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Xenon

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What is it?

Xenon is a middleware abstraction library. It provides a simple Java programming interface to various pieces of software that can be used to access distributed compute and storage resources.

Why Xenon?

Xenon is developed by the Netherlands eScience Center as a support library for our projects. Several projects develop end-user applications that require access to distributed compute and storage resources. Xenon provides a simple API to access those resources, allowing those applications to be developed more rapidly. The experience gained during the development of these end-user applications is used to improve the Xenon API and implementation.

Installation

The installation procedure and dependencies of the Xenon library can be found in the file “INSTALL.md” in the Xenon distribution. In Addition, the “EXAMPLES.md” file explains how to compile and run the Xenon examples.

Xenon uses the gradle build automation tool. Use `./gradlew tasks` to list all available tasks,

Build

Xenon library can be built with:

```
./gradlew build
```

Offline build

Requirements:

- JDK
- Gradle
- pandoc and texlive to generate userguide.pdf

The dist can be built offline with

```
gradle -b build-offline.gradle --offline build
```

Replace **build** to run another Gradle task.

Offline limitations/workarounds:

1. Integration test are not prepared. To run offline integration tests **you are responsible** for running `./src/test/resources/scripts/create_symlinks` on the locations specified in the `xenon.test.properties` file.
2. Publishing to bintray must be done manually
3. No test coverage, coverage report generation requires download
4. No SonarQube analysis

Development

To open in an IDE like Eclipse or IntelliJ IDEA, create project files with `./gradlew eclipse` or `./gradlew idea` respectively.

Perform tests with test and coverage reports in `build/reports` directory.

```
./gradlew test jacocoTestReport
```

Run integration tests by

1. first copying `src/test/resources/xenon.test.properties.examples` to `xenon.test.properties`

2. updating `xenon.test.properties` file to your infrastructure
3. run intergration tests with

```
./gradlew check
```

Build distribution with

```
./gradlew assembleDist
```

Run SonarQube analysis (when you have a local SonarQube service running) with

```
./gradlew sonarqube -Dsonar.host.url=http://localhost:9000 \
-Dsonar.jdbc.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/sonarqube \
-Dsonar.jdbc.username=sonar -Dsonar.jdbc.password=sonar
```

Generate documentation

Userguide The userguide (doc/userguide/userguide.pdf) can be generated with

```
./gradlew userguidePdf
```

Javadoc Javadoc be generated with

```
./gradlew javadoc
firefox build/docs/javadoc/index.html
```

Development Javadoc Javadoc for developers be generated with

```
./gradlew javadocDevel
firefox build/docs/javadoc-devel/index.html
```

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Design

Xenon is designed with extensibility in mind. It uses a modular and layered design as shown in the figure below. Xenon consists of three layers, an *interface layer*, an *engine layer* and an *adaptor layer*.

The *interface layer* is used by the application using Xenon. It contains several specialized interfaces:

- Xenon: this is the main entry point used to retrieve the other interfaces.
- Files: contains functionality related to files, e.g., creation, deletion, copying, reading, writing, obtaining directory listings, etc.
- Jobs: contains functionality related to job submission, e.g., submitting, polling status, cancelling, etc.
- Credentials: contains functionality related to credentials. Credentials (such as a username password combination) are often needed to gain access to files or to submit jobs.

The modular design of Xenon allows us to add additional interfaces in later versions, e.g., a Clouds interface to manage virtual machines, or a Networks interface to manage bandwidth-on-demand networks.

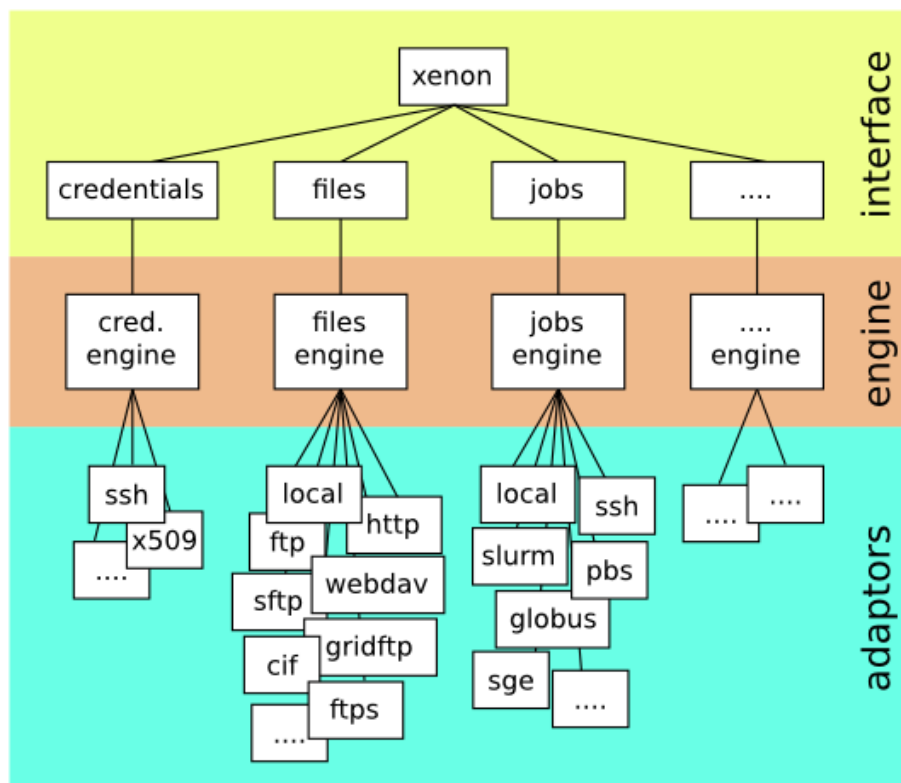


Figure 2: Xenon design

The *adaptor layer* contains the adaptors for the each of the middlewares that Xenon supports. An *adaptor* offers a middleware specific implementation for the functionality offered by one of the interfaces in Xenon.

For example, an adaptor may provide an *sftp* specific implementation of the functions in the Xenon *file interface* (such as *copy* or *delete*) by translating each of these functions to *sftp* specific code and commands.

For each interface in Xenon there may be multiple adaptors translating its functionality to different middlewares. To distinguish between these adaptors Xenon uses the *scheme* they support, such as “sftp”, “http” or “ssh”. There can be only one adaptor for each scheme.

The *engine layer* of Xenon contains the “glue” that connects each interface to the adaptors that implement its functionality. When a function of the interface layer is invoked, the call will be forwarded to the engine layer. It is then the responsibility of the engine layer to forward this call to the right adaptor.

To perform this selection, the engine layer matches the *scheme* of the object on which the operation needs to be performed, to the *schemes* supported by each of the adaptors. When the schemes match, the adaptor is selected.

Interfaces and datatypes

This section will briefly explain each of the interfaces and related datatypes. Detailed information about Xenon can be found in the online Javadoc at:

<http://nlesc.github.io/Xenon/javadoc/>

Package Structure

The Xenon API uses the following package structure:

- `nl.esciencecenter.xenon` Entry point into Xenon.
- `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.credentials` Credential interface.
- `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.files` Files interface.
- `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.jobs` Jobs interface.
- `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.util` Various utility classes.

We will now briefly describe the most important classes and interfaces of these packages.

Getting started

The `nl.esciencecenter.xenon` package contains the entry point into the Xenon library: `XenonFactory`

```

public class XenonFactory {
    public static Xenon newXenon(Map<String,String> properties)
    public static void endXenon(Xenon xenon)
    public static void endAll()
}

```

The **newXenon** method can be used to create a new **Xenon** instance, while the **endXenon** method can be used to release the Xenon instance once it is no longer needed. It is important to end the Xenon when it is no longer needed, as this allows it to release any resources it has obtained.

When creating an Xenon using **newXenon**, the *properties* parameter can be used to configure the Xenon instance. If no configuration is necessary, **null** can be used.

Properties consist of a set of key-value pairs. In Xenon all keys **must** start with “xenon.”. To configure the adaptors, properties of the form “xenon.adaptors.(name).(property)” can be used, where “(name)” is the name of the adaptor (for example “local” or “ssh”) and “(property)” is the name of the property to be configured. Note that this name can be further qualified, for example “xenon.adaptors.local.a.b.c”. The available properties can be found in the documentation of the individual adaptors (see Appendix A).

A call to **newXenon** will return an **Xenon**:

```

public interface Xenon {
    Files files()
    Jobs jobs()
    Credentials credentials()
    Map<String,String> getProperties()
    AdaptorStatus getAdaptorStatus(String adaptorName)
    AdaptorStatus[] getAdaptorStatuses()
}

```

The **files**, **jobs** and **credentials** methods in this interface can be used to retrieve various interfaces that the Xenon library offers. They will be described in more detail below.

The **getProperties** method can be used to retrieve the properties used when the Xenon was created. Most objects created by Xenon contain such a **getProperties** method. For brevity, we will not explain these further.

The **getAdaptorStatus** method can be used to retrieve information about the adaptors. This information is returned in an **AdaptorStatus**:

```

public interface AdaptorStatus {
    String getName()
}

```

```

    String getDescription()
    String[] getSupportedSchemes()
    XenonPropertyDescriptor[] getSupportedProperties()
    Map<String, String> getAdaptorSpecificInformation()
}

```

An **AdaptorStatus** contains **getName** to retrieve the name of an adaptor, **getDescription** to get a human readable description of what functionality it has to offer and **getSupportedSchemes** to retrieve a list of the schemes it supports.

The **getSupportedProperties** method can be used to retrieve a list of configuration options the adaptor supports. Each returned **XenonPropertyDescriptor** gives a full description of a single property, including its name (of the form “xenon.adaptors.(name).(property)”), the expected type of its value, a human readable description of its purpose, etc. More information on the supported properties can be found in Appendix A.

Finally, **getAdaptorSpecificInformation** can be used to retrieve status information from the adaptor. Each key contains a property of the form described above.

Credentials interface

The `nl.sciencecenter.xenon.credentials` package contains the **Credentials** interface of Xenon:

```

public interface Credentials {
    Credential newCertificateCredential(String scheme, String keyfile, String certfile, String[] password, Map<String,String> properties)

    Credential newPasswordCredential(String scheme, String username, char [] password, Map<String,String> properties)
    Credential getDefaultCredential(String scheme)
    void close(Credential credential)
}

```

The **Credentials** interface contains various methods for creating credentials, based on certificates or passwords. For each method, the desired *scheme* needs to be provided as a parameter (for example, “ssh” or “sftp”). This allows Xenon to forward the call to the correct adaptor. Note that some types of credentials may not be supported by all adaptors. An exception will be thrown when an unsupported `__new__Credential__` methods is invoked.

Additional configuration can also be provided using the *properties* parameter, which use the same form as described in the *Xenon factory and interface* section above. If no additional configuration is needed, null can be used.

The **getDefaultCredential** method returns the default credential for the given scheme. All adaptors are guaranteed to support this method.

All `__new__Credential__` methods return a **Credential** that contains the following methods:

```
public interface Credential {
    String getAdaptorName()
    Map<String,String> getProperties()
}
```

The **getAdaptorName** method can be used to retrieve the name of the adaptor that created the credential. Many adaptor specific objects returned by Xenon contain this method. For brevity we will not explain this further.

When a **Credential** is no longer used, it **must** be closed using **close**. This releases any resources held by the **Credential**. The **isOpen** method can be used to check if a **Credential** is open or closed.

Files interface

The `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.files` package contains the **Files** interface of Xenon. For readability we will split the explanation of **Files** into several parts:

```
public interface Files {
    FileSystem newFileSystem(String scheme, String location, Credential credential, Map<String,String> properties)
    void close(FileSystem filesystem)
    boolean isOpen(FileSystem filesystem)
    // ... more follows
}
```

The **Files** interface contains several methods for creating and closing a **FileSystem**. A **FileSystem** provides an abstraction for a (possibly remote) file system.

To create a **FileSystem** the **newFileSystem** method can be used. As before, the desired **scheme** must be provided as a parameter. In addition, the *location* parameter provides information on the location of the file system using an adaptor specific string. For local file systems, the location must contain the root of the file system to access, such as “/” on Linux or “C:” on Windows. For remote file systems, the location typically contains the host name of the machine to connect to. The exact format of accepted location strings can be found in the adaptor documentation.

The following are all valid combinations of file system schemes and locations:

"file", "/"	connect to local Linux file system
"file", "C:"	connect to local Windows C: drive
"sftp", "example.com"	connect to example.com using sftp
"sftp", "test@example.com:44"	connect to example.com using sftp on port 44 with "test" as user name.

The **newFileSystem** method also has a *credential* parameter to provide the credential needed to access the file system. If this parameter is set to **null** the default credentials will be used for the scheme. The *properties* parameter can be used to provide additional configuration properties. Again, **null** can be used if no additional configuration is required. The returned **FileSystem** contains the following methods:

```
public interface FileSystem {
    String getScheme()
    String getLocation()
    Path getEntryPath()
}
```

The **getScheme** and **getLocation** methods returns the scheme and location strings used to create the **FileSystem**. The **getEntryPath** method returns the *path at which the file system was entered*. For example, when accessing a file system using “sftp” it is customary (but not mandatory) to enter the file system at the users’ home directory. Therefore, the entry path of the **FileSystem** will be similar to “/home/(username)”. For local file systems the entry path is typically set to the root of the file system (such as “/” or “C:”).

When a **FileSystem** is no longer used, it **must** be closed using **close**. This releases any resources held by the **FileSystem**. The **isOpen** method can be used to check if a **FileSystem** is open or closed. Once a **FileSystem** is created, it can be used to access files:

```
public interface Files {
    Path newPath(FileSystem filesystem, RelativePath location)
    void createFile(Path path)
    void createDirectories(Path dir)
    void createDirectory(Path dir)
    boolean exists(Path path)
    void delete(Path path)
    FileAttributes getAttributes(Path path)
    // ... more follows
}
```

The **newPath** method can be used to create a new **Path**. A **Path** represents a path on a specific **FileSystem**. This path does not necessarily exists. To create

an **Path**, both the target **FileSystem** and a **RelativePath** are needed. A **RelativePath** contains a sequence of strings separated using a special *separator* character, and is used to identify a location on a file system (for example “/tmp/dir”). **RelativePath** contains many utility methods for manipulating these string sequences. The details can be found in the Javadoc of **RelativePath**.

Files contains several methods to create and delete files and directories. When creating files and directories Xenon checks if the target already exists. If so, an exception will be thrown. Similarly, an exception is thrown when attempting to delete non-existing file or a directory that is not empty. The **exists** method can be used to check if a path exists.

Using the **getAttributes** method the attributes of a file can be retrieved. The returned **FileAttributes** contains information on the type of file (regular file, directory, link, etc), its size, creation time, access rights, etc.

To list directories, the following methods are available:

```
public interface Files {
    DirectoryStream<Path> newDirectoryStream(Path dir)
    DirectoryStream<PathAttributesPair> newAttributesDirectoryStream(Path dir)
    // ... more follows
}
```

Both **newDirectoryStream** and **newAttributesDirectoryStream** return a **DirectoryStream** which can be used to iterate over the contents of a directory. For the latter, the **FileAttributes** for each of the files are also included. Alternatively, these methods are also available with an extra *filter* parameter, which can be used to filter the stream in advance.

To read or write files, the following methods are available:

```
public interface Files {
    InputStream newInputStream(Path path)
    OutputStream newOutputStream(Path path, OpenOption... options)
}
```

Using these methods, an **InputStream** can be created to read a file, and an **OutputStream** can be created to write a file. The **newOutputStream** method requires a *options* parameter to specify how the file should be opened for writing (for example, should the data be appended or should the file be truncated first). These options are described in more detail in the Javadoc.

To copy files, the following methods are available:

```
public interface Files {
    Copy copy(Path source, Path target, CopyOption... options)
```

```

        CopyStatus getCopyStatus(Copy copy)
        CopyStatus cancelCopy(Copy copy)
    }

```

The **copy** method supports various copy operations such as a regular copy, a resume or an append. The *options* parameter can be used to specify the desired operation. Normally, **copy** performs its operation *synchronously*, that is, the call blocks until the copy is completed. However, *asynchronous* operations are also supported by providing the option **CopyOption.ASYNCHRONOUS**. In that case a **Copy** object is returned that can be used to retrieve the status of the copy (using **getCopyStatus**) or cancel it (using **cancelCopy**). The details of the available copy operations can be found in the Javadoc of **CopyOption**.

Jobs interface

The `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.job` package contains the **Jobs** interface of Xenon. For readability we will split the explanation of **Jobs** into several parts:

```

public interface Jobs {
    Scheduler newScheduler(String scheme, String location, Credential credential, Map<String,
        void close(Scheduler scheduler)
        boolean isOpen(Scheduler scheduler)
        // ... more follows
}

```

The **Jobs** interface contains the **newScheduler** method that can be used to create a **Scheduler**. A **Scheduler** provides an abstraction for a (possibly remote) scheduler that can be used to run jobs. The **newScheduler** method has **scheme** and **location** parameters that specify how to access the scheduler. As with **newFileSystem** the **location** is adaptor specific. To access the local scheduler, passing `null` or an empty string is sufficient. To access remote schedulers, the location typically contains the host name of the machine to connect to. The exact format of accepted location strings can be found in the adaptor documentation.

The following are valid examples of scheduler schemes and locations:

"local", ""	the local scheduler
"ssh", "example.com"	connect to a remote scheduler at example.com using SSH
"slurm", ""	connect to a local slurm scheduler
"slurm", "test@example.com:44"	connect to a remote slurm scheduler at example.com via SSH on port 44

When a **Scheduler** is no longer used, it **must** be closed using the **close** method. The **isOpen** method can be used to check if a **Scheduler** is open or closed. A **Scheduler** contains the following:

```

public interface Scheduler {
    String[] getQueueNames()
    boolean isOnline()
    boolean supportsInteractive()
    boolean supportsBatch()
}

```

Each **Scheduler** contains one or more queues to which jobs can be submitted. Each queue has a name that is unique to the **Scheduler**. The **getQueueNames** method can be used to retrieve all queue names.

The **isOnline** method can be used to determine if the **Scheduler** is an *online scheduler* or an *offline scheduler*. Online schedulers need to remain active for their jobs to run. Closing an online scheduler will kill all jobs that were submitted to it. Offline schedulers do not need to remain active for their jobs to run. A submitted job will typically be handed over to some external server that will manage the job for the rest of its lifetime.

The **supportsInteractive** and **supportsBatch** method can be used to check if the **Scheduler** supports interactive and/or batch jobs. Interactive jobs are jobs where the user gets direct control over the standard streams of the job (the *stdin*, *stdout* and *stderr* streams). The user **must** retrieve these streams using the **getStreams** method in **Jobs** and then provide input and output, or close the streams. Failing to do so may cause the job to block indefinitely. Batch jobs are jobs where the standard streams are redirected from and to files. The location of these files must be set before the job is started, as will be explained below.

Once a **Scheduler** is created, **Jobs** contains several methods to retrieve information about the **Scheduler**:

```

public interface Jobs {
    String getDefaultQueueName(Scheduler scheduler)
    QueueStatus getQueueStatus(Scheduler scheduler, String queueName)
    QueueStatus[] getQueueStatuses(Scheduler scheduler, String... queueNames).
    Job[] getJobs(Scheduler scheduler, String... queueNames)
    // ... more follows
}

```

The **getQueueStatuses** method can be used to retrieve information about a queue. If no queue names are provided as a parameter, information on all queues in the scheduler will be returned. Using the **getDefaultQueueName** the default queue can be retrieved for the **Scheduler**. The **getJobs** method can be used to retrieve information on all jobs in a queue. Note that this may also include jobs from other users.

To submit and manage jobs, the **Jobs** interface contains the following methods:

```

public interface Jobs {
    Job submitJob(Scheduler scheduler, JobDescription description)
    Streams getStreams(Job job)
    JobStatus getJobStatus(Job job)
    JobStatus[] getJobStatuses(Job... jobs)
    JobStatus waitUntilRunning(Job job, long timeout)
    JobStatus waitUntilDone(Job job, long timeout)
    JobStatus cancelJob(Job job)
}

```

The **submitJob** method can be used to submit a job to a **Scheduler**. A **JobDescription** must be provided as parameter. A **JobDescription** contains all necessary information on how to start the job, for example, the location of the executable, any command line arguments that are required, the working directory, if the job is an interactive or batch job, the location of the files for stream redirection (in case of a batch job), etc. See the Javadoc for details of the **JobDescription**.

Once a job is submitted, a **Job** object is returned that can be used with **getJobStatus** to retrieve the status of the job, and with **cancelJob** to cancel it. This **Job** contains the following:

```

public interface Job {
    JobDescription getJobDescription()
    Scheduler getScheduler()
    String getIdentifier()
    boolean isInteractive()
    boolean isOnline()
}

```

Besides methods for retrieving the **JobDescription** and **Scheduler** that created it, each **Job** also contains the **isInteractive** method to determine if the **Job** is interactive, and the **isOnline** method to determine if the job is running on an *online scheduler* (explained above).

After submitting a job, **waitUntilRunning** can be used to wait until a job is no longer waiting in the queue and **waitUntilDone** can be used to wait until the job has finished.

For all methods returning a **JobStatus**, the following rule applies: after a job has finished, the status is only guaranteed to be returned *once*. Any subsequent calls to a method that returns a **JobStatus** *may* throw an exception stating that the job does not exist. Some adaptors may return a result however.

Utilities classes

The `nl.esciencecenter.xenon.util` package contains various utility classes. The main entry points are **Utils**, **Sandbox** and **JavaJobDescription**.

In **Utils** various utility methods can be found that make it easier to use Xenon. Many methods provide simple shortcuts to often used code constructs. Some examples are shown below:

```
public class Utils {
    // Create a new local Scheduler.
    public static Scheduler getLocalScheduler(Jobs jobs)

    // Create a new Scheduler without Credentials or properties.
    public static Scheduler newScheduler(Jobs jobs, String scheme)

    // Create a Path that represents the home directory of the current user.
    public static Path getLocalHome(Files files)

    // Create a Path that represents the current working directory.
    public static Path getLocalCWD(Files files)

    // Convert a String containing a local path into a Path.
    public static Path fromLocalPath(Files files, String path)

    // Retrieve all local file systems.
    public static FileSystem [] getLocalFileSystems(Files files)

    // Are we running on a Linux machine ?
    public static boolean isLinux()

    // Are we running on a Windows machine ?
    public static boolean isWindows()

    // Are we running on a OSX machine ?
    public static boolean isOSX()
}
```

In addition many methods are provided for reading data from files or streams to various output targets, writing data to files or streams from various input sources, recursive copying, recursive deletion, etc. See the Javadoc of **Utils** for details.

A **Sandbox** is a utility class that makes it easier to create a (possibly remote) temporary directory and transfer files to and from this directory. A Sandbox is often used in when submitting jobs that require input files and / or produce output files. Sandbox contains the following methods:

```

public class Sandbox {
    Sandbox(Files files, Path root, String sandboxName)
    void addUploadFile(Path src, String dest)
    void addDownloadFile(String src, Path dest)
    void upload(CopyOption... options)
    void download(CopyOption... options)
    void delete()
}

```

Creating a `Sandbox` requires an Xenon **Files** interface and a **root** directory. The `Sandbox` will then create a temporary directory **sandboxName** in **root**. If **sandboxName** is `null`, a random name will be generated. Using **addUploadFile** files can be added to the upload queue. These files will be transferred to the `Sandbox` directory when **upload** is invoked. Similarly, using **addDownloadFile**, files can be added to the download queue. They will be downloaded from the `Sandbox` directory when **download** is invoked. Finally, **delete** can be used to delete the `Sandbox` directory.

A [JavaJobDescription](#) is a utility class that makes it easier to create a **JobDescription** for running a Java application. In addition to the command line arguments used by the application, Java applications typically require a number of *special* command line argument for the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), such as a *class path*, *system properties*, and *JVM options*.

The `JavaJobDescription` class extends the regular `JobDescription` with support for these additional arguments. When a Job is submitted to an Xenon Scheduler that uses a `JavaJobDescription`, the various types of command line arguments will be merged automatically into a single arguments list. See the Javadoc of [JavaJobDescription](#) for details.

Examples

Examples of how to use Xenon can be found in the [examples](#) directory of the **binary distribution** of Xenon. The “EXAMPLES.md” file in the distribution explains how to compile and run these examples. We will list them here in order of increasing complexity:

Initializing Xenon

Creating an **Xenon**: [CreatingXenon.java](#)

Creating an **Xenon** with configuration properties: [CreatingXenonWithProperties.java](#)

Creating Credentials

Creating a password and default **Credential**: [CreatingCredential.java](#)

File Access

Creating a local **FileSystem**: [CreateLocalFileSystem.java](#)

Checking if a local file exists: [LocalFileExists.java](#)

Creating a **FileSystem** based on a URL: [CreateFileSystem.java](#)

Checking if a (possibly remote) file exists: [FileExists.java](#)

Listing a directory: [DirectoryListing.java](#)

Listing the attributes of a file: [ShowFileAttributes.java](#)

Copying a file: [CopyFile.java](#)

Job Submission

Creating a **Scheduler** and retrieving the status of its queues: [ListQueueStatus.java](#)

Creating a **Scheduler** and retrieving the jobs: [ListJobs.java](#)

Listing the status of a Job: [ListJobStatus.java](#)

Submitting a batch job without output: [SubmitSimpleBatchJob.java](#)

Submitting a batch job with output: [SubmitBatchJobWithOutput.java](#)

Submitting an interactive job with output: [SubmitInteractiveJobWithOutput.java](#)

Appendix A: Adaptor Documentation

This section contains the adaptor documentation which is generated from the information provided by the adaptors themselves.

Xenon currently supports 8 adaptors: local, ssh, ftp, webdav, gridengine, slurm, gftp, torque.

Adaptor: local

The local adaptor implements all functionality with standard java classes such as `java.lang.Process` and `java.nio.file.Files`.

Supported schemes: local, file

Supported locations: (null), (empty string), /

Supported properties: `xenon.adapters.local.queue.pollingDelay`

The polling delay for monitoring running jobs (in milliseconds).

- Expected type: INTEGER
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [XENON]

`xenon.adapters.local.queue.multi.maxConcurrentJobs`

The maximum number of concurrent jobs in the multiq..

- Expected type: INTEGER
- Default value: 4
- Valid for: [XENON]

Adaptor: ssh

The SSH adaptor implements all functionality with remove ssh servers.

Supported schemes: ssh, sftp

Supported locations: [user@]host[:port]

Supported properties: `xenon.adapters.ssh.autoAddHostKey`

Automatically add unknown host keys to known_hosts.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adapters.ssh.strictHostKeyChecking`

Enable strict host key checking.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

xenon.adapters.ssh.loadKnownHosts

Load the standard known_hosts file.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [XENON]

xenon.adapters.ssh.loadSshConfig

Load the OpenSSH config file.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [XENON]

xenon.adapters.ssh.sshConfigFile

OpenSSH config filename.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: null
- Valid for: [XENON]

xenon.adapters.ssh.queue.pollingDelay

The polling delay for monitoring running jobs (in milliseconds).

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adapters.ssh.queue.multi.maxConcurrentJobs

The maximum number of concurrent jobs in the multiq..

- Expected type: INTEGER
- Default value: 4
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adaptors.ssh.gateway

The gateway machine used to create an SSH tunnel to the target.

- Expected type: STRING
- Default value: null
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

Adaptor: ftp

The FTP adaptor implements all functionality with remote ftp servers.

Supported schemes: ftp

Supported locations: [user@]host[:port]

Supported properties: **xenon.adaptors.ftp.autoAddHostKey**

Automatically add unknown host keys to known_hosts.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM]

xenon.adaptors.ftp.strictHostKeyChecking

Enable strict host key checking.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

xenon.adaptors.ftp.loadKnownHosts

Load the standard known_hosts file.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [XENON]

xenon.adaptors.ftp.queue.pollingDelay

The polling delay for monitoring running jobs (in milliseconds).

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adaptors.ftp.queue.multi.maxConcurrentJobs

The maximum number of concurrent jobs in the multiq..

- Expected type: INTEGER
- Default value: 4
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adaptors.ftp.gateway

The gateway machine used to create an SSH tunnel to the target.

- Expected type: STRING
- Default value: null
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

Adaptor: webdav

The webdav adaptor implements all functionality with remote webdav servers.

Supported schemes: http

Supported locations: [user@]host[:port]

Supported properties: `xenon.adapters.webdav.autoAddHostKey`

Automatically add unknown host keys to `known_hosts`.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM]

`xenon.adapters.webdav.strictHostKeyChecking`

Enable strict host key checking.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adapters.webdav.loadKnownHosts`

Load the standard `known_hosts` file.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: true
- Valid for: [XENON]

`xenon.adapters.webdav.queue.pollingDelay`

The polling delay for monitoring running jobs (in milliseconds).

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adapters.webdav.queue.multi.maxConcurrentJobs`

The maximum number of concurrent jobs in the multiq..

- Expected type: INTEGER
- Default value: 4
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adapters.webdav.gateway

The gateway machine used to create an SSH tunnel to the target.

- Expected type: STRING
- Default value: null
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM, SCHEDULER]

Adaptor: gridengine

The SGE Adaptor submits jobs to a (Sun/Oracle/Univa) Grid Engine scheduler. This adaptor uses either the local or the ssh adaptor to gain access to the scheduler machine.

Supported schemes: ge, sge

Supported locations: (locations supported by local), (locations supported by ssh)

Supported properties: `xenon.adapters.gridengine.ignore.version`

Skip version check is skipped when connecting to remote machines. WARNING: it is not recommended to use this setting in production environments!

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adapters.gridengine.accounting.grace.time

Number of milliseconds a job is allowed to take going from the queue to the qacct output.

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 60000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

xenon.adapters.gridengine.poll.delay

Number of milliseconds between polling the status of a job.

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

Adaptor: slurm

The Slurm Adaptor submits jobs to a Slurm scheduler. This adaptor uses either the local or the ssh adaptor to gain access to the scheduler machine.

Supported schemes: slurm

Supported locations: (locations supported by local), (locations supported by ssh)

Supported properties: `xenon.adaptors.slurm.ignore.version`

Skip version check is skipped when connecting to remote machines. WARNING: it is not recommended to use this setting in production environments!

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adaptors.slurm.disable.accounting.usage`

Do not use accounting info of slurm, even when available. Mostly for testing purposes

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adaptors.slurm.poll.delay`

Number of milliseconds between polling the status of a job.

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

Adaptor: gftp

Grid FTP adaptor based on Globus Grid FTP

Supported schemes: gsiftp, gftp

Supported locations: host[:port]

Supported properties: `xenon.adaptors.gftp.useActiveMode`

Whether the remote server should use active mode. This means the remote server connects back to the local client. Default is false (= passive mode).

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM]

`xenon.adaptors.gftp.useBlindMode`

Whether to use Blind mode GFTP: stat and list methods are not supported, only get and put.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM]

`xenon.adaptors.gftp.useGftpV1`

Enforce the use of old Grid FTP V1.0 methods: Mlst and Mlsd methods are not supported in V1.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM]

`xenon.adaptors.gftp.enforceDCAU`

Enforce the use of Data Channel Authentication (DCAU) and throw exceptions if not supported by the Grid FTP Server. Default behaviour is to switch off DCAU if not support by remote server.

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [FILESYSTEM]

Adaptor: torque

The Torque Adaptor submits jobs to a TORQUE batch system. This adaptor uses either the local or the ssh adaptor to gain access to the scheduler machine.

Supported schemes: torque

Supported locations: (locations supported by local), (locations supported by ssh)

Supported properties: `xenon.adaptors.torque.ignore.version`

Skip version check is skipped when connecting to remote machines. WARNING: it is not recommended to use this setting in production environments!

- Expected type: BOOLEAN
- Default value: false
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adaptors.torque.accounting.grace.time`

Number of milliseconds a job is allowed to take going from the queue to the accinfo output.

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 60000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]

`xenon.adaptors.torque.poll.delay`

Number of milliseconds between polling the status of a job.

- Expected type: LONG
- Default value: 1000
- Valid for: [SCHEDULER]