

JBoss Forge Hands on Lab

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Introduction

JBoss Forge

It's not so easy to explain what Forge is in a few paragraphs. That is why we will re-use the introduction from [Continuous Enterprise Development](#) book:

If you've spent any time developing Java EE-based projects (or any nontrivial application, for that matter!), you've likely invested a good amount of energy in creating the project layout, defining dependencies, and informing the build system of the relevant class paths to be used in compilation and execution. Although Maven enables us to reduce that load as compared with undertaking project setup manually, there's typically quite a bit of boilerplate involved in the `pom.xml` defining your requirements.

JBoss Forge offers “incremental project enhancement for Java EE.” Implemented as a command shell and integration with some IDE, Forge gives us the ability to alter project files and folders.

- Some concrete tasks we might use Forge to handle are:
 - Adding Java Persistence API (JPA) entities and describing their model
 - Configuring Maven dependencies
 - Setting up project scaffolding
 - Generating a view layer, reverse-engineered from a domain model
 - Deploying to an application server

Because Forge is built atop a modular, plug-in-based architecture, it's extensible to additional tasks that may be specific to your application. Overall, the goal of Forge is to ease project setup at all stages of development, so we'll be employing it in this text to speed along the construction of our examples.

What's this HoL about?

This hands-on lab give you a good practical introduction to JBoss Forge. You will first install JBoss Forge, use it and then create addons to extend the capabilities of Forge. Forge can either be used with an IDE, or directly with a command line interface (CLI).

How does it work?

What do you have to do?

Software requirements

The following software needs to be downloaded and installed:

- JDK 7 from <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html>
- Maven 3.2.x from <http://maven.apache.org/download.cgi>
- JBoss Forge from <http://forge.jboss.org/download>

Installing Forge

Installing Forge CLI

It's very simple install Forge CLI. Just download the [ZIP](#) to install Forge natively on your preferred Operation System.

On Windows, you can do:

Extract the distribution archive, to the directory you wish to install Forge.

Add the FORGE_HOME environment variable.

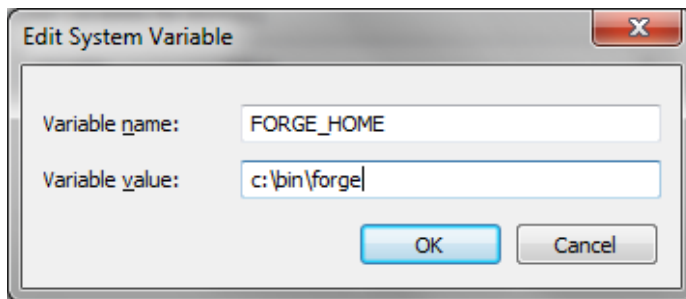


Figure 1. Installing Forge CLI Step 1

In the same dialog, add %FORGE_HOME%\bin to the system path.

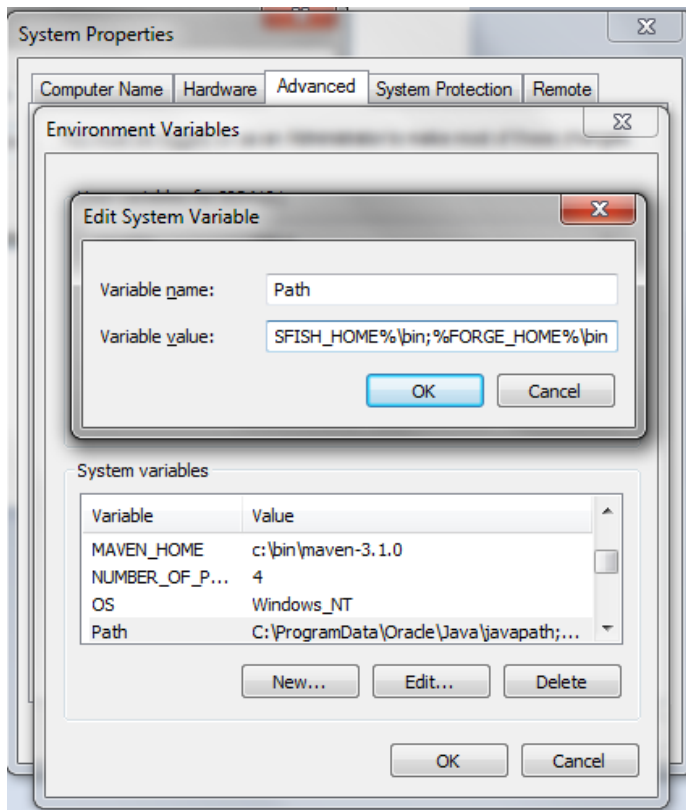


Figure 2. Installing Forge CLI Step 2

On Mac OS X or Linux, you can do:

Extract the distribution archive, to the directory you wish to install Forge.
In a command terminal, add the `FORGE_HOME` environment variable, e.g:

```
export FORGE_HOME=/usr/local/jboss/forge-distribution-2.12.1.Final
```

Add `FORGE_HOME/bin` environment variable to your path, e.g:

```
export PATH=$FORGE_HOME/bin:$PATH.
```

or install via

```
curl http://forge.jboss.org/sh | sh
```

You have another alternative to install Forge on Mac OS X.
Use Homebrew to install Forge natively for use on the command-line, via:

```
brew install jboss-forge
```

Installing JBDS 8.0 with EAP

Installing JBDS is a piece of cake. Just download the installer from the [JBoss website](#) and in the target folder you issue:

```
java -jar jboss-devstudio-<version>-installer-eap.jar
```

This will launch the installation process for your platform. Windows, Linux and OSX are supported. The wizard will take you through a number of consecutive steps that are illustrated using screenshots below.

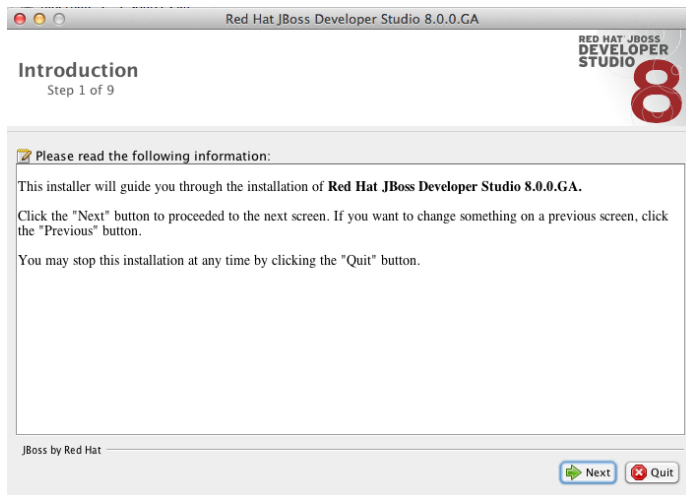


Figure 3. JBDS Installation Step 1



Figure 4. JBDS Installation Step 2

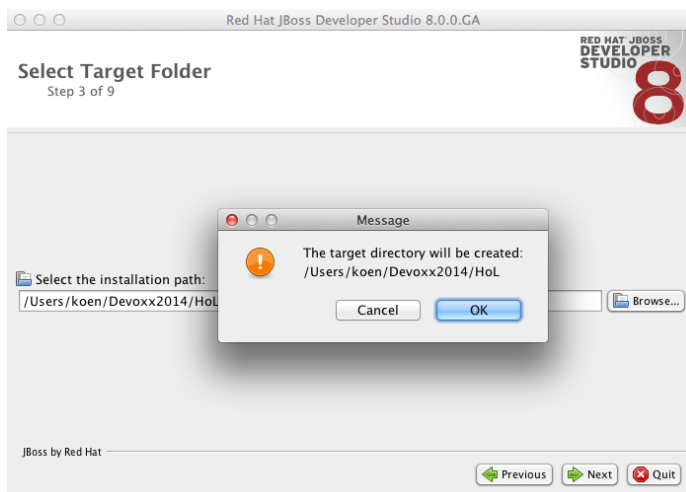


Figure 5. JBDS Installation Step 3



Figure 6. JBDS Installation Step 4

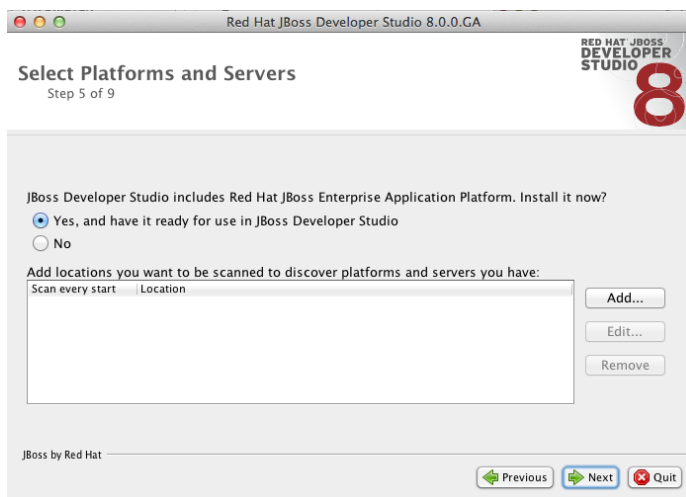


Figure 7. JBDS Installation Step 5

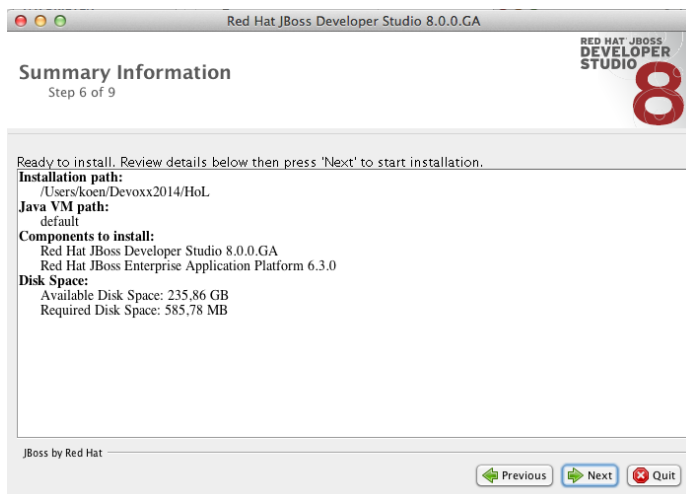


Figure 8. JBDS Installation Step 6

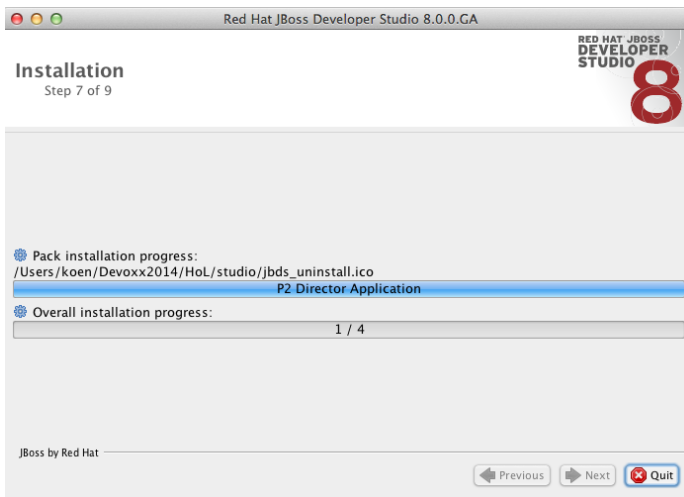


Figure 9. JBDS Installation Step 7

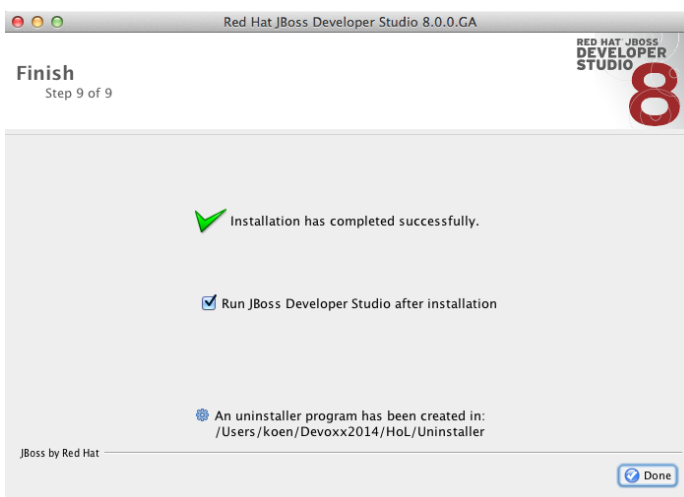


Figure 10. JBDS Installation Step 9

Congratulations! Now you are all set! Pressing **Done** will automatically launch JBDS.

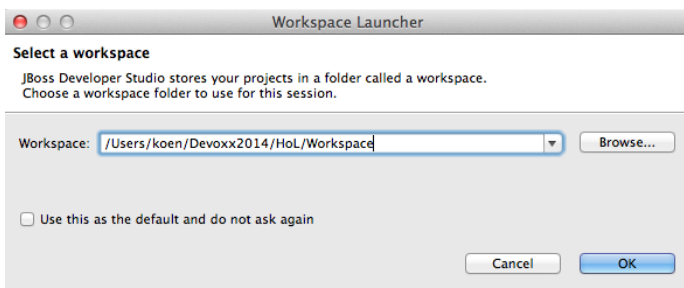


Figure 11. Choose Workspace

Choose an appropriate workspace and press **OK** to see JBDS in all its glory.

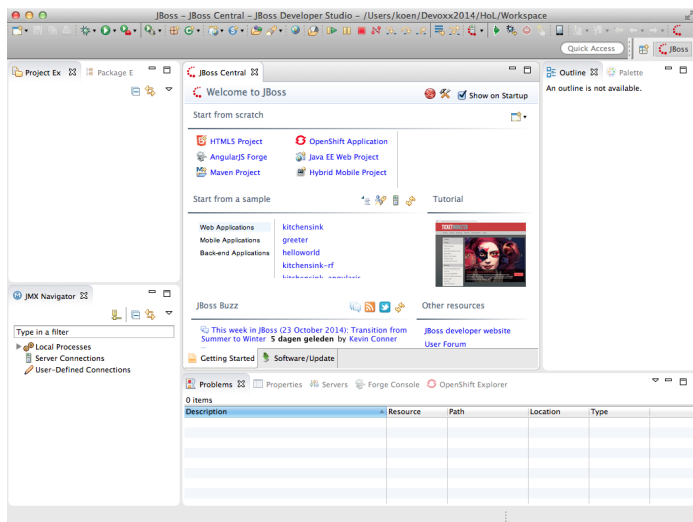


Figure 12. JBDS Welcome

Using Forge

Creating a new project

Setting up a new project involves a lot of activities. You basically rely on a build and dependency management framework such as Maven and Gradle. Even if you feel comfortable reading the configuration files, i.e. pom.xml or build.gradle for those, it takes some time to write them from scratch. What you usually do is consulting manuals or textbooks, look in internet or most often - copy and paste them from one of your recent projects. Some of you may decide to use archetypes or IDE wizards, but you will soon realize that these generate too much garbage in your project configurate, that you will usually delete.

Setting up persistence and validation

Scaffolding JSF

Deploying on JBoss

Creating Arquillian tests

Scaffolding AngularJS

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Developing Logger addon

Appendix

CLI Commands

Category	Command	Comment
Configuration	config-clear	
Configuration	config-list	
Configuration	config-set	
Database/Connections	connection-create-profile	Command to create a database connection profile.
Database/Connections	connection-remove-profile	Command to remove a database connection profile.
Forge/Generate	addon-new-annotated-ui-command	Generates an annotated UICommand implementation
Forge/Generate	addon-new-test	Generates a Furnace test case for an addon
Forge/Generate	addon-new-ui-command	Generates a UICommand implementation
Forge/Generate	addon-test-setup	Add addon test setup to this project
Forge/Manage	addon-build-and-install	Command to build and install a Furnace 2 addon.
Forge/Manage	addon-install	Command to install a Furnace 2 addon.
Forge/Manage	addon-install-from-git	Command to build and install a Furnace 2 addon.
Forge/Manage	addon-list	Command to list all currently installed Addons.
Forge/Manage	addon-remove	Command to remove a Furnace 2 addon.
Forge/Setup	addon-add-dependency	Adds the provided addon as a dependency to the selected project
JPA	jpa-new-mapped-superclass	Creates a new Mapped Superclass

Java	java-add-annotation	Add annotation to class, property or method.
Java	java-generate-equals-and-hashcode	Generates equals and hashCode for the given class
Java	java-generate-getters-and-setters	Generates mutators and accessors for the given class
Java	java-new-annotation	Creates a new Java Annotation
Java	java-new-class	Creates a new Java Class
Java	java-new-enum	Creates a new Java Enum
Java	java-new-enum-const	Creates a new Java Enum constant
Java	java-new-field	Creates a new field
Java	java-new-interface	Creates a new Java Interface
Java EE	javaee-setup	Setup Java EE in your project
Java EE/Bean Validation	constraint-add	Add a Bean Validation constraint
Java EE/Bean Validation	constraint-setup	Setup Bean Validation in your project
Java EE/Bean Validation	constraint-new-annotation	Create a Bean Validation constraint annotation
Java EE/Bean Validation	constraint-new-group	Create a Bean Validation group
Java EE/CDI	cdi-list-alternatives	
Java EE/CDI	cdi-list-decorators	
Java EE/CDI	cdi-list-interceptors	
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-producer-field	Creates a new producer field
Java EE/CDI	cdi-setup	Setup CDI in your project
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-bean	Creates a new CDI Managed bean
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-conversation	Creates a conversation block in the specified method
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-decorator	Creates a new CDI Decorator
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-interceptor	Creates a new CDI Interceptor
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-interceptor-binding	Creates a new CDI Interceptor Binding annotation

Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-qualifier	Creates a new CDI Qualifier annotation
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-scope	Creates a new CDI Scope annotation
Java EE/CDI	cdi-new-stereotype	Creates a new CDI Stereotype annotation
Java EE/EJB	ejb-new-bean	Create a new EJB
Java EE/EJB	ejb-set-class-transaction-attribute	Set the transaction type of a given EJB
Java EE/EJB	ejb-set-method-transaction-attribute	Set the transaction type of a given EJB method
Java EE/EJB	ejb-setup	Setup EJB in your project
Java EE/JAX-RS	rest-generate-endpoints-from-entities	Generate REST endpoints from JPA entities
Java EE/JAX-RS	rest-new-cross-origin-resource-sharing-filter	Generate a Cross Origin Resource Sharing Filter
Java EE/JAX-RS	rest-setup	Setup REST in your project
Java EE/JAX-WS	soap-setup	Setup JAX-WS (SOAP) in your project
Java EE/JMS	jms-setup	Setup JMS in your project
Java EE/JPA	jpa-generate-daos-from-entities	Generate DAOs from JPA entities
Java EE/JPA	jpa-generate-entities-from-tables	Command to generate Java EE entities from database tables.
Java EE/JPA	jpa-new-embeddable	Create a new JPA Embeddable
Java EE/JPA	jpa-new-entity	Create a new JPA Entity
Java EE/JPA	jpa-new-entity-listener	Create a new JPA Entity Listener
Java EE/JPA	jpa-new-field	Create a new field
Java EE/JPA	jpa-setup	Setup JPA in your project
Java EE/JSF	faces-new-bean	Create a new JSF Backing Bean
Java EE/JSF	faces-new-converter	Create a new JSF Converter Type
Java EE/JSF	faces-new-validator	Create a new JSF Validator Type
Java EE/JSF	faces-new-validator-method	Create a new JSF validator method

Java EE/JSF	faces-set-project-stage	Set the project stage of this JSF project
Java EE/JSF	faces-setup	Setup JavaServer Faces in your project
Java EE/JSTL	jstl-setup	Setup JSTL in your project
Java EE/JTA	jta-setup	Setup JTA in your project
Java EE/Servlet	servlet-setup	Setup Servlet API in your project
Java EE/WebSocket	websocket-setup	Setup WebSocket API in your project
Java/ServiceLoader	service-register-as-serviceloader	Register a Java type as a service implementation.
Maven	archetype-add	
Maven	archetype-list	
Maven	archetype-remove	
Project	project-list-facets	Lists the facets associated with the current project
Project/Build	build	Build this project
Project/Generation	project-new	Create a new project
Project/Manage	project-add-dependencies	Add one or more arguments to the current project.
Project/Manage	project-add-managed-dependencies	Add one or more managed dependencies to the current project.
Project/Manage	project-add-repository	Add a repository to the current project descriptor.
Project/Manage	project-has-dependencies	Check one or more arguments in the current project.
Project/Manage	project-has-managed-dependencies	Check one or more managed dependencies in the current project.
Project/Manage	project-remove-dependencies	Remove one or more arguments from the current project.
Project/Manage	project-remove-managed-dependencies	Remove one or more managed arguments from the current project.

Project/Manage	project-remove-repository	Remove a repository configured in the current project descriptor.
Project/Manage	project-set-compiler-version	Set the java sources and the target compilation version
SCM / GIT	git-checkout	Checkout a branch from GIT repository or create a new one
SCM / GIT	git-clone	Clone a GIT repository
SCM / GIT	git-remove-pattern	Remove pattern from .gitignore
SCM / GIT	git-setup	Prepares the project for functioning in GIT context
SCM / GIT	gitignore-add-pattern	Add pattern to .gitignore
SCM / GIT	gitignore-create	Create .gitignore from templates
SCM / GIT	gitignore-edit	Open .gitignore and edit it
SCM / GIT	gitignore-list-patterns	List available .gitignore patterns
SCM / GIT	gitignore-list-templates	List all available .gitignore templates
SCM / GIT	gitignore-setup	Create .gitignore files based on template files from https://github.com/github/gitignore .
SCM / GIT	gitignore-update-templates	Update the local .gitignore template repository
Scaffold/Generate	scaffold-generate	Generates the scaffold
Scaffold/Setup	scaffold-setup	Setup the scaffold
Shell	cat	The cat utility reads files sequentially, writing them to the standard output. The file operands are processed in command-line order.
Shell	cd	Change the current directory
Shell	clear	Clear the console
Shell	cp	Copy a file or directory
Shell	echo	display a line of text
Shell	edit	Edit files with the default system editor

Shell	exit	Exit the shell
Shell	ls	List files
Shell	mkdir	Create a new directory.
Shell	open	Open files with the default system application
Shell	pwd	Print the full filename of the current working directory.
Shell	rm	Remove (unlink) the FILE(s).
Shell	run	Execute/run a forge script file.
Shell	touch	Create a new file or modify file timestamp.
Shell	track-changes	Initiate a transaction for each executed command.
Shell	transaction-commit	Commits a transaction
Shell	transaction-rollback	Rollbacks a transaction
Shell	transaction-start	Starts a transaction
Shell	wait	Wait for ENTER.
Shell	about	Display information about this forge.
Shell	command-list	List all available commands.
Shell	date	print current date
Shell	system-property-get	Get one or all system properties
Shell	system-property-set	Set a system property
Shell	version	Displays the current Forge version.
Shell	wait	Wait for ENTER.