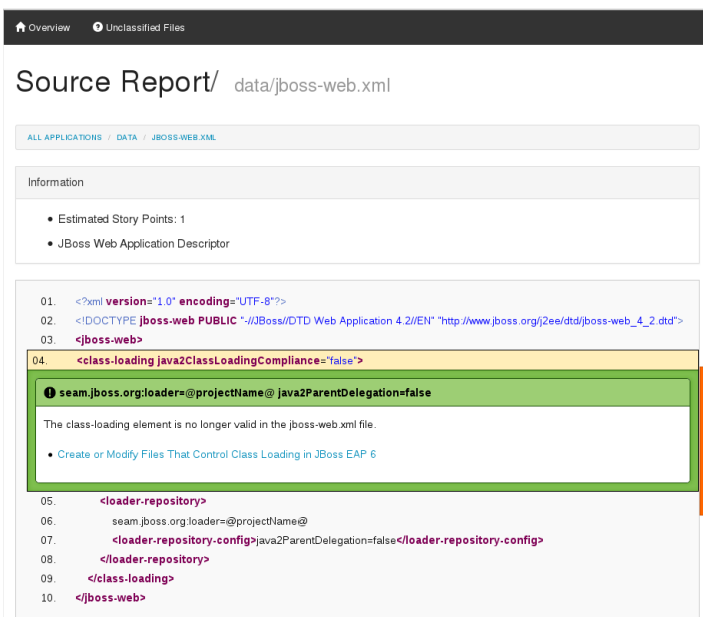
- Drill down into the *Application Report* detail by clicking on the "data" link. This report displays the **Name** of the file, "jboss-web.xml", the warning "seam.jboss.org:loader=@projectName@ java2ParentDelegation=false" in the **Issues** column, and displays "1" *Estimated Story Points", as expected.



The screenshot shows the Windup Application Report for "data". At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Overview" and "Unclassified Files". Below it, the heading "Application Report / data" is displayed. A large "1" represents the Story Points. Below this, there's a table with columns: Name, Technology, Issues, and Estimated Story Points. The first row shows "jboss-web.xml" under Name, "Warnings: 1 Items" under Issues, and "1" under Estimated Story Points. The warning message is "seam.jboss.org:loader=@projectName@ java2ParentDelegation=false".

Name	Technology	Issues	Estimated Story Points
jboss-web.xml		Warnings: 1 Items • seam.jboss.org:loader=@projectName@ java2ParentDelegation=false	1

- Drill down into *Source Report* by clicking on the "jboss-web.xml" file link. This report provides information about the file and summarizes the story points. It also highlights the `<class-loading>` line in the `jboss-web.xml` file, provides the message "The class-loading element is no longer valid in the jboss-web.xml file.", and provides a link to the [Create or Modify Files That Control Class Loading in JBoss EAP 6](#) topic in the JBoss EAP 6 Migration Guide. Click on the link to be sure the link is valid.



3. Create and Test XML Rules

3.1. Difference Between XML-based and Java-based Rules

3.1.1. Summary

As mentioned before, Windup provides a core and a default set of rules to analyze and report on migration of application code. Windup also allows you to write your own custom rules. These rules can be written using either XML or Java. Rules written using XML are referred to as *XML-based* rules. Rules written using the Java API are referred to as *Java-based* rule add-ons. Both *XML-based* and *Java-based* rule add-ons can be used to inspect (classify) and report on Java source, XML, properties, archives, and other types of files,

3.1.2. Which one to choose?

XML-based rules provide a quick, simple way to create rules to analyze Java, XML, and properties files. If you simply need to highlight a specific section of Java code or XML file content and provide migration hints for it, creation of *XML-based* rules is the recommended approach. Creation of custom *XML-based* rules is covered in the *Windup Rules Development Guide*.

Java-based rule add-ons provide the ability to create very complex rules, manipulate the shared data model graph, and customize the resulting reports. If you need to test or perform complex conditions and operations or want to manipulate the shared data model graph, create custom reports, or extend the functionality in any other way beyond what the *XML-based* rules provide, you must create *Java-based* rules. Creation of custom *Java-based* rules is covered in the *Windup Core Development Guide*.

3.1.3. Pros and Cons of XML-based Rules

Pros:

- XML rules are fairly easy to write and require less code.
- XML rules are not compiled so you do not need to configure Maven to build from source.
- XML rules are simple to deploy. You simply drop the rule into the appropriate path and Windup automatically scans the new rule.

Cons:

- XML rules only support a simple subset of conditions and operations.
- XML rules do not provide for direct custom graph data manipulation.
- XML rules do not support the ability to create custom reports.

3.1.4. Pros and Cons of Java-based Rules

Pros:

- Java rule add-ons allow you to write custom conditions and operations and provide a lot of flexibility.
- Java rule add-ons allow you to access and manipulate the shared data model graph and to customize reports.
- You can set breakpoints and test Java rule add-ons using a debugger.
- IDEs provide code completion for the Windup API.

Cons:

- You must configure Maven to compile Java rule add-ons.
- Java rule add-ons that are not included in the Windup core code base must be a full Forge add-on.
- Java rule add-ons require that you write Java code.
- Writing Java rule add-ons can be complex and require knowledge of Windup internals.

3.1.5. Examples of XML-based and Java Based Rules

The following is an example of a rule written in XML that classifies Java code:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="EjbRules"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jb
<rules>
  <rule id="EjbRules_1000">
    <when>
      <javaclass references="javax.persistence.Entity" as="default">
        <location>TYPE</location>
      </javaclass>
    </when>
    <perform>
      <iteration>
        <classification classification="JPA Entity" effort="0"/>
      </iteration>
    </perform>
  </rule>
</rules>
</ruleset>
```

The following is an example of a rule written in Java that classifies Java code:

```

/**
 * Scans for classes with EJB related annotations, and adds EJB related metadata for these.
 */
public class DiscoverEjbAnnotationsRuleProvider extends AbstractRuleProvider
{
    @Override
    public Configuration getConfiguration(GraphContext context) {
        return ConfigurationBuilder.begin()
            .addRule()
            .when(JavaClass.references("javax.ejb.{annotationType}").at(TypeReferenceLocation.ANNOTATION))
            .perform(new AbstractIterationOperation<JavaTypeReferenceModel>() {
                {
                    public void perform(GraphRewrite event, EvaluationContext context, JavaTypeReferenceModel payload) {
                        {
                            extractEJBMetadata(event, payload);
                        };
                    }
                })
            .where("annotationType").matches("Stateless|Stateful")
            .withId(ruleIDPrefix + "_StatelessAndStatefulRule")
            .addRule()
            .when(JavaClass.references("javax.ejb.MessageDriven").at(TypeReferenceLocation.ANNOTATION))
            .perform(new AbstractIterationOperation<JavaTypeReferenceModel>() {
                @Override
                public void perform(GraphRewrite event, EvaluationContext context, JavaTypeReferenceModel payload) {
                    extractMessageDrivenMetadata(event, payload);
                }
            })
            .withId(ruleIDPrefix + "_MessageDrivenRule")
            .addRule()
            .when(JavaClass.references("javax.persistence.Entity").at(TypeReferenceLocation.ANNOTATION).as(ENTITY_ANNOTATIONS)
                .or(JavaClass.references("javax.persistence.Table").at(TypeReferenceLocation.ANNOTATION).as(TABLE_ANNOTATIONS)))
            .perform(Iteration.over(ENTITY_ANNOTATIONS).perform(new AbstractIterationOperation<JavaTypeReferenceModel>() {
                @Override public void perform(GraphRewrite event, EvaluationContext context, JavaTypeReferenceModel payload) {
                    extractEntityBeanMetadata(event, payload);
                }
            })).endIteration()
            .withId(ruleIDPrefix + "_EntityBeanRule");
    }
    ...
}

```

3.1.6. Quick Comparison Summary

Requirement	XML Rule	Java Rule Add-on
Easy to write?	Yes	Depends on the complexity of the rule
Requires that you configure Maven?	No	Yes
Requires that you compile the rule?	No	Yes
Simple deployment?	No	Yes
Supports custom reports?	No	Yes
Ability to create complex conditions and operations?	No	Yes
Ability to directly manipulate the graph data?	No	Yes

3.2. XML-Rule-Construction

This section describes the basic construction of XML rules. All XML rules are defined as elements within rulesets.

3.2.1. Rulesets

A ruleset is a group of one or more rules that targets a specific area of migration. This is the basic construct for the `<ruleset>` element.

- **<ruleset id="UNIQUE_RULESET_ID">**: This element defines this as a Windup ruleset and gives it a unique ruleset ID.
 - **<metadata>**: Provide metadata about the ruleset.
 - **<description>**: Description of the ruleset.
 - **<dependencies/>**: Rule add-ons required by this ruleset.
 - **<sourceTechnology/>**: Source technology
 - **<targetTechnology/>**: Target technology
 - **<rules>**: This element contains the individual rules.
 - **<rule id=UNIQUE_RULESET_ID_UNIQUE_RULE_ID>**: This element is defines the rule and gives it a unique ID. One or more rules can be defined for a ruleset.
 - **<when>**: This element defines the condition or conditions to match on. For a detailed description of the elements allowed in a `<when>`, see [XML Rule - When Condition Syntax](#)
 - **<perform>**: This element defines the action to be performed when the rule condition is matched. For a detailed description of the elements allowed in a `<perform>`, see [XML Rule - Perform Action Syntax](#)
 - **<otherwise>**: This element defines the action to be performed when the rule condition is not matched. This element takes the same child elements as the `<perform>` element.
 - **<where>**: This element matches on a string pattern.
 - **<file-mapping/>**: Mapa an extension to a graph type
 - **<package-mapping/>**: Maps from a package pattern (regular expression) to a organization name.

3.2.2. Predefined Rules

Windup provides some predefined rules for more common migration requirements, for example, mapping files from the source platform to target platform. The following is an example of the predefined "XmlFileMappings" rule.

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="XmlFileMappings"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    <description>
      This ruleset maps files to the Model.
    </description>
    <dependencies>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules.files.FileMappingHandler"/>
    </dependencies>
    <sourceTechnology id="eap" versionRange="(4,5)"/>
    <targetTechnology id="eap" versionRange="[6,)" />
    <tag>reviewed-2015-05-27</tag>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.tld$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.bpel$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.wsdl$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.wsdd$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.bpelex$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.mon$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.xmi$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.export$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.import$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.bcfg$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.map$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.brg$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.brgt$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.ruleset$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.module$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.modulex$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.composite$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
    <file-mapping from=".*\.requirements$" to="XmlFileModel"/>
  </rules>
</ruleset>

```

3.3. Create a Basic XML Rule

You can create a Windup rule using Java, XML, or Groovy. This topic describes how to create a rule using XML.

3.3.1. Prerequisites

- You should have already installed Windup. Installation instructions are provided in the *Windup User Guide*.
- Before you begin, you may also want to be familiar with the following documentation:
 - Windup rules are based on the ocpsoft **rewrite** project. You can find more information about ocpsoft **rewrite** here: <http://ocpssoft.org/rewrite/>
 - The JavaDoc for the Windup API is located here: <http://windup.github.io/windup/docs/javadoc/latest/>
 - The XML rule schema is located here: <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>

3.3.2. File Naming Convention for XML Rules

You must name the file containing an XML rule with the `.windup.xml` extension. Windup identifies files with this extension as XML-base rules, so be sure to use this naming convention, otherwise the rule will not be evaluated!

3.3.3. Basic XML Rule Template

XML rules consist of *conditions* and *actions* and follow the familiar "if/then/else" construct:

```

when(condition)
  perform(action)
otherwise(action)

```

The following is the basic syntax for XML rules.

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="unique-ruleset-id"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jb
  <metadata>
    <!-- Metadata about the rule including a description,
      source technology, target technology, and any
      add-on dependencies -->
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="unique-ruleset-id-01000">
      <when>
        <!-- Test a condition... -->
      </when>
      <perform>
        <!-- Perform this action when condition is satisfied -->
      </perform>
      <otherwise>
        <!-- Perform this action when condition is not satisfied -->
      </otherwise>
    </rule>
  </rules>
</ruleset>

```

3.3.4. Create the Ruleset Metadata

The XML ruleset `metadata` element provides additional information about the ruleset such as a description, the source and target technologies, and add-on dependencies. The metadata also allows for specification of tags, which allow you to provide additional information about a ruleset.

Example:

```

<ruleset id="unique-ruleset-id"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jb
  <metadata>
    <description>
      This is the description.
    </description>
    <dependencies>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-javaee,2.0.1.Final"/>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-java,2.0.0.Final"/>
    </dependencies>
    <sourceTechnology id="weblogic" versionRange="(10,12]"/>
    <sourceTechnology id="ejb" versionRange="(2,3]"/>
    <targetTechnology id="eap" versionRange="(5,6]"/>
    <targetTechnology id="ejb" versionRange="(2,3]"/>
    <tag>require-stateless</tag>
    <tag>require-nofilesystem-io</tag>
    <executeAfter>AfterRulesetId</executeAfter>
    <executeBefore>BeforeRulesetId</executeBefore>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
  </rules>
</ruleset>

```

3.3.5. Create the Rule

Individual rules are contained within a `<rules>` element and consist of one or more conditions and actions.

Create the Rule When Condition

The XML rule `<when>` element tests for a condition. The following is a list of valid `<when>` conditions.

Element	Description
<true>	Always match.
<or> <and> <not>	These are the standard logical operators.
<javaclass>	Test for a match in a Java class.
<xmlfile>	Test for a match in an XML file.
<project>	Test for project characteristics, such as dependencies.
<filecontent>	Find strings or text within files, for example, properties files.

The specific syntax is dependent on whether you are creating a rule to evaluate Java class, an XML file, a project, or file content and is described in more detail here: [XML Rule - When Condition Syntax](#)

Create the Rule Perform Action

The XML rule <perform> element performs the action when the condition is met. Operations allowed in this section of the rule include the classification of application resources, in-line hints for migration steps, links to migration information, and project lineitem reporting. The following is a list of valid <perform> actions.

Element	Description
<classification>	Identify or classify a resource.
<link>	Provide links or references to additional information.
<hint>	Provide a hint or inline information.
<xslt>	Specify how to transform an XML file.
<lineitem>	Provide line item information about a hint on the project or application overview page.
<iteration>	Specify to iterate over an implicit or explicit variable defined within the rule.

The syntax is described in more detail here: [XML Rule - Perform Action Syntax](#)

3.4. XML Rule - When Condition Syntax

Conditions allowed in the when portion of a rule must extend [GraphOperation](#) and currently include evaluation of Java classes, XML files, projects, and file content. Because XML rules are modeled after the Java-based rule add-ons, links to JavaDocs for the related Java classes are provided for a better understanding of how they behave.

The complete XML rule schema is located here: <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>

The following sections describe the more common XML when rule conditions.

- [javaclass Syntax](#)
- [xmlfile Syntax](#)
- [project Syntax](#)

- [filecontent Syntax](#)

3.4.1. javaclass Syntax

Summary

Use the `javaclass` element to find imports, methods, variable declarations, annotations, class implementations, and other items related to Java classes. For a better understanding of the `javaclass` condition, see the JavaDoc for the [JavaClass](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that tests for a `javaclass`.

```
<rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="org.jboss.ws.api.annotation.WebContext" in="org/jboss/{*}" as="webcontextclasses">
      <location>IMPORT</location>
      <location>TYPE</location>
    </javaclass>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <hint message="WebContext is deprecated." effort="0"/>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

Construct a javaclass Element

javaclass Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
references	CLASS_NAME	<p>The package or class name to match on. Wildcard characters can be used.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>references="org.apache.commons.*"</pre>
sourceMatch	STRING	<p>An exact regex to match. This is useful to distinguish hard-coded strings.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>sourceMatch="log4j.logger"</pre>
as	VARIABLE_NAME	<p>A variable name assigned to the rule so that it can be used as a reference in later processing. See the <code>from</code> attribute below.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>as="MyEjbRule"</pre>

Attribute Name	Type	Description
in	PATH_FILTER	Used to filter input files matching this regex (regular expression) naming pattern. Wildcard characters can be used. <i>Example:</i> <code>in="{*}File1"</code>
from	VARIABLE_NAME	Begin the search query with the filtered result from a previous search identified by its <code>as</code> VARIABLE_NAME. <i>Example:</i> <code>from="MyEjbRule"</code>

JavaClass Element Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<location>	The location where the reference was found in a Java class. Location can refer to annotations, field and variable declarations, imports, and methods. For the complete list of valid values, see the JavaDoc for TypeReferenceLocation . <i>Example:</i> <code><location>IMPORT</location></code>

3.4.2. xmlfile Syntax

Summary

Use the `xmlfile` element to find information in XML files. For a better understanding of the `xmlfile` condition, see the [XmlFile](#) JavaDoc.

The following is an example of a rule that tests for an `xmlfile`.

```
<rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
  <when>
    <xmlfile matches="/w:web-app/w:resource-ref/w:res-auth[text() = 'Container']">
      <namespace prefix="w" uri="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"/>
    </xmlfile>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <hint title="Title for Hint from XML">
      <message>Container Auth</message>
    </hint>
    <xslt description="Example XSLT Conversion" extension="-converted-example.xml"
      template="/exampleconversion.xsl"/>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

Construct an xmlfile Element

xmlfile Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
matches	XPATH	<p>Match on an XML file condition.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>matches="/w:web-app/w:resource-ref/w:res-auth[text() = 'Container']"</pre>
xpathResultMatch	XPATH_RESULT_STRING	<p>Return results that match the given regex.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>xpathResultMatch=""</pre>
as	VARIABLE_NAME	<p>A variable name assigned to the rule so that it can be used as a reference in later processing. See the <code>from</code> attribute below.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>as="MyEjbRule"</pre>
in	PATH_FILTER	<p>Used to filter input files matching this regex (regular expression) naming pattern. Wildcard characters can be used.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>in="{*}File1"</pre>
from	VARIABLE_NAME	<p>Begin the search query with the filtered result from a previous search identified by its <code>as</code> VARIABLE_NAME.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>from="MyEjbRule"</pre>
public-id	PUBLIC_ID	<p>The DTD public-id regex.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>public-id="public"</pre>

xmlfile Element: Child Elements

Child Element	Description

Child Element	Description
<namespace>	<p>The namespace to referenced in XML files. This element contains 2 attributes: The <code>prefix</code> and the <code>uri</code> .</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre><namespace prefix="abc" uri="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"/></pre>

3.4.3. project Syntax

Summary

Use the `project` element to query for the project characteristics. For a better understanding of the `project` condition, see the JavaDoc for the [Project](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that checks a rule is dependent on the junit in the version between 2.0.0.Final and 2.2.0.Final.

```
<rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
  <when>
    <project>
      <artifact groupId="junit" artifactId="junit" from="2.0.0.Final" to="2.2.0.Final"/>
    </project>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <lineitem message="The project uses junit with the version between 2.0.0.Final and 2.2.0.Final"/>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

Construct a project Element

project Element Attributes

The `project` element is used to match against the project as a whole. You can use this condition to query for dependencies of the project. It does not have any attributes itself.

project Element Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<artifact>	Subcondition used within <code>project</code> to query against project dependencies. The <code>artifact</code> element attributes are described below.

artifact Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
groupId	PROJECT_GROUP_ID	Match on the project <groupId> of the dependency
artifactId	PROJECT_ARTIFACT_ID	Match on the project <artifactId> of the dependency
fromVersion	FROM_VERSION	Specify the lower version bound of the artifact. For example 2.0.0.Final
toVersion	TO_VERSION	Specify the upper version bound of the artifact. For example 2.2.0.Final

3.4.4. filecontent Syntax

Summary

Use the `filecontent` element to find strings or text within files, for example, a line in a Properties file. For a better understanding of the `filecontent` condition, see the JavaDoc for the [FileContent](#) class.

Construct a filecontent Element

filecontent Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
pattern	String	Match the file contents against the provided parameterized string
filename	String	Match the file names against the provided parameterized string.

3.5. XML Rule - Perform Action Syntax

Operations available in the `perform` section of the rule include the classification of application resources, in-line hints for migration steps, links to migration information, and project lineitem reporting. Because XML rules are modeled after the Java-based rule add-ons, links to JavaDocs for the related Java classes are provided for a better understanding of how they behave.

The complete XML rule schema is located here: <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>

The following sections describe the more common XML rule perform actions.

- [Classification Syntax](#)
- [Link Syntax](#)
- [Hint Syntax](#)
- [XSLT Syntax](#)
- [Lineitem Syntax](#)
- [Iteration Syntax](#)

3.5.1. Classification Syntax

Summary

The `classification` element is used to identify or classify application resources. It provides a level of effort and can also provide links to additional information about how to migrate this resource classification. For a better understanding of the `classification` action, see the JavaDoc for the [Classification](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that classifies a resource as a WebLogic EAR application deployment descriptor file.

Example:

```
<rule id="XmlWebLogicRules_10vvyf">
  <when>
    <xmlfile as="default" matches="/*[local-name()='weblogic-application']"></xmlfile>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration>
      <classification title="Weblogic EAR Application Descriptor" effort="3"/>
    </iteration>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

classification Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
title	STRING	Title this resource using the specified string. <i>Example:</i> <pre>title="JBoss Seam Components"</pre>
effort	NUMBER	The level of effort assigned to this resource. <i>Example:</i> <pre>effort="2"</pre>
severity	STRING	Whether this classification is mandatory or optional <i>Example:</i> <pre>severity="mandatory"</pre>
description	STRING	Description of this resource <i>Example:</i> <pre>description="JBoss Seam components must be replaced"</pre>
of	VARIABLE_NAME	Create a new classification for the given reference. <i>Example:</i> <pre>of="MySeamRule"</pre>

classification Element: Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<link>	Provides a link URI and text description for additional information. <i>Example:</i> <pre><classification title="Websphere Startup Service" effort="4"> <link href="http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/api/javax/ejb/Singleton.html" description="EJB3.1 Singleton Bean"/> <link href="http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/api/javax/ejb/Startup.html" description="EJB3.1 Startup Bean"/> </classification></pre>

Child Element	Description
<tag>	Provides additional custom information for the classification. <i>Example:</i> <tag>Seam3</tag>

3.5.2. Link Syntax

Summary

The `link` element is used in classifications or hints to identify or classify links to informational content. For a better understanding of the `link` action, see the JavaDoc for the [Link](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that creates links to additional information.

Example:

```
<rule id="SeamToCDIRules_2fmb">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="org.jboss.seam.*" as="default"/>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration>
      <classification title="SEAM Component" effort="1">
        <link href="http://www.seamframework.org/Seam3/Seam2ToSeam3MigrationNotes" description="Seam 2 to Seam 3 Mi
        <link href="http://docs.jboss.org/weld/reference/latest/en-US/html/example.html" description="JSF Web Appli
        <link href="http://docs.jboss.org/weld/reference/latest/en-US/html/contexts.html" description="JBoss Contex
        <link href="http://www.andygibson.net/blog/tutorial/cdi-conversations-part-2/" description="CDI Conversatio
      </classification>
    </iteration>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

link Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
href	URI	The URI for the referenced link. <i>Example:</i> href="https://access.redhat.com/articles/1249423"
description	STRING	A description for the link. <i>Example:</i> description="Migrate WebLogic Proprietary Servlet Annotations"

3.5.3. Hint Syntax

Summary

The `hint` element is used to provide a hint or inline information about how to migrate a section of code. For a better understanding of the `hint` action, see the JavaDoc for the [Hint](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that creates a hint.

Example:

```
<rule id="WebLogicWebServiceRules_8jyqn">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="weblogic.wsee.connection.transport.http.HttpTransportInfo.setUsername({*})" as="default">
      <location>METHOD</location>
    </javaclass>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration>
      <hint effort="3">
        <message>Replace proprietary web-service authentication with JAX-WS standards.</message>
        <link href="http://java-x.blogspot.com/2009/03/invoking-web-services-through-proxy.html" description="JAX-w
      </hint>
    </iteration>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

hint Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
title	STRING	Title this hint using the specified string. <i>Example:</i> <code>title="JBoss Seam Component Hint"</code>
severity	STRING	Whether this hint is mandatory or optional <i>Example:</i> <code>severity="mandatory"</code>
in	VARIABLE_NAME	Create a new Hint in the FileLocationModel resolved by the given variable. <i>Example:</i> <code>in="Foo"</code>
effort	NUMBER	The level of effort assigned to this resource. <i>Example:</i> <code>effort="2"</code>

hint Element: Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<message>	<p>A message describing the migration hint</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre><message>EJB 2.0 is deprecated</message></pre>
<link>	<p>Identify or classify links to informational content. See the section on Link Syntax for details.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre><link href="" description="" /></pre>
<tag>	<p>Define a custom tag for this hint.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre><tag>Needs review</tag></pre>

3.5.4. XSLT Syntax

Summary

The `xslt` element specifies how to transform an XML file. For a better understanding of the `xslt` action, see the JavaDoc for the [XSLTTransformation](#) class.

The following is an example of rule that defines an XSLT action.

Example:

```
<rule id="XmlWebLogicRules_6bcvk">
  <when>
    <xmlfile as="default" matches="/weblogic-ejb-jar"/>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration>
      <classification title="Weblogic EJB XML" effort="3"/>
      <xslt description="JBoss EJB Descriptor (Windup-Generated)" template="transformations/xslt/weblogic-ejb-to-jbos
    </iteration>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

`xslt` Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
of	STRING	<p>Create a new transformation for the given reference.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>of="testVariable_instance"</pre>

Attribute Name	Type	Description
description	STRING	Sets the description of this XSLTTransformation. <i>Example:</i> description="XSLT Transformed Output"
extension	STRING	Sets the extension for this XSLTTransformation. <i>Example:</i> <pre>extension="-result.html"</pre>
template	STRING	Sets the XSL template. <i>Example:</i> <pre>template="simpleXSLT.xsl"</pre>

xslt Element: Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<xslt-parameter>	Specify XSLTTransformation parameters as property value pairs <i>Example:</i> <pre><xslt-parameter property="title" value="EJB Transformation"/></pre>

3.5.5. Lineitem Syntax

Summary

The `lineitem` element is used to provide line item information about a hint on the project or application overview page. For a better understanding of the `lineitem` action, see the JavaDoc for the [Lineitem](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that creates a lineitem message.

Example:

```
<rule id="weblogic_servlet_annotation_1000">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="weblogic.servlet.annotation.WLServlet" as="default">
      <location>ANNOTATION</location>
    </javaclass>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <hint effort="1">
      <message>Replace the proprietary WebLogic @WLServlet annotation with the Java EE 6 standard @WebServlet annotat
      <link href="https://access.redhat.com/articles/1249423" description="Migrate WebLogic Proprietary Servlet Annot
      <lineitem message="Proprietary WebLogic @WLServlet annotation found in file."/>
    </hint>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

lineitem Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
message	STRING	A lineitem message <i>Example:</i> <pre>message="Proprietary code found."</pre>

3.5.6. Iteration Syntax

Summary

The `iteration` element specifies to iterate over an implicit or explicit variable defined within the rule. For a better understanding of the `iteration` action, see the JavaDoc for the [Iteration](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that preforms an iteration.

Example:

```
<rule id="XmlWebLogicRules_14wscy">
  <when>
    <xmlfile as="1" matches="//wl:weblogic-webservices | /wl9:weblogic-webservices">
      <namespace prefix="wl9" uri="http://www.bea.com/ns/weblogic/90"/>
      <namespace prefix="wl" uri="http://www.bea.com/ns/weblogic/weblogic-webservices"/>
    </xmlfile>
    <xmlfile as="2" matches="//wl:webservice-type | /wl9:webservice-type" from="1">
      <namespace prefix="wl9" uri="http://www.bea.com/ns/weblogic/90"/>
      <namespace prefix="wl" uri="http://www.bea.com/ns/weblogic/weblogic-webservices"/>
    </xmlfile>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration over="1">
      <classification title="Weblogic Webservice Descriptor" effort="0"/>
    </iteration>
    <iteration over="2">
      <hint effort="1">
        <message>Webservice Type</message>
      </iteration>
    </perform>
  </rule>
```

iteration Element: Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
over	VARIABLE_NAME	Iterate over the condition identified by this VARIABLE_NAME. <i>Example:</i> <pre>over="2"</pre>

iteration Element: Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<iteration>	Child elements include a <code>when</code> condition, along with the actions <code>iteration</code> , <code>classification</code> , <code>hint</code> , <code>xslt</code> , <code>lineitem</code> , and <code>otherwise</code> .

3.6. Validate Rulesets Against the Schema

To validate XML rules using the Windup rule schema, follow these steps.

1. Download this XML validator: <https://github.com/amouat/xsd-validator> <https://github.com/amouat/xsd-validator/releases/download/v1.0/xsdv-1.0.zip>
2. Extract the ZIP file in to a directory of your choice.
3. The xsd-validator requires the schema file to be located on the local file system. Download the Windup rule schema from one of the following locations to a directory of your choice.
 - <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>
 - <https://github.com/windup/windup/blob/master/config-xml/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>
4. Run the following command, replacing the variables as follows.
 - RULESET_DIRECTORY: The path to the top level folder that contains the rules.
 - XSD_VALIDATOR: The path to the extracted xsd-validator.
 - XSD_SCHEMA: The path to the local Windup windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd file.

```
find RULESET_DIRECTORY -type f -iname "*.windup.xml" -exec XSD_VALIDATOR./xsdv.sh XSD_SCHEMA {} \;
```

For example:

```
find ~/MigrationRules/ -type f -iname "*.windup.xml" -exec ~/tools/xsdv/xsdv.sh ~/windup/config-xml/schema/windup-jt
```

5. The console displays the results of each ruleset validation. If a ruleset fails to validate, the content causing the error is printed to the console.

3.7. Test an XML Rule in Windup

3.7.1. Add the Rule to Windup

A Windup rule is installed simply by copying the rule to the appropriate Windup folder. Windup scans for rules, which are files that end with either `*.windup.groovy` or `.windup.xml`, in the following locations:

- Copy the rule to a directory specified by the `--userRulesDirectory` argument on the Windup command line.
- Copy the rule to the `WINDUP_HOME/rules/` directory. [WINDUP_HOME](#) is the directory where you install and run the Windup executable.
- Copy the rule to the `${user.home}/.windup/rules/` directory. This directory is created by Windup the first time it is executed and contains rules, add-ons, and the Windup log.

```
For Linux or Mac:  ~/.windup/rules/  
For Windows:  "%Documents and Settings\USER_NAME\.windup\rules\" -or-  "%Users\USER_NAME\.windup\rules\"
```

3.7.2. Test the XML Rule

1. Test the XML rule against your application file by running Windup in a terminal.

The command uses this syntax:

```
WINDUP_HOME/bin/windup [--sourceMode true] --input INPUT_ARCHIVE_OR_FOLDER --output OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY --packages
```

You should see the following result:


```
***SUCCESS*** Windup report created: OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY/index.html
```

3.7.3. Additional Resources

- More examples of how to run Windup are located in the *Windup User Guide*.
- Working examples of XML-based rules can be found on GitHub in the [Windup source code](#) GitHub repository and the Windup quickstarts [GitHub repository](#) or [latest release ZIP download](#).

4. Additional Resources

4.1. Review the Existing Windup XML Rules

Windup XML-based rules are located on GitHub at the following location: <https://github.com/windup/windup-rulesets/tree/master/rules>.

Instructions to [fork and clone the Windup rulesets repository](#) to your local machine are provided on the Wiki.

Rules are grouped by target platform and function. When you create a new rule, it is helpful to find a rule that is similar to the one you need and use it as a starting template.

New rules are continually added, so it is a good idea to check back frequently to review the updates.

4.2. Important Links

- Windup wiki: <https://github.com/windup/windup/wiki>
- Windup documentation (generated from the Wiki documentation at the link above):
 - [Windup User Guide](#)
 - [Windup Rules Development Guide](#)
 - [Windup Core Development Guide](#)
 - [Windup Javadoc](#)
- Windup forums: <https://community.jboss.org/en/windup>
 - Windup 0.x legacy forums: <https://developer.jboss.org/en/windup>
- Windup issue tracker: <https://issues.jboss.org/browse/WINDUP>
- Windup users mailing List: windup-users@lists.jboss.org
- Windup developers mailing list: windup-dev@lists.jboss.org
- Windup commits mailing list: windup-commits@lists.jboss.org
- Windup on Twitter: [@JBossWindup](#)
- Windup IRC channel: Server FreeNode (`irc.freenode.net`), channel `#windup`.
 - Windup IRC Chat transcripts: <http://bit.ly/windup-transcripts>
 - Windup meeting IRC Chat transcripts: transcripts: <http://bit.ly/windup-meetings>

5. Appendix

5.1. Rule Story Points

5.1.1. What are Story Points?

Story Points are an abstract metric commonly used in Scrum Agile software development methodology to estimate the *level of effort* needed to implement a feature or change. They are based on a [modified Fibonacci sequence](#).

In a similar manner, Windup uses *story points* to express the *level of effort* needed to migrate particular application constructs, and in a sum, the application as a whole. It does not necessarily translate to man-hours, but the value should be consistent across tasks.

5.1.2. How Story Points are Estimated in Rules

Estimating the *level of effort* for the *story points* for a rule can be tricky. The following are the general guidelines Windup uses when estimating the *level of effort* required for a rule.

Level of Effort	Story Points	Description
Trivial	1	The migration is a trivial change or a simple library swap with no or minimal API changes.
Complex	3	The changes required for the migration task are complex, but have a documented solution.
Redesign	5	The migration task requires a redesign or a complete library change, with significant API changes.
Rearchitecture	7	The migration requires a complete rearchitecture of the component or subsystem.
Unknown	13	The migration solution is not known and may need a complete rewrite.

5.1.3. Task Severity

In addition to the *level of effort*, migration tasks can be assigned a *severity* that indicates whether the task must be completed or can be postponed.

Mandatory

The task must be completed for a successful migration. If the changes are not made, the resulting application will not build or run successfully. Examples include replacement of proprietary APIs that are not supported in the target platform.

Optional

If the migration task is not completed, the application will work, but the results may not be the optimal. If the change is not made at the time of migration, it is recommended to put it on the schedule soon after migration is completed. An example of this would be the upgrade of EJB 2.x code to EJB 3.

5.2. About the WINDUP_HOME Variable

This documentation uses the **WINDUP_HOME** *replaceable* value to denote the path to the Windup distribution. When you encounter this value in the documentation, be sure to replace it with the actual path to your Windup installation.

- If you download and install the latest distribution of Windup from the JBoss Nexus repository, WINDUP_HOME refers to the windup-distribution-2.2.0-Final folder extracted from the downloaded ZIP file.
- If you build Windup from GitHub source, WINDUP_HOME refers to the windup-distribution-2.2.0-Final folder extracted from the Windup source dist/target/windup-distribution-2.2.0-Final.zip file.