

Java IDX Format Specification

Introduction

A Java IDX file is used by the Java runtime to store details about Java files that have been downloaded. This specification was generated by source code analysis and reverse engineering. The Java control panel supplies Cache viewing capabilities using the deploy.jar java file. The source code was provided by decompiling the deploy.jar file. The current source code available does not include the v7 release of the deploy code. An older version of the Java code can be found here:

<http://jasourcecode.org/html/open-source/jdk/jdk-6u23/com/sun/deploy/cache/CacheEntry.java.html>

This document is intended as a working document for the Java IDX format, which should allow existing Open Source forensic tooling to be able to process this file type.

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Format

Currently there appears to be three different formats used by the Java runtime:

- 6.0.2
- 6.0.3/6.0.4
- 6.0.5

The header (Section 1) is a fixed at 128 bytes, sections 3, 4 and 5 are not currently supported.

The Java IDX file format is big-endian.

All of the dates are stored as POSIX Epoch, which is the number of milli seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00.

The following summarises the sections not fully documented in this specification:

- Section 3: Manifest information
- Section 4: Signer information
- Section 5: Security validation cache information

Version 6.0.5

Section 1

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	1		Is busy flag
1	1		Incomplete flag
2	4	605 (0x25D)	Cache version
6	1		Is shortcut image flag
7	4		Content length
11	8		Last modified
19	8		Expiration date
27	8		Validation timestamp
35	1		Known to be signed flag
36	4		Section 2 length
40	4		Section 3 length
44	4		Section 4 length
48	4		Section 5 length
52	8		Blacklist validation time
60	8		Cert expiration date
68	1		Class verification Status
69	4		Reduced manifest length
73	4		Section 4 pre15 length
77	1		Has only signed entries flag
78	1		Has single code source flag
79	4		Section 4 certs length
83	4		Section 4 signers length

87	1		Has missing signed entries flag
88	8		Trusted libraries validation time
96	4		Reduced manifest 2 length
100	1		Is proxied flag

Section 2

If the section 2 length is greater than 0 then the section 2 can be processed by seeking to offset 128 (0x80). The strings within this section are prefixed with the string lengths and are null terminated.

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	2		Version string length
2			Version string
	2		URL string length
			URL string
	2		Namespace ID string length
			Namespace string
	2		Codebase IP string length
			Codebase IP string

The response HTTP headers are stored directly after the section 2 header. The headers can be processed in a loop, repeating until the count of headers matches the value parsed from the first offset. If the header name string equals "<null>", then the header name string should be cleared, and left blank as it is used to store the HTTP response code and description.

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	4		Count of HTTP headers
4	2		Header name length
			Header name string
	2		Header value length
			Header value string

Version 6.0.3/6.0.4

Section 1

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	1		Is busy flag
1	1		Incomplete flag
2	4	603 (0x025B) /604 (0x025C)	Cache version
6	1		Not used
7	1		Not used
8	1		Is shortcut image flag
9	4		Content length
13	8		Last modified
21	8		Expiration date
29	8		Validation timestamp
37	1		Known to be signed flag
38	4		Section 2 length
42	4		Section 3 length
46	4		Section 4 length
50	4		Section 5 length
54	8		Blacklist validation time
62	8		Cert expiration date
70	1		Class verification Status
71	4		Reduced manifest length
75	4		Section 4 pre15 length
79	1		Has only signed entries flag
80	1		Has single code source flag
81	4		Section 4 certs length
85	4		Section 4 signers length
89	1		Has missing signed entries flag
90	8		Trusted libraries validation time
98	4		Reduced manifest 2 length

Section 2

See the Section 2 format for version 6.0.5

Version 6.0.2

Section 1

The strings within this section are prefixed with the string lengths and are null terminated.

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	1		Is busy flag
1	1		Incomplete flag
2	4	602 (0x025A)	Cache version
6	1		Not used
7	1		Not used
8	1		Is shortcut image flag
9	4		Content length
13	8		Last modified
21	8		Expiration date
29	8		Validation timestamp
37	2		Version string length
			Version string
	2		URL string length
			URL string
	2		Namespace ID string length
			Namespace ID string

The response HTTP headers are stored directly after the section 2 header. The headers can be processed in a loop, repeating until the count of headers matches the value parsed from the first offset. If the header name string equals “`deploy_resource_codebase_ip`”, then the Codebase IP property/attribute can be set to the “header” value.

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	4		Count of HTTP headers
4	2		Header name length
			Header name string
	2		Header value length
			Header value string

History

v1.0.0 (22 Jan 2013)

- Initial release

v1.0.1 (23 Jan 2013)

- Add license text. Thanks JMetz
- Added references. Thanks JMetz
- Reworded summary and Format sections. Thanks JMetz

Appendix A. References

[JAVA-CACHE-ENTRY]

Title: CacheEntry.java

URL: <http://javasourcecode.org/html/open-source/jdk/jdk-6u23/com/sun/deploy/cache/CacheEntry.java.html>

[JAVA-CACHE-ENTRY-JAR]

Title: Deploy.jar

Path: C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jre7\lib\deploy.jar

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