



Learning more about clustering WebSphere Process Server (WP

Troubleshooting

Problem

Learning more about clustering WebSphere Process Server can help you in the troubleshooting process. This page provides information to help you learn more about this topic.

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Clusters are sets of managed servers that provide high availability and **workload balancing** for applications running on multiple physical systems and platforms. Clustered servers provide better capacity and availability in a clustered environment:

- *Workload balancing* by running an application on multiple servers that are managed by a cluster. This allows the workload to be distributed across the servers in the cluster.
- *Extensibility and flexibility* are guaranteed by adding more processing power (hardware) to the cluster dynamically.
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High availability through **failover** and recovery support. Outages on one server are compensated by other servers in the cluster. They handle the workload and proceed without interruption in service.

- *Maintenance* is simplified because you can stop specific cluster members. You do not have to stop the entire cluster.

Starting with WebSphere Process Server V6.1, you can benefit from *deployment environments*: A deployment environment topology (including WebSphere Process Server components) and manages related resources. The deployment environment enhances the cluster capabilities:

- *Ease of management* by using common views, which allow the system administrator to manage the deployment environment, Component Architecture (SCA) modules, processes, and server instances.
- *Reusability* as you can export and import a tested and reliable deployment environment to be used in a new environment with the same configuration.
- *Simplicity and rapid deployment* are supported by a wide range of wizards that guide you through the deployment process. The system administrator can concentrate on the architectural aspects, while the deployment is minimized during the setup phase. Approved deployment environments can be customized or use predefined:
- Single Cluster (bronze topology)
- Remote Messaging (silver topology)
- Remote Messaging and Remote Support (golden topology)

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Getting started

Review the following information resources for a basic understanding of clustering or for additional information:

- Refer to the WebSphere Process Server product documentation to understand the component architecture and deployment environment. The product documentation includes information about architectural configurations, as well as prerequisites for databases that are used in a clustered environment.
- The IBM Education Assistant provides interactive resources to learn the basics of a clustered environment and the advantages of a deployment environment-based configuration:

[Clustering concepts](#)

[Clustering administration and configuration](#)

- developerWorks is one of the most popular educational exchange platforms, with hundreds of articles and tutorials. By IBM employees, the WebSphere Zone is one of the most frequently visited portals.

[developerWorks WebSphere Zone](#)

- IBM Redbooks provide knowledge and best practices regarding WebSphere Process Server. They are written by subject matter experts as well as installation and configuration guides:

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Planning your deployment topology

Before starting to deploy and configure your first WebSphere Process Server cluster, you plan the cluster topology and its nonfunctional requirements. The following resources document the most important aspects of planning a cluster topology:

- The following IBM Redbooks document provides an introduction to the components of a WebSphere Process Server cluster. Several topologies are explained and their applicability for a production environment is discussed. Deployment patterns are documented. The document not only guides you through the basic topology (Local Messaging and Remote Support) but also through the setup of advanced topologies (Remote Messaging and Remote Support):

[Production Topologies for WebSphere Process Server and WebSphere ESB V6](#)

- To get a better understanding of how to select an appropriate cluster topology, read the following article: [WebSphere Process Server V6.0.2, Part 1: Understanding the topology](#) and the use of multiple messaging engines. The article also applies to WebSphere F

[Clustering WebSphere Process Server V6.0.2, Part 1: Understanding the topology](#)

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Setting up a clustered environment

With a basic understanding of cluster topologies, you can start setting up a clustered environment. This section provides an overview of the available topologies and guidelines, with focus on deployment environment setups:

- Learning how to set up a deployment environment is covered by the appropriate IBM Redbooks articles:
 - [WebSphere Process Server V6.1: Tutorial - Creating a pre-defined deployment environment](#)
 - [WebSphere Process Server V6.1: Tutorial - Clustering a custom environment](#)

- A following developerWorks article is about clustering WebSphere Process Server V6.1 using a high-performance database (the hands-on lab section shows you how to configure the golden topology pattern using a deployment environment and Remote Support):

[Building clustered topologies in WebSphere Process Server V6.1](#)

- This Redpaper shows you how to configure WebSphere Process Server V6.1 using a high-performance database:

[Configuring WebSphere Process Server V6.1 with an Oracle Database](#)

- This IBM Redbooks document shows the planning and configuration tasks for advanced topology (the hands-on lab section shows you how to configure the golden topology pattern using a deployment environment and Remote Support):

[Production Topologies for WebSphere Process Server and WebSphere ESB V6](#)

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Business integration with WebSphere Portal

Use the following resources to guide you through the setup and configuration of a process portal WebSphere Process Server V6.1:

- This guide shows you how to configure two installations of WebSphere Portal and WebSphere Process Server V6.1 in a development system where WebSphere Portal Server interacts with WebSphere Process Server V6.1.

[Setting up WebSphere Process Server V6.1 and WebSphere Portal Server V6.1.0.3 on a single system](#)

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Related Information

[IBM Education Assistant](#)

[IBM Redbooks](#)

[Websphere Process Server V7.0 Knowledge Center](#)

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