

## Lab: Using IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor



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IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor helps you to evaluate on-premises Java applications and identify a migration candidate for moving to the cloud. When you complete this lab, you learn how to use this tool to quickly analyze on-premise Java applications without accessing their source code and to estimate the move to cloud efforts. The Transformation Advisor tool can

- identify the Java EE programming models in the app.
- determine the complexity of apps by listing a high-level inventory of the content and structure of each app.
- highlight Java EE programming model and WebSphere API differences between the WebSphere profile types
- learn any Java EE specification implementation differences that might affect the app

Additionally, the tool provides a recommendation for the right-fit IBM WebSphere Application Server edition and offers advice, best practices and potential solutions to assess the ease of moving apps to Liberty or newer versions of WebSphere traditional. It accelerates application migrating to cloud process, minimize errors and risks and reduce time to market.

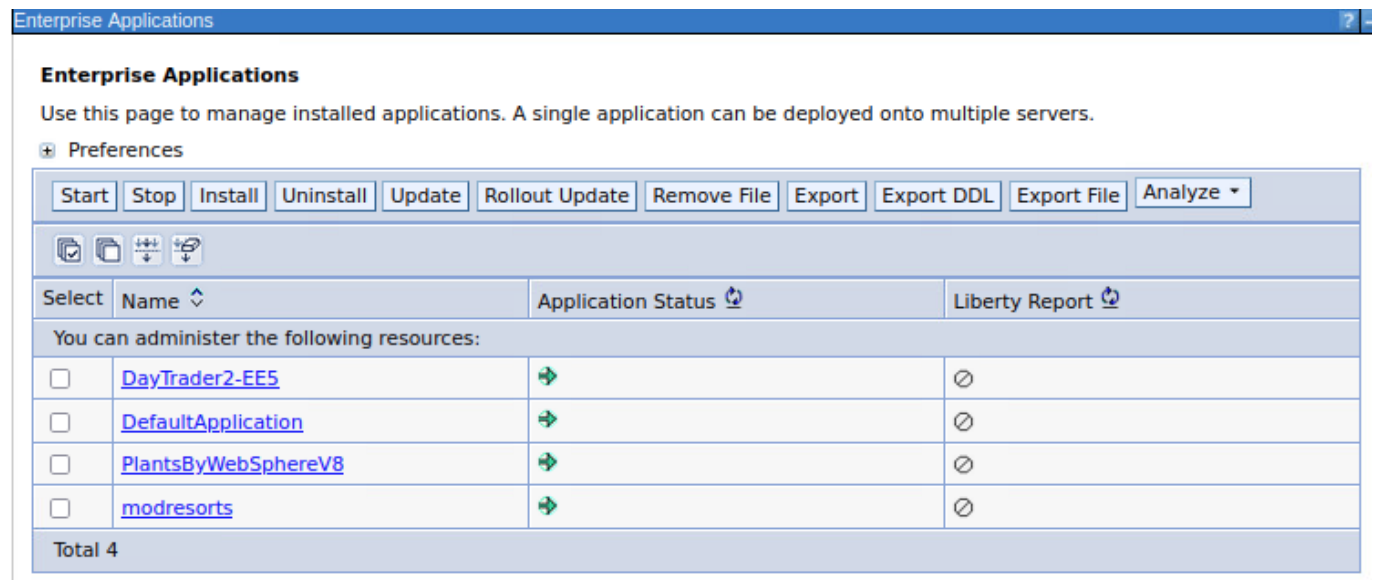
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# 1 Lab Introduction - IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor

## 1.1 Business Scenario

As shown in the image below, your company has several web applications deployed to WebSphere Application Server (WAS) environment.



Your company wants to move these applications to a lightweight WebSphere Liberty server on cloud, but you are not sure how much effort the migration process might take. You decide to use the IBM Transformation Advisor to do a quick evaluation of these applications without their source code to identify a good candidate application to move to cloud based on the analysis result.

## 1.2 Objectives

The objectives of this lab are to:

- learn how to collect Java application and configuration data using the Transformation Advisor Data Collector tool.
- learn how to use the Transformation Advisor to evaluate the move to cloud efforts and to identify the good candidate for migration.
- Learn how to use the migration assets created by Transformation Advisor

You will need an estimated **60 minutes** to complete this lab.

## 1.3 Lab requirements

The following prerequisites must be completed prior to beginning this lab:

- Familiarity with basic Linux commands and Docker
- Have internet access
- Have basic knowledge of WebSphere Liberty
- Have access to the Lab environment

## 1.4 What is Already Completed

A Lab environment with one Linux workstation VM has been provided for this lab.

- The VM contains all required software, so no need to download something from the internet.
- The login credentials for the workstation VM are: User ID: ibmdemo Password: passw0rd

## 1.5 Lab Tasks

In this lab, you access WebSphere Application Server to review the deployment of the JEE applications. Then you are going to the Transformation Advisor to identify a good candidate application for moving to cloud. To identify which Java EE programming models are on the server, you could run the Transformation Advisor Data Collector tool against the server. The Transformation Advisor creates an inventory of the content and structure of each application and learn about problems that might occur if you move the application to cloud. Finally, you review the analysis reports to determine the complexity of the move-to-cloud efforts and select the migration candidate app.

Here are the activities involved in this process:

- Log in to WebSphere Application Server to review the deployed JEE applications
- Run the Transformation Advisor Data Collector tool against the WebSphere Application Server to get application data
- Review the analysis reports that Transformation Advisor generates to identify the right candidate application for a rapid and cost-effective migration to cloud
- Use the migration bundle to migrate your application to Liberty
- Use the migration bundle to containerize your application

## 1.7 The lab environment

One (1) Linux VM has been provided for this lab. You execute all the lab tasks on this workstation VM.

There are several components installed in the VM:

- WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment v8.5.5
  - Binaries under /usr/IBM/WAS855ND
  - Profiles under /usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles
- WebSphere Liberty
  - Binaries under /usr/IBM/Liberty/wlp
- IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor 3.0



Note: To ease the copy and paste, the commands used in the lab have been documented in the file

[https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSHE/lab\\_TA\\_commands.txt](https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSHE/lab_TA_commands.txt)

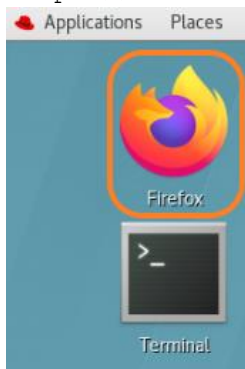
If you want to copy it to your local system, use the following command to copy it to your desktop:

```
curl https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSA/lab_TAcommands.txt > /var/IBM/temp/lab_TAcommands.txt
```

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## 2 Getting Started with IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor

1. Access the environment
  - a. Use the connection details That have been provided to you.
  - b. If you are connected via VNC, use the URL <https://iccve.uk.ibm.com/cloudhur2>.
2. Login with **ibmdemo** ID.
  - a. If you are connected via VNC, you should be automatically logged in as ibmdemo.  
Otherwise log in as user “ibmdemo” and enter “**passw0rd**” as the password:  
Password: **passw0rd** (lowercase with a zero instead of the o)
3. Open the file with the lab commands by click on Firefox and navigating to the URL  
[https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSHE/lab\\_TAcommands.txt](https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSHE/lab_TAcommands.txt)



4. Open a terminal window by clicking its icon from the Desktop toolbar.



## 2.1 Review the on-prem WebSphere apps

In this task, you take a look at the sample applications deployed to the local WebSphere Application Server (WAS) environment. You are going to identify one of them to be the god candidate to move the cloud later.

### 1. Start WebSphere Application Server

In the workstation VM, you have a local traditional WebSphere Application Server which hosts several sample applications.

To start the WAS server:

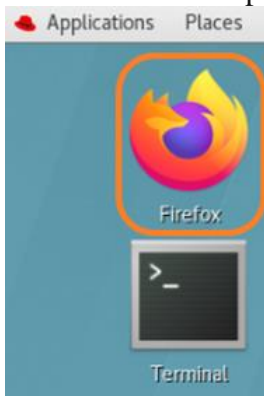
- a. In the terminal window, issue the command below to start the WAS server.

```
/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/bin/startServer.sh server1
```

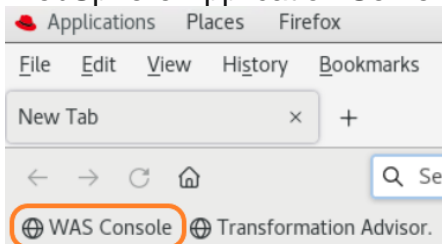
- b. Wait until the server has been started

```
[ibmdemo@RHEL7Guac ~]$ /usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/bin/startServer.sh server1
ADMU0116I: Tool information is being logged in file
           /usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/logs/server1/startServer.log
ADMU0128I: Starting tool with the StandaloneSrv1 profile
ADMU3100I: Reading configuration for server: server1
ADMU3200I: Server launched. Waiting for initialization status.
ADMU3000I: Server server1 open for e-business; process id is 18330
```

- c. Access the WAS Admin Console to view the application deployed by clicking the Firefox icon on the Desktop toolbar (or open a new tab in the existing Firefox window).



- d. From the web browser window and click the **WAS Console** bookmark to launch the WebSphere Application Server console.



- e. If you see the Warning: Potential Security Risk Ahead message, click Advanced>Accept the Risk and continue.
- f. In the WAS Admin Console login page, enter the User ID and Password as: **wsadmin/password** and click Login.

- g. On the WAS Console page, click Applications -> Application Types -> WebSphere enterprise applications to view the apps deployed.
- h. In the Enterprise Applications list, you can see all applications deployed.

**Enterprise Applications**

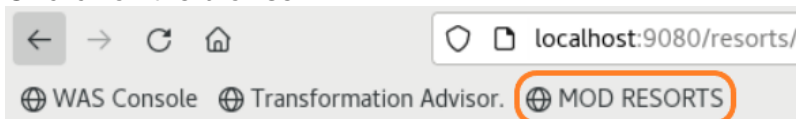
Use this page to manage installed applications. A single application can be deployed onto multiple servers.

Preferences

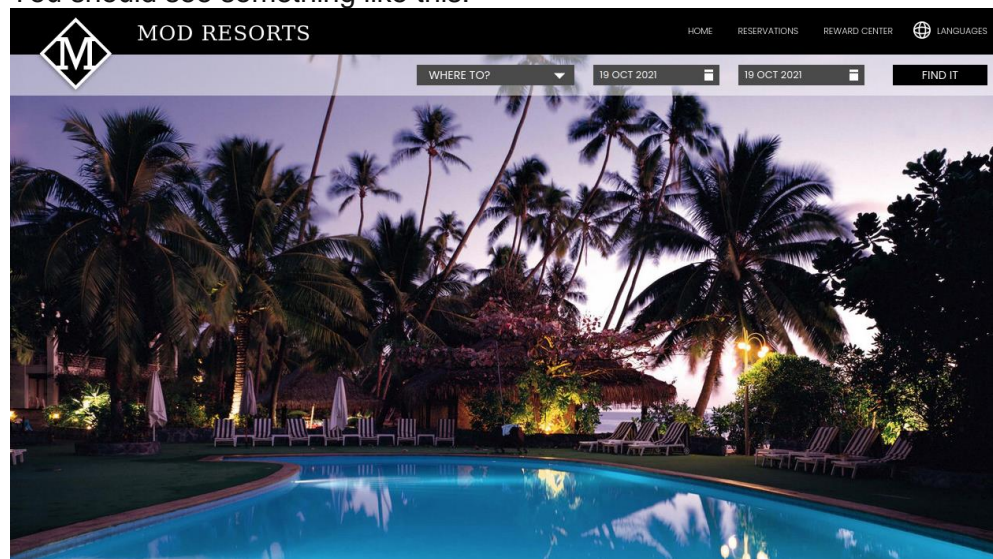
Start Stop Install Uninstall Update Rollout Update Remove File Export Export DDL Export File Analyze

Select	Name	Application Status	Liberty Report
You can administer the following resources:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">DayTrader2-EE5</a>	➔	⊗
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">DefaultApplication</a>	➔	⊗
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PlantsByWebSphereV8</a>	➔	⊗
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">modresorts</a>	➔	⊗
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">mydaytrader</a>	➔	⊗
Total 5			

- i. Next, you use Transformation Advisor to analyze these applications to identify a good candidate to be moved to Liberty.
- j. But before doing the analysis, access the application modresorts via browser to see how it looks like (this is the application that we finally will migrate)
  - i. Open a new browser tab and insert the URL <http://localhost:9080/resorts>  
Or click on the browser link



- ii. You should see something like this:



- iii. Feel free to navigate around to see how the application looks like.

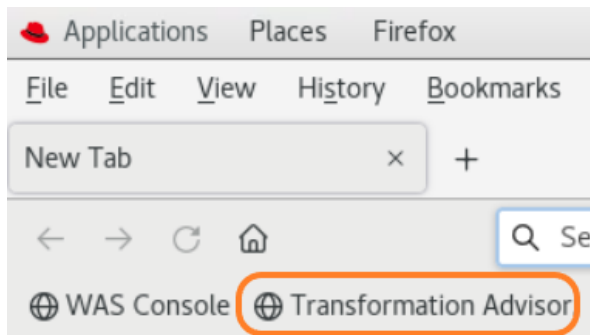


## 2.2 Access Transformation Advisor

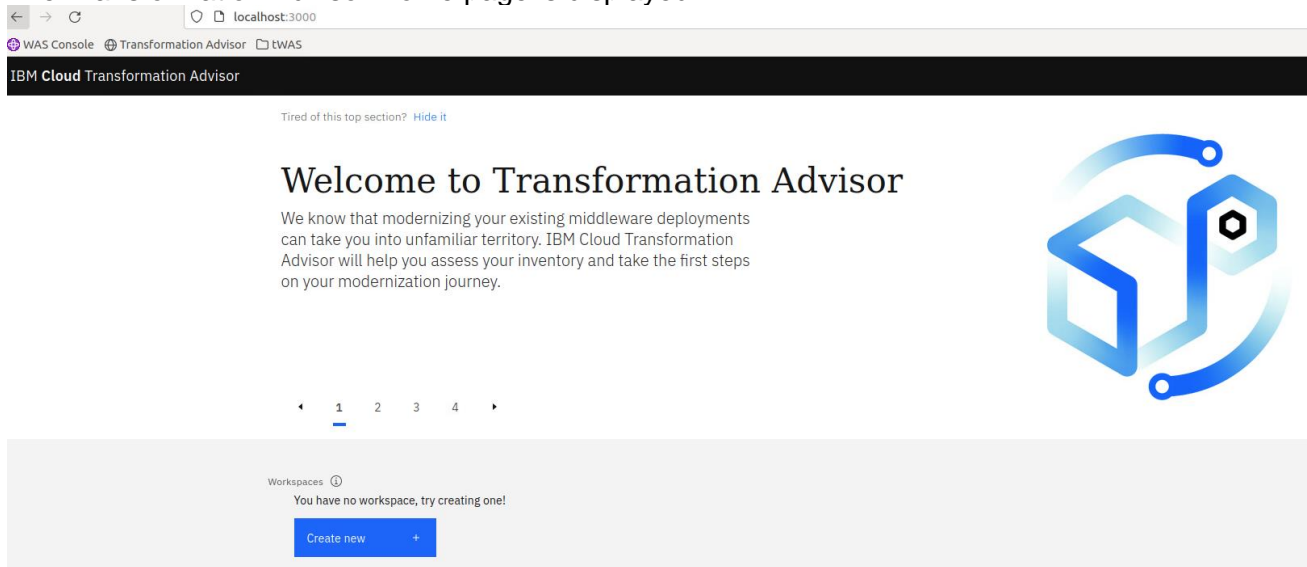
The Transformation Advisor can evaluate any Java based applications. In this lab, you are going to use it to evaluate whether the on-premises WebSphere application, Mod Resorts, is suitable to move to cloud and what the effort might be to get it there. You can use Transformation Advisor Data Collector utility to get the application data from the WebSphere Application Server running on the workstation VM. The utility can be downloaded from the Transformation Advisor web page.

The Transformation Advisor is installed as standalone version in the workstation VM.

1. In the web browser window, open a new tab, then click the Transformation Advisor bookmark.  
(URL: <http://localhost:3000> )



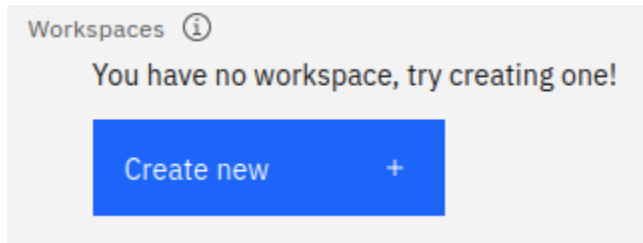
2. The Transformation Advisor Home page is displayed.



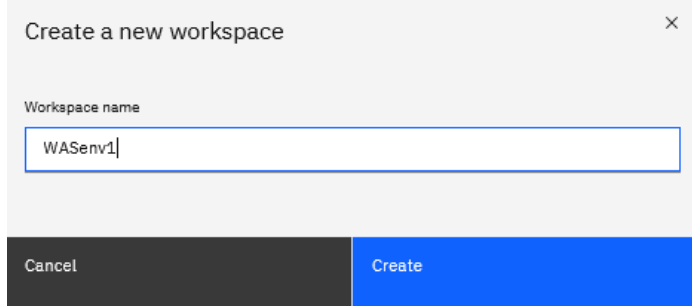
3. In the Transformation Advisor page, you first create a new workspace and then a collection.  
Note: A workspace is a designated area that houses the migration recommendations provided by Transformation Advisor against your application server environment. You can name and organize these however you want, whether it's by business application, location or teams.  
Each workspace can be divided into collections for more focused assessment and planning. Like

workspaces, collections can be named and organized in whatever way you want.

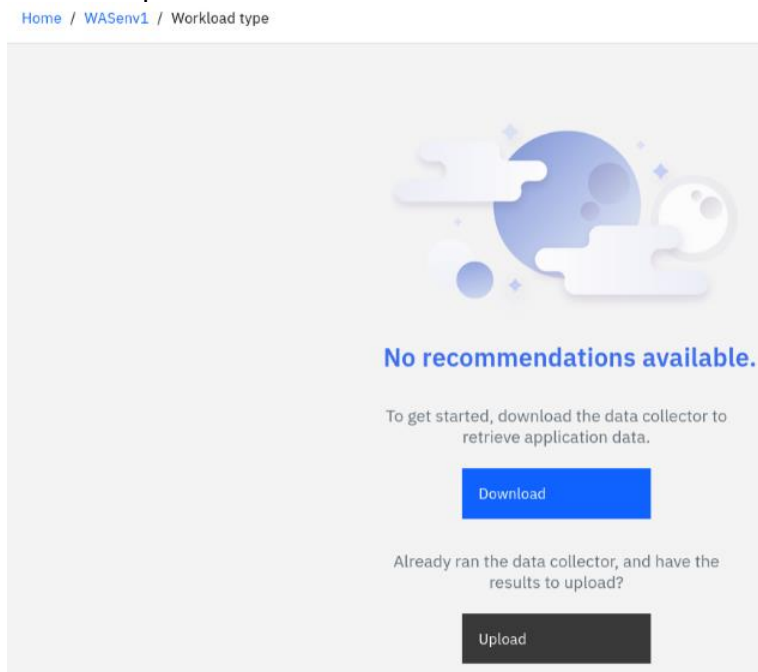
Click on the button **Create new** to create a new workspace



4. Enter as workspace name **WASenv1**, then click **Create**.



5. The workspace has been created.



Next step is to use the Transformation Advisor Collector to gather data about your applications. Click on the **Download** button.

6. Now you can select the operating system that fits to your application server environment.

## Data collector

Getting results in your collection is not hard. To get started, download and run the Data Collector tool in the system your applications live.

### Download

In order to download the appropriate data collector, please specify the source operating system.

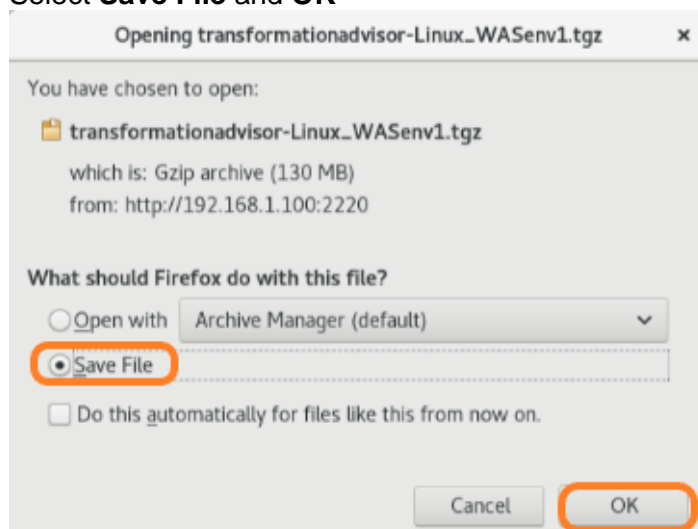
Source Operating System

Linux ▼

Download for Linux

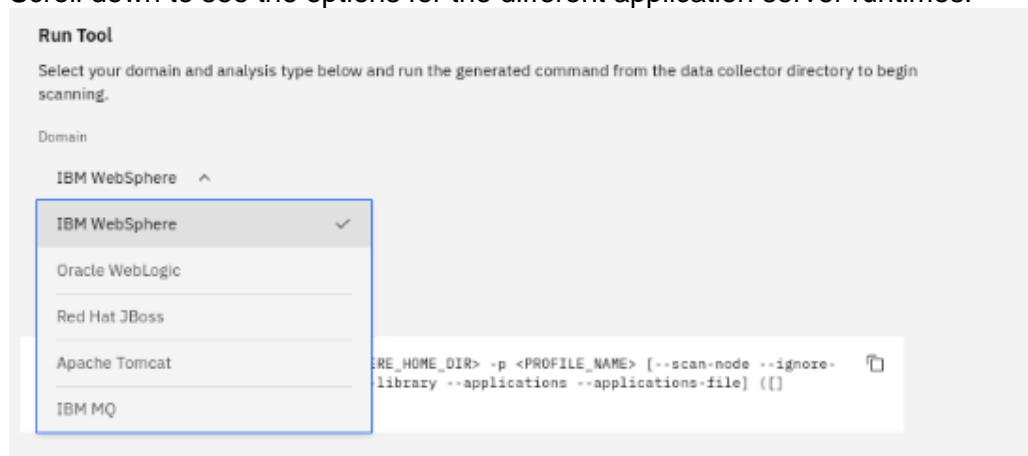


- Leave the Operating System to **Linux** and click on the button **Download for Linux**.
7. Select **Save File** and **OK**



The file is saved in the Download folder `/home/ibmdemo/Downloads`, the name is: `transformationadvisor-Linux_WASenv1.tgz`

8. Scroll down to see the options for the different application server runtimes.



## Run Tool

Select your domain and analysis type below and run the generated command from the data collector directory to begin scanning.

Domain

IBM WebSphere ▾

Analysis of

Apps & Configuration ^

Apps & Configuration ✓

Apps only

.ear and .war files

```
RE_HOME_DIR> -p <PROFILE_NAME> [--scan-node --ignore-  
library --applications --applications-file] {}
```



## 2.3 Use the Transformation Advisor collector

After downloading the zipped Data Collector utility, you need to unpack it and run the utility against the WAS server to collect all deployed applications and their configuration data from WAS server.

1. Switch to the command shell.



2. In the command shell, execute the following commands to extract the collector:

```
mkdir -p /var/IBM/temp/TA_collector/  
cd /var/IBM/temp/TA_collector/  
tar -zxvf /home/ibmdemo/Downloads/transformationadvisor-Linux_WASenv1.tgz
```

3. Switch to the collector directory

```
cd /var/IBM/temp/TA_collector/transformationadvisor-3.0.0
```

4. Set the Java SDK that fits to your environment

As the JDK shipped with the collector does not fit to our environment, we use the JDK provided with WAS. This is done by setting the JAVA\_HOME environment

```
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/java/
```

5. Run the collector with the help option to see the available options

```
bin/transformationadvisor --help
```

6. Run the collector to analyze the WAS applications

Execute the command

```
bin/transformationadvisor -w /usr/IBM/WAS855ND/ -p StandaloneSrv1
```

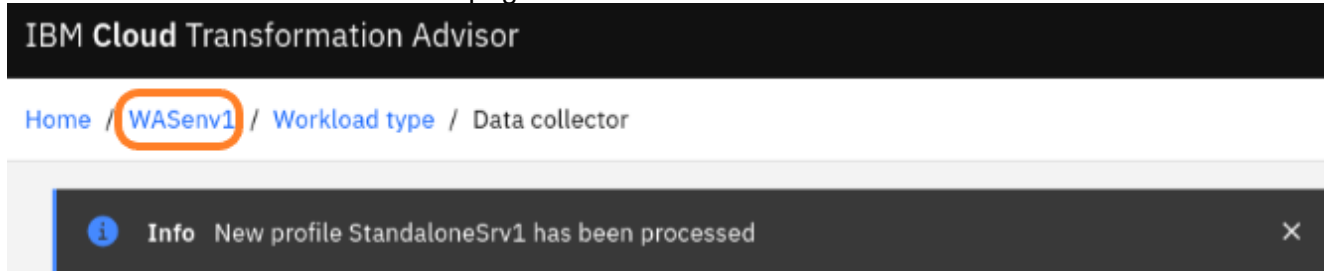
7. Accept the license agreement ("1. I have read and agreed to the license agreements").  
A panel is shown, which will change over time to finally



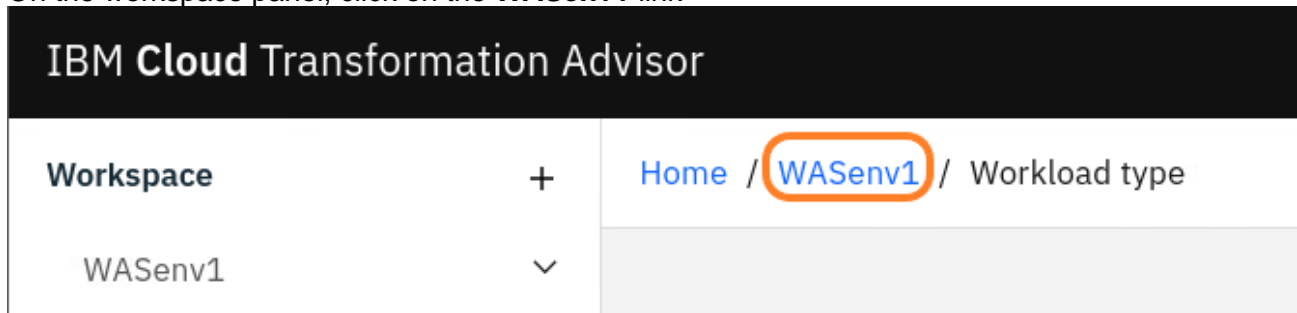
## 2.4 Evaluate On-Premises Java Applications

In this section, you are going to use the Transformation Advisor UI to view the application data analysis results.

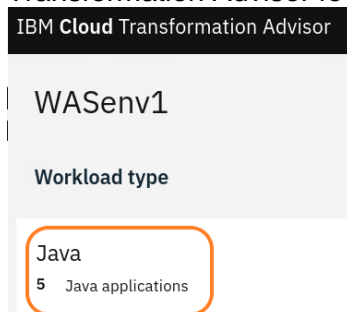
1. Go back to Transformation Advisor page in web browser and click the **WASenv1** link.



2. On the workspace panel, click on the **WASenv1** link



3. Transformation Advisor found Java applications, so click on the link to get the details



4. In the Recommendations page, you can see all applications deployed to the WAS server are listed.

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Workspace

WASenv1

Workload type

Java

Home / WASenv1 / Java

Java

Options

Collections

Collections

Total Applications

5

Avg. cost per application

1.6

Workspace estimated total costs

Common Code

3 days

Unique app code

5.5 days

Total cost

8.5 days

Migration target

1 x Migration targets

Java applications (5)

Common code files (1)

Migration assessment

Java applications

Search

Java application	Collection/Profile	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Application cost in days
DayTrader2-EE5.ear Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	4 8	1	8
DefaultApplication.ear Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	1 4	0	0.5
modresorts.ear Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Simple	2	0	0
mydaytrader.ear Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	4 8	1	8
PlantsByWebSphereV8.ear Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	1 8	0	0.5

5. In the upper area, you can see easily that Transformation Advisor identified some common code, which means the effort to migrate all applications in the workspace is lower than the effort to migrate each application on its own.

Collections

Collections

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1 x Migration targets

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6. The default migration target is set to Open Liberty. To see if WebSphere Liberty as target requires less effort, change the migration target to compare both Liberty runtimes.



Collections

Collections ▾

Migration target ⓘ

2 × Migration targets ^

☒ Open Liberty

☒ WebSphere Liberty

☐ WebSphere traditional

7. As you can see immediately, the efforts for WebSphere Liberty are lower than for Open Liberty.

Collections

Collections ▾

Migration target ⓘ

2 × Migration targets ▾

Total Applications

5

Workspace estimated total costs ⓘ

Open Liberty	8.5 days
WebSphere Liberty	5.5 days

We will talk about the reasons later.


8. Click on “Application costs in days” to sort by cost.

Java application	Collection/ Profile	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Application cost in days ⓘ
<a href="#">modresorts.ear</a> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Simple	● ● ● 2	0	0
<a href="#">modresorts.ear</a> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Simple	● ● ● 2	0	0
<a href="#">PlantsByWebSphereV8.ear</a> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● ● 8	0	0.5
<a href="#">PlantsByWebSphereV8.ear</a> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● ● 8	0	0.5
<a href="#">DefaultApplication.ear</a> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● ● 4	0	0.5
<a href="#">DefaultApplication.ear</a> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● ● 4	0	0.5
▼ <a href="#">DayTrader2-EE5.ear</a> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● ● 7	1	5
▼ <a href="#">mydaytrader.ear</a> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● ● 7	1	5
▼ <a href="#">DayTrader2-EE5.ear</a> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 4 ● ● 8	1	8
▼ <a href="#">mydaytrader.ear</a> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 4 ● ● 8	1	8

9. Let's take a closer look at some applications.

- If you want to move the **modresorts.ear** application to Open Liberty, the complexity level is Simple, which indicates that the application code does not need to be changed. The application has no dependency, has two minor level issue and the estimated development effort is zero day because no code change is required.
- PlantsByWebSphereV8.ear** requires code changes, so the complexity level is Moderate. But as you can see, the estimated development effort is half a day, so also a possible candidate for Liberty.
- As the name indicates, **DayTrader2-EE5.ear** is an older application that uses some older Java EE standards. The application **mydaytrader.ear** is a derivation of it with the same old standards. While the applications have for both runtimes a complexity level of Moderate, the estimated migration effort for WebSphere Liberty is less than for Open Liberty.

10. Open the twisty for the application DayTrader2 and you can see that it uses the common file dt-ejb.jar which takes 3 of the total costs of 8 days and is used by 2 applications

Java application	Collection/ Profile	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Application cost in days ⓘ
 <b>DayTrader2-EE5.ear</b> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 4 ● 8	1	8

**Common code files (1)**

Source environment: IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment  
Common Code: 3 days ⓘ Unique app code: 5 days ⓘ Total cost: 8 days

Complexity	Name	Used By	Complexity
Unassessed 0	dt-ejb.jar	2 apps	Moderate

1  
.jar file

Simple 0			
Moderate 1			
Complex 0			

11. Sort by application name and click on the application DayTrader2 with target Open Liberty.

Java application	Collection/ Profile	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Application cost in days ⓘ
▼ <b>DayTrader2-EE5.ear</b> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 4 ● 8	1	8
▼ <b>DayTrader2-EE5.ear</b> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● 7	1	5

12. Scroll down and you can see that there are some technology issues in the common code and these issues are in the area of persistence.

## Common Code Issues

Technology issues	▲ 3 ● ●	3 days	^
▲ Disable the persistence unit second-level cache		0.25 days	▼
▲ OpenJPA and WebSphere JPA configuration properties must be migrated		2.5 days	▼
▲ Do not use OpenJPA providers in the persistence.xml file		0.25 days	▼

13. In the browser go back to the previous screen and click on the link for **DayTrader2-EE5.ear** with Migration Target **WebSphere Liberty**

Java application	Collection/ Profile	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Application cost in days ⓘ
▼ <a href="#">DayTrader2-EE5.ear</a> Open Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 4 ● 8	1	8
▼ <a href="#">DayTrader2-EE5.ear</a> WebSphere Liberty	RHEL7Guac / StandaloneSrv1	Moderate	▲ 1 ● 7	1	5

14. Scroll down and you can see that there are no technology issues some common code issues around persistence.

## Common Code Issues

External dependencies	● ● ● 1	0 days	▼
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This is because WebSphere Liberty supports next to Java EE 7 also Java EE 6 Web Profile, especially JPA 2.0 which is used by the application to implement persistence. Reason for the difference between Open Liberty and WebSphere Liberty is, that WebSphere Liberty contains some additional features which help with migration, in that case the support for JPA 2.0.

15. Xxx

In TA we calculate the cost for that issue as:

5 days for the first occurrence, 0 days for each occurrence after that.

So when we calculate the cost at the workspace level we don't add up all the unique app costs and the common code cost per app, we do it per workspace.

Since the occurrence cost for this issue is 0 it means that across the 2 apps the cost is still 5

We pay the base cost in the first app, and nothing in the second app

16. The Application Details Page opens and displays more information about the efforts.  
As you can see, there are additional issues next to the one around JAX-RPC (again you might have to open the twisty).

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Home / WASenv1 / StandaloneServer1 / DayTrader2-EE5.ear

## DayTrader2-EE5.ear

Add to business application + View migration plan →

Source environment	Migration Target	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Total application cost
IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment StandaloneSV1 Version: 8.5.5.18	Open Liberty	Moderate	4	8	0
					8 days

**Complexity rules**

A level of domain knowledge or skill is required to prepare for migration.

Overall Complexity: **Moderate**

Update code

Description: Code changes to the application may be required.

Related issues

- Java API for XML-based RPC (JAX-RPC) is unavailable
- OpenJPA and WebSphere JPA configuration properties must be migrated
- Disable the persistence unit second-level cache
- Do not use OpenJPA providers in the persistence.xml file

4 issues

17. Scroll down a bit to see additional information gathered by the collector. Click on **Technology issues**, to see the migration issues with estimated development efforts in more detail, then click on **External dependencies**.

Technology issues	4	8 days	^
▲ Java API for XML-based RPC (JAX-RPC) is unavailable		5 days	▼
▲ OpenJPA and WebSphere JPA configuration properties must be migrated		2.5 days	▼
▲ Disable the persistence unit second-level cache		0.25 days	▼
▲ Do not use OpenJPA providers in the persistence.xml file		0.25 days	▼
External dependencies	4	0 days	^
● Databases		0 days	▼
● Java Message Service (JMS)		0 days	▼
● Remote EJB lookups		0 days	▼
● Remote web services		0 days	▼
Additional information	4	0 days	▼

As you can see under external dependencies, the application depends on databases, messaging systems and accesses other systems via Remote EJB lookups and Remote web services. The dependencies help you to identify side effects when moving into containers or into a public cloud for example. Feel free to open for each issue and dependency the related twisty to get more insight.

18. Scroll down to the bottom to see the additional reports.

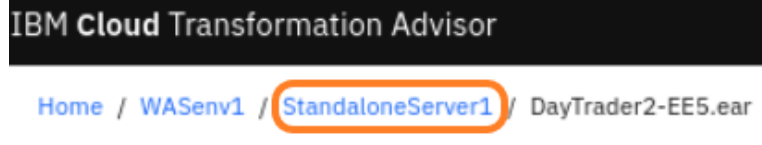
<p><b>Technology report</b></p> <p>Details on which IBM platforms support the technologies used by the applications.</p> <p>🔗</p>	<p><b>Inventory report</b></p> <p>High-level inventory of the content and structure of each application, plus information about potential deployment problems and performance considerations.</p> <p>🔗</p>	<p><b>Analysis report</b></p> <p>Potential issues, their severity and possible solutions.</p> <p>🔗</p>
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The three reports have been created by the collector and contain more technical details about:

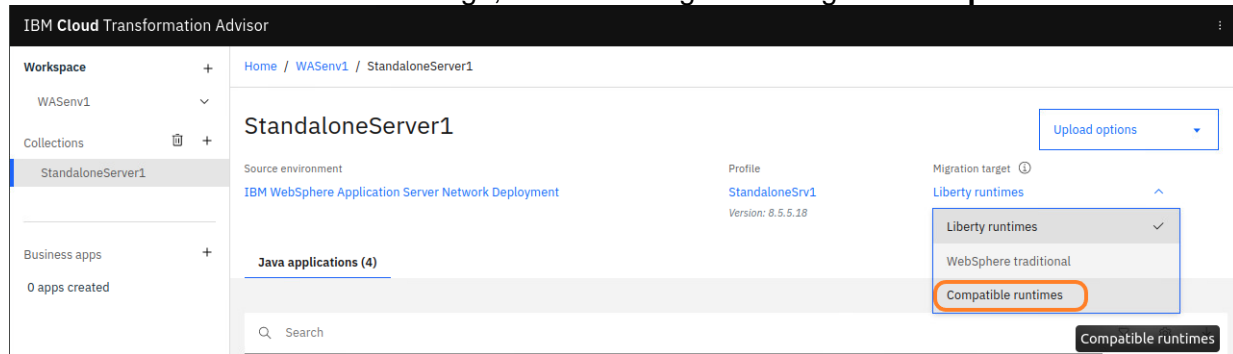
- the issues (Analysis report),
- the application structure and deployment topology (Inventory report)
- the target runtime (Technology report).

Feel free to open the reports to get some idea about the content.

19. In the browser go back to the previous screen by clicking on the link for the collection.



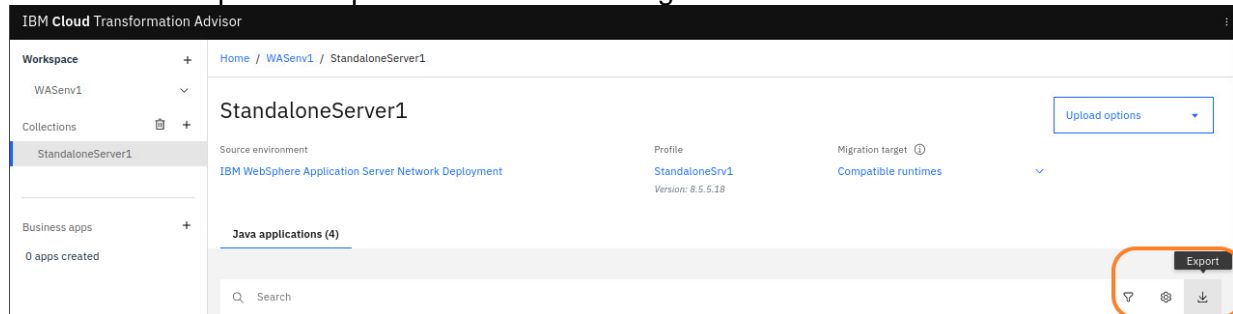
20. Back on the Recommendations Page, switch the Migration Target to **Compatible runtimes**.



21. Now you can easily compare for all applications the estimated migration efforts for traditional WAS v9 versus Liberty.

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<div> <div> Workspace + </div> <div> WASenv1 ▼ </div> <div> Collections + </div> <div> StandaloneServer1 </div> <div> Business apps + </div> <div> 0 apps created </div> </div> <div> Home / WASenv1 / StandaloneServer1 </div> <div> <div>StandaloneServer1</div> <div> Source environment IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment </div> <div> Profile StandaloneSrv1 Version: 8.5.5.18 </div> <div> Migration target ⓘ Liberty runtimes <div> Liberty runtimes ✓ WebSphere traditional Compatible runtimes </div> </div> <div>Upload options</div> </div> <div> <div>Java applications (4)</div> <div>Search</div> </div> <div>Compatible runtimes</div>					
Name	Migration Target	Complexity	Issues	Estimated dev cost in days	
DayTrader2-EE5.ear Open Liberty	Open Liberty	Moderate	▲ 4 ● 8	8	⋮
DayTrader2-EE5.ear WebSphere Liberty	WebSphere Liberty	Moderate	▲ 1 ● 7	5	⋮
DayTrader2-EE5.ear WebSphere traditional	WebSphere traditional	Simple	● 6	0	⋮
DefaultApplication.ear Open Liberty	Open Liberty	Moderate	▲ 1 ● 4	0.5	⋮
DefaultApplication.ear WebSphere traditional	WebSphere traditional	Simple	● 3	0	⋮
modresorts.ear Open Liberty	Open Liberty	Simple	● 2	0	⋮
modresorts.ear WebSphere traditional	WebSphere traditional	Simple	● 1	0	⋮
PlantsByWebSphereV8.ear Open Liberty	Open Liberty	Moderate	▲ 1 ● 8	0.5	⋮
PlantsByWebSphereV8.ear WebSphere traditional	WebSphere traditional	Simple	● 5	0	⋮

## 22. You can also export the reports to share the findings



## 2.5 Migrate the modresorts application

As you can see, for modresorts.ear the estimated development efforts for WAS traditional and Liberty are both zero, so let's try to migrate the application to Liberty.

1. Click on the application modresorts.war for target Open Liberty to see the details

Name	Migration Target	Complexity	Issues	Estimated dev cost in days
modresorts.ear Open Liberty	Open Liberty	Simple	2	0
modresorts.ear WebSphere traditional	WebSphere traditional	Simple	1	0

2. As there are no issues and no dependencies, it should be easy to migrate the application to Liberty. Click on the button **View a migration plan**.

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**modresorts.ear**

Add to business application + **View migration plan** →

Source environment	Migration Target	Complexity	Issues	Common code files	Total application cost
IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment StandaloneSrv1 Version: 8.5.5.18	Open Liberty	Simple	2	0	0 days

**Complexity rules**  
A level of domain knowledge or skill is required to prepare for migration.  
No code changes are needed and dependencies are easily manageable  
Simple  
2 issues  
Overall Complexity: Simple

**Issue details**  
You may have the following issues during migration. Issues result from breaking specific migration rules. Check each issue severity to see how urgent  
Additional information  
2  
0 days

3. Transformation Advisor generates several assets which help to migrate to Liberty, into containers and Kubernetes.

## Migration plan

The files included in your migration bundle help you migrate to IBM Open Liberty, create an image, and package your application as a Kubernetes Operator for easy deployment.

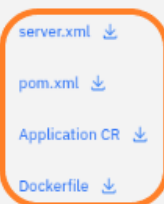
### Build type ⓘ

Select the type of application you want to build to help Transformation Advisor determine what files to include in the bundle.

- ☒ Source code  
☐ Binary

### Migration Files

These files are generated by Transformation Advisor to assist in migrating this application:



- The file `server.xml` contains the Liberty configuration extracted from tWAS.
- The file `pom.xml` helps with the integration into maven build
- The custom resources Application CR helps to deploy to Kubernetes
- Dockerfile helps to containerize the application

## Select the Build type **Binary**.

## Migration plan

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Select the type of application you want to build to help Transformation Advisor determine what files to include in the bundle.

- ☐ Source code  
☒ Binary

4. Upload the `modresorts-1.0.war` file by clicking in the related field



**Build type** ⓘ  
Select the type of application you want to build to help Transformation Advisor determine what files to include in the bundle.

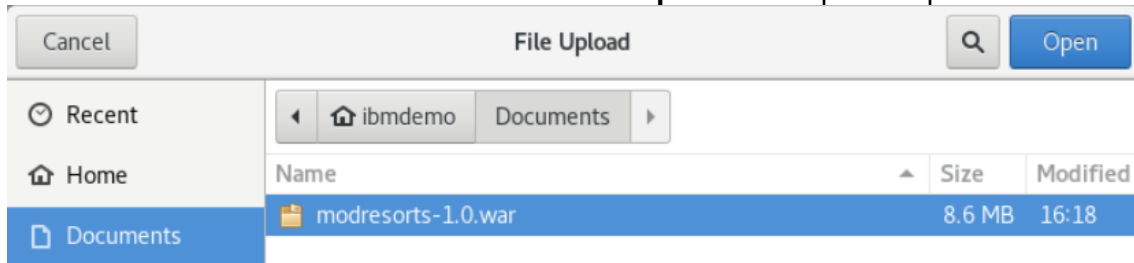
☐ Source code  
☒ Binary

**Application dependencies**  
Transformation Advisor detected some application dependencies. Please provide the dependencies in addition to the application binary by manually uploading or supplying your Maven coordinates:

☒ Manual upload  
☐ Maven repository

Detected dependencies	Uploaded files
Application binary	<div>Drag or add file</div>

then select in the pop-up panel “**Documents**” and navigate to the Documents folder. Select the file **modresorts-1.0.war** and click on **Open** in the top of the panel.



- Back on the Migration plan page, click on **Download** to download the migration bundle.

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Detected dependencies	Uploaded files
Application binary	modresorts-1.0.war

**Migration Files**  
These files are generated by Transformation Advisor to assist in migrating this application:

[server.xml](#) [Download](#)  
[pom.xml](#) [Download](#)  
[Application CR](#) [Download](#)  
[Dockerfile](#) [Download](#)

Application name  
**modresorts.ear**

Source environment  
IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment

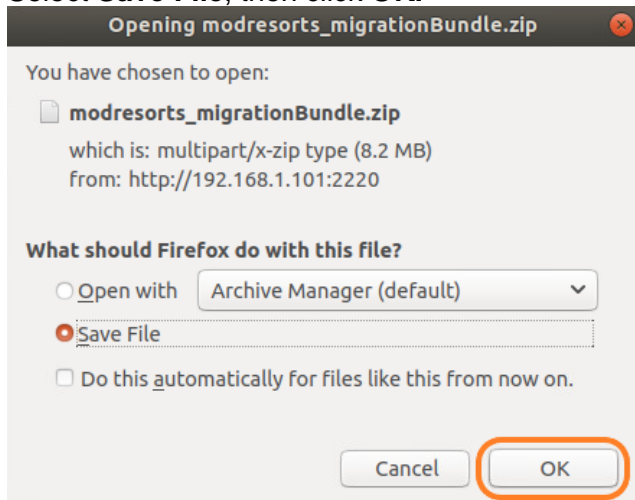
Migration target  
Open Liberty

Send your bundle to Git to begin building and deploying your applications. You can also download the bundle below.

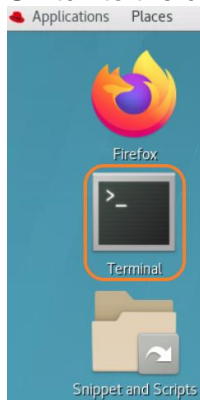
[Send to Git](#)

**Download** [Send](#)

6. Select **Save File**, then click **OK**.



7. Switch to the command shell.



8. Stop the running WAS Traditional instance  
To avoid port conflicts between tWAS and Liberty, let's stop the tWAS instance.  
In the terminal window, issue the command below to start the WAS server.

```
/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/bin/stopServer.sh server1
```

Alternatively you can run the command `/usr/IBM/scripts/twas_Stop.sh`

9. In the command shell, execute the following commands to

- install WebSphere Liberty,
- extract the migration bundle,
- create a Liberty server instance,
- copy the migration assets to Liberty
- start the Liberty server.

You can also run instead the command `/usr/IBM/scripts/buildLiberty.sh`

During Liberty installation, you have to accept the license agreement (press 'x', 'x', '1') and accept the default for the directory by pressing **Enter**.

```
mkdir /var/IBM/temp/modLiberty
cd /var/IBM/temp/modLiberty

# Install Liberty - accept the license agreement and the defaults provided
java -jar /var/IBM/software/WAS/wlp-base-all-21.0.0.3.jar

# Extract the migration bundle
unzip /home/ibmdemo/Downloads/modresorts_migrationBundle.zip

# Create a Liberty instance called modServer
wlp/bin/server create modServer

# Copy the Liberty configuration created by TA to the Liberty instance
cp src/main/liberty/config/server.xml wlp/usr/servers/modServer/
# Copy the application war file to the Liberty instance
cp target/modresorts-1.0.war wlp/usr/servers/modServer/dropins/

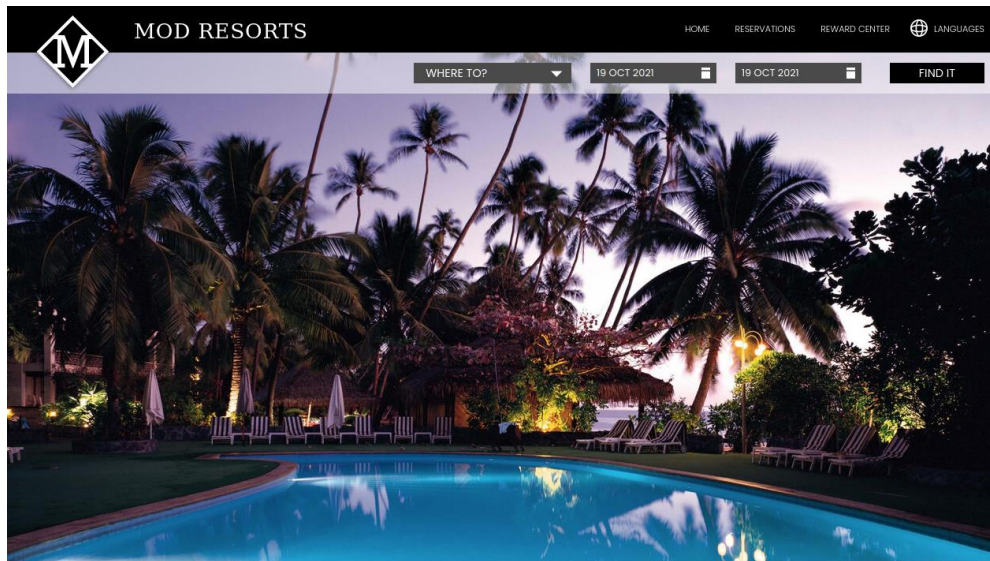
# Start the Liberty instance called modServer
wlp/bin/server run modServer
```

You can ignore any errors that the keystore does not exist.

10. Wait until you see the message that server and application have been started.

```
[AUDIT ] CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default host): http://rhel7guac:9080/resorts/
[AUDIT ] CWWKZ0001I: Application modresorts-1.0 started in 1.959 seconds.
[AUDIT ] CWWKF0012I: The server installed the following features: [cdi-1.2, distributedMap-1.0, jndi-1.0, json-1.0, mpConfig-1.2, mpMetrics-1.1, servlet-3.1, ssl-1.0, transportSecurity-1.0].
[AUDIT ] CWWKF0011I: The modServer server is ready to run a smarter planet. The modServer server started in 8.901 seconds.
```

11. Access the modresorts application on Liberty via browser using the URL **localhost:9080/resorts**  
You should see something like this:



12. Switch back to the terminal window and press Ctrl-C to stop the Liberty server.
13. Now let's create a Liberty container with modresorts.  
You will use the Dockerfile that has been created by Transformation Advisor.

```
cd /var/IBM/temp/modLiberty
```

14. if you are interested in the Dockerfile, open it for ex, via cat.

```
cat Dockerfile
```

The Dockerfile has instructions to

- use adoptopenjdk as base image
- copy the migration assets from the migration bundle into the image
- use the Open Liberty kernel image
- enhance the Open Liberty image with additional features required by the application
- apply available interim fixes and optimize caching

```

[ibmdemo@RHEL7Guac modLiberty]$ cat Dockerfile
# Generated by IBM TransformationAdvisor
# Thu Nov 04 09:41:44 UTC 2021

FROM adoptopenjdk/openjdk8-openj9 A5 build-stage

RUN apt-get update && \
    apt-get install -y maven unzip

COPY . /project
WORKDIR /project

#RUN mvn -X initialize process-resources verify => to get dependencies from maven
#RUN mvn clean package
#RUN mvn --version
RUN mvn --version

RUN mkdir -p /config/apps && \
    mkdir -p /sharedlibs && \
    cp ./src/main/liberty/config/server.xml /config && \
    cp ./target/*.war /config/apps/ && \
    if [ ! -z "$(ls ./src/main/liberty/lib)" ]; then \
        cp ./src/main/liberty/lib/* /sharedlibs; \
    fi

FROM icr.io/appcafe/open-liberty:kernel-slim-java8-openj9-ubi

ARG TLS=true

RUN mkdir -p /opt/ol/wlp/usr/shared/config/lib/global
COPY --chown=1001:0 --from=build-stage /config/ /config/
COPY --chown=1001:0 --from=build-stage /sharedlibs/ /opt/ol/wlp/usr/shared/config/lib/global

# This script will add the requested XML snippets to enable Liberty features and grow image to be fit-for-purpose using featureUtility.
# Only available in 'kernel-slim'. The 'full' tag already includes all features for convenience.
RUN features.sh

# Add interim fixes (optional)
# COPY --chown=1001:0 interim-fixes /opt/ol/fixes/

# This script will add the requested server configurations, apply any interim fixes and populate caches to optimize runtime
RUN configure.sh

# Upgrade to production license if URL to JAR provided
ARG LICENSE_JAR_URL
RUN \
    if [ $LICENSE_JAR_URL ]; then \
        wget $LICENSE_JAR_URL -O /tmp/license.jar \
        && java -jar /tmp/license.jar -acceptlicense /opt/ibm \
        && rm /tmp/license.jar; \
    fi

```

15. Use the above Dockerfile generated by Transformation Advisor to build the Liberty container with modresorts.

Be aware that there is a dot at the end of the command to tell docker build to use the Dockerfile from the current directory.

```
docker build -t modresorts .
```

Finally you should see something like:

```

Successfully built 5dbala556971
Successfully tagged modresorts:latest

```

16. Run Liberty in a container using the command  
If there are errors regarding the keystore, you can ignore them.

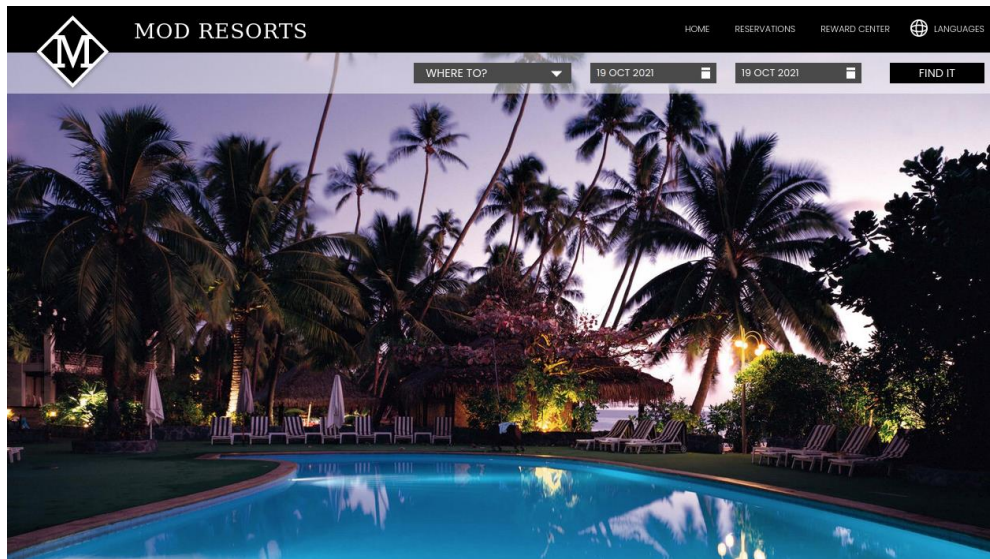
```
docker run -name -p 9080:9080 modresorts:latest
```

17. Wait until you see the message that server and application have been started.

```
[AUDIT ] CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default host): http://fb47510d30ed:9080/resorts/
[AUDIT ] CWWKZ0001I: Application modresorts-1.0 started in 0.376 seconds.
[AUDIT ] CWWKF0012I: The server installed the following features: [cdi-1.2, distributedMap-1.0, jndi-1.0, json-1.0, mpConfig-1.2, mpMetrics-1.1, servlet-3.1, ssl-1.0, transportSecurity-1.0].
[AUDIT ] CWWKF0011I: The defaultServer server is ready to run a smarter planet. The defaultServer server started in 1.552 seconds.
```

The container has been started and mapped from the internal port 9080 to the external port 9080.

18. Access the application from your browser with this link: localhost:9080/resorts/.  
You should see something like this:



19. After testing, switch back to the terminal window and press Ctrl-C to stop the container.

20. Close any open browser window, file explorer or command shell in the VM.

Congratulations! You have successfully used the IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor to evaluate an existing WebSphere application and migrate it to Liberty to run standalone or in a container.

==== END OF LAB ====



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## 3 Troubleshooting

### 3.1 Transformation Advisor

#### Access to UI fails:

If the Transformation Advisor GUI cannot be accessed via browser (URL: <http://localhost:3000>), make sure that TA is started. To verify this, open a command shell and run the command `docker ps`

The output should be like this:

```
ibmdemo@tecroot-virtual-machine:~$ docker ps | grep trans
b471dac9c4fe   icr.io/appcafe/transformation-advisor-ui:2.5.0      "/start.sh &"      21
hours ago    Up 21 hours    0.0.0.0:3000->3000/tcp, :::3000->3000/tcp
ibm-transformationAdvisor-UI

f65a4c2de9c0   icr.io/appcafe/transformation-advisor-server:2.5.0  "/opt/ibm/helpers/ru..."  21
hours ago    Up 21 hours    9443/tcp, 0.0.0.0:2220->9080/tcp, :::2220->9080/tcp
ibm-transformationAdvisor-Server

dbd7b6d069ff   icr.io/appcafe/transformation-advisor-db:2.5.0      "/usr/local/bin/tini..."  21
hours ago    Up 21 hours    4369/tcp, 5984/tcp, 9100/tcp
ibm-transformationAdvisor-couchDB
```

If the images are not started, switch to the TA directory and run the launcher with these commands:

```
cd /usr/IBM/TA/transformation-advisor-local-2.5.0
./launchTransformationAdvisor.sh
```

Choose option 5 to start the TA.

```
ibmdemo@tecroot-virtual-machine:~$ cd /usr/IBM/TA/transformation-advisor-local-2.5.0
ibmdemo@tecroot-virtual-machine:/usr/IBM/TA/transformation-advisor-local-2.5.0$ ./launchTransformationAdvisor.sh

Prerequisites
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Docker installed.
Docker Compose installed.

Status
-----
Transformation Advisor 2.5.0 is available for us at the following URL> http://192.168.1.101:3000

Select the operation.....

1) Install Transformation Advisor
2) Uninstall Transformation Advisor (keep database data)
3) Uninstall Transformation Advisor (remove database data)
4) Stop Transformation Advisor
5) Start Transformation Advisor
6) Check for latest Transformation Advisor
7) Working in an Air Gapped Environment
8) Quit
```

## 3.2 Liberty startup fails

If Liberty cannot be started, make sure that the WAS Traditional instance has been stopped.

In the terminal window, issue the command below to stop the WAS server.

```
/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/bin/stopServer.sh server1
```

Alternatively you can run the command `/usr/IBM/scripts/twas_Stop.sh`

Investigate into the Liberty logs which you can find in

```
/var/IBM/temp/modLiberty/wlp/usr/servers/modServer/logs
```



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## 4 Cleanup

Remove TA collection from the download directory

```
$ rm ~/Downloads/*
```

```
$ rm -rf /var/IBM/temp/*
```

```
$ docker rm modresorts
```

```
$ docker rmi modresorts:latest
```

```
$ rm -rf /usr/IBM/TA_collector
```

Remove collection from TA GUI

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## 5 Summary

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## 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Lab\_WSAcommands.txt

```
The latest version of the TA commands are available at
https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSHE/lab_TAcommands.txt
If you want to copy it to your local system, use
curl https://larsbesselmannibm.github.io/labs/WSA/lab_TAcommands.txt >
/var/IBM/temp/lab_TAcommands.txt

# Start tWAS
echo "Start WAS instance"
/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/bin/startServer.sh server1

# Create TA workspace with name WASenv1

# Extract collector
mkdir -p /var/IBM/temp/TA_collector/
cd /var/IBM/temp/TA_collector/
tar -zxvf /home/ibmdemo/Downloads/transformationadvisor-Linux_WASenv1.tgz

# Run Collector
cd /var/IBM/temp/TA_collector/transformationadvisor-3.0.0
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/java/
bin/transformationadvisor --help

bin/transformationadvisor -w /usr/IBM/WAS855ND/ -p StandaloneSrv1

# Stop tWAS
echo "Stop WAS instance"
/usr/IBM/WAS855ND/profiles/StandaloneSrv1/bin/stopServer.sh server1

# Build Liberty Instance
echo "Build Liberty with modresorts"
mkdir /var/IBM/temp/modLiberty
cd /var/IBM/temp/modLiberty
echo "Install liberty via archive"
java -jar /var/IBM/software/WAS/wlp-base-all-21.0.0.3.jar

# Extract migration bundle
unzip /home/ibmdemo/Downloads/modresorts_migrationBundle.zip
echo "Create Liberty instance"
wlp/bin/server create modServer

# Copy application war and Liberty configuration from migration bundle
cp src/main/liberty/config/server.xml wlp/usr/servers/modServer/
cp target/modresorts-1.0.war wlp/usr/servers/modServer/dropins/
echo "Start Liberty instance"
wlp/bin/server run modServer

# Create a Liberty container
cd /var/IBM/temp/modLiberty
docker build -t modresorts .
docker run --name modresorts -p 9080:9080 modresorts:latest
```

