









Deployment Tips and Tricks for Using Java™ Web Start and Java Plug-in Software

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Goal

Learn to solve common deployment issues with Java[™] Web Start and Java Plug-in software





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Get Java Platform

Ubiquity of Java Technology Problem

- Java technology is very common on most PCs, but not on all machines
- Even if Java technology exists, it might be one of many versions
- Developers (you) need to deploy Java applications/applets
- How to deploy if you don't know which Java platform to target, or whether that Java platform is available?





Get Java Platform

Ubiquity of Java Technology Problem

- Need: Launch Java application or applet from the browser with a specified minimum version of Java platform
 - Detect whether the Java platform exists on the system
 - If it exists, detect what version
 - If it does not exist, or does not meet minimum version requirement, install the latest version
 - After the Java platform is installed, launch the application or applet
- You can use Java Platform, Standard Edition 5 (Java SE) to solve many of these problems today!





Get Java Platform

Java Platform Detection or Installation in 5.0

- JavaScript[™] technology detection logic
- Family detection—5.0 family or 1.4.2 family
- Internet Explorer on Windows:
 - Java Web Start software ActiveX detection
 - Java platform auto-install with OBJECT tag
- Firefox and Mozilla family
 - navigator.mimeTypes for detection
 - GetJava download site for Java install software





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Get Deployed

- Combine the deployment of the Java platform software with the deployment of your application or applet
- Example
 - Deploy Notepad as a Java Web Start application
 - Deploy SwingSet as a Java Plug-in applet





Notepad App with Java SE 5+

```
<input type=button value="Notepad" onclick="launch()">
// Javascript
function launch() {
   if (isJava5IE() || isJava6IE() ||
       isJava5FF() || isJava6FF()) {
      // Launch directly if Java 5+ is available
      window.location="http://foo.com/notepad.jnlp";
   } else if (isWindowsIE()) {
      // Auto-Install Java, then launch Notepad
      launchJNLPJavaAutoInstall();
   } else {
      // Redirect to GetJava and launch Notepad
      launchJNLPGetJava();
```





Detect Java SE 5 Platform on IE

```
function isJava5IE() {
   try {
      // Detect Java 5 platform
      var obj = new ActiveXObject(
              "JavaWebStart.isInstalled.1.5.0.0");
       if (obj != null) {
          return 1;
   } catch (exception) {
      return 0;
```

For Java 6 platform, use JavaWebStart.isInstalled.1.6.0.0





Detect Java SE 5 on Firefox and **Mozilla**[™]

```
// Java Detection for Firefox, Mozilla and Netscape
function isJava5FF() {
    for (var i = 0; i < navigator.mimeTypes.length; ++i) {
        s = navigator.mimeTypes[i].type;
        // Detect Java 5 platform
        if (s == "application/x-java-applet;version=1.5") {
            return 1;
        }
    }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

For Java 6 platform, use version=1.6





Java Auto-Install with IE

```
function launchJNLPJavaAutoInstall() {
   // Auto-Install latest Java platform; after install
   // is complete, the Java Web Start ActiveX object will
   // launch the Notepad application
   document.write("<OBJECT
      classid=clsid:5852F5ED-8BF4-11D4-A245-0080C6F74284
      codebase=http://java.sun.com/update/1.5.0/
         jinstall-1 5-windows-i586.cab#Version=5,0,0,99
      height=0 width=0>");
   document.write("<PARAM name=app</pre>
                    value=http://foo.com/notepad.jnlp>");
   document.write("</OBJECT>");
```



Redirect to GetJava page for FireFox

```
function launchJNLPGetJava() {
   // Open new browser window to GetJava site
   window.open("http://java.com/getjava", "newWindow");
   // Spin and wait for install complete to launch app
   // Infinite loop possible here if user bail out on
   // install, a better version should use timeout
   launchTID = setInterval(
         'launchApp("http://foo.com/notepad.jnlp")', 100);
function launchApp(app) {
   navigator.plugins.refresh(true);
   x = navigator.mimeTypes['application/x-java-
          applet;version=1.5'];
   if (x)
      window.location = app;
      clearInterval(launchTID);
```



SwingSet Applet with Java SE 5+

```
<input type=button value="SwingSet" onclick="launch()">
function launch() {
   if (isWindowsIE()) {
      // Install latest Java Platform if needed, and
      // launch SwingSet
      generateSwingSetObjectTag();
   } else {
      // Launch SwingSet with EMBED tag
      generateSwingSetEmbedTag();
   }
}
```





Java Auto Install with IE

```
function generateSwingSetObjectTag() {
   // Launch SwingSet Applet with Java Platform 5.0+
   // If not available, install latest Java Platform
   document.write("<OBJECT
      classid=clsid:8AD9C840-044E-11D1-B3E9-00805F499D93
      codebase=http://java.sun.com/update/1.5.0/
        jinstall-1 5-windows-i586.cab#Version=5,0,0,99
      width=695 height=525>");
   document.write("<PARAM name=archive
      value=SwingSet.jar>");
   document.write("<PARAM name=code
      value=SwingSetApplet>");
   document.write("</OBJECT>");
```





Redirect to GetJava Page for Firefox

```
function generateSwingSetEmbedTag() {
    // Use Java 5+ to launch applet; redirect to GetJava
    // page for install if needed
    document.write("<EMBED
        type=application/x-java-applet;version=1.5
        code=SwingSetApplet archive=SwingSet.jar
        width=695 height=525
        pluginspage=http://java.com/getjava />");
}
```



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Get Deployed with JavaScript Technology



Use Deployment Toolkit

Java Platform Detection or Installation in Mustang

- Deployment Toolkit
 - ActiveX object for Internet Explorer
 - Plug-in for Firefox
- JavaScript APIs
- Richer detection and installation support
- Same user experience for Internet Explorer and Firefox!





Notepad App with Java SE 5.0_07+

```
<input type=button value="Notepad" onclick="launch()">
function launch() {
   if (isDeploymentToolkitAvailable()) {
      launchNotepad();
   } else {
      // Previous Java 5+ detection code
      ...
   }
}
```





Deployment Toolkit Detection

```
function isDeploymentToolkitAvailable() {
   if (isDtkAvailableIE() || isDtkAvailableFF()) {
      return 1
   return 0;
function isDtkAvailableFF() {
   x = navigator.mimeTypes['application/npruntime-
             scriptable-plugin;DeploymentToolkit'];
   return x ? 1 : 0;
function isDtkAvailableIE() {
   return isJava6IE();
```



Initialize the Toolkit Object

```
// Get the DeploymentToolkit Object
<OBJECT
   classid="clsid:CAFEFAC-DEC7-0000-0000-ABCDEFFEDCBA"
   id="deployToolkit" width=1 height=1>
</OBJECT>
<COMMENT>
<EMBED id="npDeployToolkit" type="application/npruntime-</pre>
   scriptable-plugin;DeploymentToolkit" width=1 height=1>
</EMBED>
</COMMENT>
<SCRIPT language="javascript">
if (isWindowsIE() == false) {
   deployToolkit = npDeployToolkit;
// continue on next slide
```



Deployment Toolkit Example

```
function launchNotepad() {
   var ret = 1;
   // Check and see if Java Platform 5.0u7+ is installed
   if (!isJava5u7PlusAvailable()) {
      // Install the latest Java platform
      ret = deployToolkit.installLatest();
   } else {
      ret = 0;
   // if we have 5.0u7+ installed, launch the application
   if (ret == 0) {
      // launch the jnlp application
      deployToolkit.launch("http://foo.com/notepad.jnlp");
```



Detect 5.0u7+ with Deployment Toolkit

```
function isJava5u7PlusAvailable() {
   // get the list of JVMs installed in the machine
   var jvms = deployToolkit.jvms;
   var listlen = jvms.getLength();
   // Go thru the list of JVMs installed
   for (i=0; i<listlen; i++) {</pre>
      var version = jvms.get(i).version;
      // make sure a 5.0u7+ JVM is installed
      var compRes = deployToolkit.compareVersion(version,
                           "1.5.0 07");
      if (compRes >= 0) {
          return 1;
   return 0;
```





SwingSet Applet with 5.0u7+

```
<input type=button value="SwingSet" onclick="launch()">
function launch() {
   if (isDeploymentToolkitAvailable()) {
      launchSwingSet();
   } else {
      // Previous Java 5+ detection code
      ...
   }
}
```



Deployment Toolkit Example

```
function launchSwingSet() {
   var ret = 1;
   // Check if the browser default Java is 5.0u7+
   if (!isJava5u7PlusBrowserDefault()) {
      // Install the latest Java platform
      ret = deployToolkit.installLatest();
   } else {
      ret = 0;
   // If 5.0u7+ is browser default JVM, launch the applet
   if (ret == 0) {
      // launch the SwingSet applet
      generateSwingSetAppletTag();
```





Detect Browser Java Technology with Deployment Toolkit

```
function isJava5u7PlusBrowserDefault() {
   // get the default Java version registered with the
   // browser
   var version = deployToolkit.browserJVM.version;
   // make sure it is a 5.0u7+ JVM
   var compRes = deployToolkit.compareVersion(version,
                    "1.5.0 07");
   if (compRes >= 0) {
      return 1;
   return 0;
```





Launch Applet with Latest Java Platform

```
function generateSwingSetAppletTag() {
    // Use latest Java Platform to launch applet
    document.write("<APPLET code=SwingSetApplet
        archive=SwingSet.jar width=695 height=525>");
    document.write("</APPLET>");
}
```



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Get Deployed with Deployment Toolkit



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Use Launch File Hints

Associations

```
// Register your JNLP application as default handler
// of specific file extensions and mime-type
<association extensions="note"</pre>
      mime-type="application/x-notepad-note"/>
```

Related Content

```
// Include a help file with your application
<related-content href="helpfile.note" />
```

Shortcuts

```
// Create a shortcut for your application in a specific
// start-menu folder
<shortcut> <menu submenu="notepad"/> </shortcut>
```





Single Instance Service

- Client will run only one instance of application
- Each subsequent attempt to launch application will trigger call to newActivation() in the original instance
- Works well in conjunction with associations
 - Launching via associations now grants the application file permissions to the file being opened or printed



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SingleInstanceService and Associations in Notepad



Runtime Check for Update

- JNLPClassLoader now extends URLClassLoader
- Use URLClassLoader.getURLs() to get Array of the urls that make up the application
- Use URLConnection.getLastModified()
 with HEAD request to test each url to see if it
 has been updated
- If there has been an update you can dynamically restart the application





Check for Update

```
final HashMap map = new HashMap();
private void startUpdateCheck() {
    final URLClassLoader cl = (URLClassLoader)
        this.getClass().getClassLoader();
    new Thread(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
            for (;;) {
                if (updated(cl, map)) {
                    restartApplication();
                try { // check for update every 5 seconds
                   Thread.currentThread().sleep(5000);
                } catch (Exception exception) { }
    }).start();
```





Check for Update

```
private boolean updated(URLClassLoader cl, HashMap map) {
    URL [] urls = cl.getURLs();
    try {
        for (int i=0; i<urls.length; i++) {</pre>
            if (urlUpdated(urls[i], map)) {
                 return true;
    } catch (IOException ioe) {
        System.err.println(ioe.toString());
    return false;
```





Check for Update

```
private boolean urlUpdated(URL url, HashMap map)
                            throws IOException{
    URLConnection conn = url.openConnection();
    if (conn instanceof HttpURLConnection) {
       ((HttpURLConnection)conn).setRequestMethod("HEAD");
        long time = conn.getLastModified();
        ((HttpURLConnection)conn).disconnect();
        if (map.containsKey(url.toString())) {
            Object o = map.get(url.toString());
            return (((Long)o).longValue() < time);
        } else {
            map.put(url.toString(), new Long(time));
    return false;
```





Restart Application

- Use DownloadService to get the codebase
- Use BasicService to launch the application using showDocument
- Prompt user to save work
 - You can use new modality modes in AWT
- Don't forget to remove SingleInstanceListener





Restart Application Code

```
private void restartApplication() {
    try {
        promptForSave();
        if (sis != null) {
            sis.removeSingleInstanceListener(this);
        URL codebase = basicService.getCodeBase();
        URL app = new URL(codebase, "notepad.jnlp");
        basicService.showDocument(app);
        System.exit(0);
    } catch (IOException ioe) {
        ioe.printStackTrace();
```



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Check for Update and Restart



Dynamically Downloading Resources

- DownloadService methods: isResourceCached, loadResource, and removeResource no longer require listing in the launch file
 - Can be used to load resource jar only containing the locale in use
 - Must either be called by trusted code, or refer to resources from the same codebase
- These methods can now be used with a reference to a launch file as the resource
 - Can be used to remove yourself from cache



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Self Removal



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Tracing

- Turn on trace file output in the advanced panel of Java Control Panel
- Trace files will (by default) go into the
 deployment.user.home>/log/ directory
- Dynamically change trace level using the Java Console
- Set the initial (startup) trace level by adding deployment property
 - deployment.trace.level=basic|cache|net|security|temp
 - deployment.trace.level=all





Debugging

- To prevent double launching, always launch javaws with a file argument>
 - "javaws -<options> <jnlp-file>"
- Use "-J" arg to pass additional arguments to Java technology
 - "javaws -J-Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket,server=y,address=8000
 -J-Xdebug notepad.jnlp"
- This is the same as setting the environment variable JAVAWS_VM_ARGS to
 - "-Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket,server=y,address=8000 -Xdebug"





NetBeans Module for Java Web Start Software

- Download and install NetBeans 5.0 IDE
- Download Java Web Start software module from the NetBeans Update Center Beta
- See instructions at:
 - http://www.netbeans.org/kb/articles/matisse-jaws.html





Monitor Applications Using JConsole

- No longer "experimental" in JDK™ 6 software
- Use JConsole to monitor you application
 - Monitor memory usage
 - Monitor garbage collection activities
 - Find out the number of objects pending for finalization
 - Obtain heap histogram to help determine the leak suspect
 - Obtain heap dump snapshots and use that for heap analysis



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Notepad with NetBeans IDE



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Minimize Download Size

- Use JNLPDownloadServlet
- Use lazy download
- Use application preload
- Use Pack200





Use the JNLPDownloadServlet

- Implement the version-based download protocol
 - Protocol is defined in the Java Network Launching Protocol and API specification
 - Allows you to use the best available version for an ordered range of versions given
- Implement jardiff for minimal update downloads
 - Download only the incremental updates to versioned resources
- One way to enable Pack200





Use Lazy or Preloaded Resources

- Use Lazy Download
 - Download components only when you need them
 - Use the DownloadService API, or just allow the ClassLoader to download on demand
 - Jar Indexing now works in Java Web Start software
- Use Application Preload
 - Download when network is not busy
 - Mostly for enterprise/intranet





Use Pack200

- Hyper compression for JAR file
- No change required in launch file or html file
- Create packed jars using tools from JDK software
 - pack200 and unpack200
- Required server side changes
 - Both packed and original jars must be hosted
 - Servlet or JSP[™] technology is required to serve the packed jars
 - JNLPDownloadServlet provided in the JDK software





Use Pack200

How Do I Know Packed Jars Are Really Used?

- Client side
 - Enable Java console and tracing

basic: Downloading http://foo.com/SwingSet.jar to cache

basic: encoding = pack200-gzip for http://foo.com/SwingSet.jar

- Server side
 - Check JNLPDownloadServlet log

JnlpDownloadServlet(4): DownloadRequest[path=/SwingSet.jar encoding=pack200-gzip,gzip isPlatformRequest=false]

JnlpDownloadServlet(4): Real resource returned: JnlpResource[WAR Path: /SwingSet.jar.pack.gz lastModified=Wed Mar 01 10:57:43 PST 2006]]



Pack200 Without a Servlet

- Possible on Apache web server
 - Tested on Apache HTTP Server 2.0.52
- Use of .htaccess file and "type map file"
 - Server must allow overrides with .htaccess
- Remove servlet requirement for Pack200 support
 - Just drop these files to your application directory
- No versioning or jardiff support as in JNLPDownloadSerlvet





Pack200 Without Servlet Example

 For test.jnlp and file.jar with pack support, you need the following files:

```
.htaccess
test.jnlp // points to file.jar
file.jar.var // type map for file.jar
file.jar.pack.gz // pack200 compressed file.jar
file.jar // original file.jar
```



Pack200 Without Servlet Example

```
# htaccess
# Return the right mime type for JARs
AddType application/x-java-archive .jar
# Enable type maps
AddHandler application/x-type-map .var
Options +MultiViews
# Tweak MultiViews - this line is for
# APACHE 2.0 ONLY!
MultiViewsMatch Any
<Files *.ppack.qz>
  # Enable Content-Encoding header for .jar.pack.gz files
  AddEncoding pack200-gzip .jar
  # Stop mod gzip from messing with the Content-Encoding
  # response for these files
  RemoveEncoding .qz
</Files>
```





Pack200 Without Servlet Example

```
# file.jar.var
# Type map file - one for each jar
URI: file.jar.pack.gz
Content-Type: x-java-archive
Content-Encoding: pack200-gzip
URI: file.jar
Content-Type: x-java-archive
```





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Put these tips and tricks to work today!





For More Information

- GetJava:
 - http://java.com/getjava
- Java SE 5 deployment documentation:
 - http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/guide/deployment
 - http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/guide/javaws
 - http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/guide/plugin
- Deployment products pages:
 - http://java.sun.com/products/javawebstart/
 - http://java.sun.com/products/plugin/
- NetBeans Java Web Start Module:
 - http://www.netbeans.org/kb/articles/matisse-jaws.html



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