ULC Deployment Guide



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1 Overview

Canoo RIA Suite is based on ULC technology that provides components to build Rich Internet Applications (RIA) in Java. Use this standard Java library to develop rich, responsive graphical user interfaces (GUIs) for enterprise web applications within Java EE and Java SE infrastructures.

This edition of the *ULC Deployment Guide* accompanies Canoo RIA Suite ULC. It describes the procedures and scenarios required to deploy ULC applications. It is assumed that the reader is familiar with Java programming and has some familiarity with the Java Swing widget set. Since ULC applications are pure Java applications, they can be built using any suitable Java 2 compatible development environment (JRE 1.5 or higher).

Organization

The ULC Deployment Guide is divided into two chapters:

Chapter 2 discusses the various options available to deploy an ULC application on the client side.

Chapter 3 discusses the various options available to deploy an ULC application on the server

Chapter 3 discusses how to run an ULC application as a standalone, desktop Java application.

2 Client Deployment

2.1 Overview

The following sections describe how to deploy your ULC applications on the client.

ULC is an application development framework, where only the application specific code is deployed on the server. In general, the client is application-independent. Nevertheless it must be deployed on the client's machine. Deployment consists of two aspects, namely *distribution* of the code and *integration* into the client's environment. There are several options for both the distribution and the integration. Integration into the client environment may be accomplished by configuring one of the default launchers or by writing a customized launcher. There are a large variety of possible deployment scenarios ranging from a customized client for a single application (e.g., with special splash screens, banners and icons) deployed as a JNLP application or as an applet up to an organization-wide universal client installation (integrating into the organization's security infrastructure). This chapter discusses typical deployment scenarios to help you to choose and customize the appropriate deployment strategy for your setting.

2.2 Security Aspects

2.2.1 Issue

The UI Engine (running on the client) connects to a ULC application server and presents the user interface (UI) of the ULC application. This is conceptually similar to a web browser connecting to a web server. However, responses received from a ULC application server are requests which are interpreted by the client half objects to execute commands on the client. Although most commands are used to create or change GUI components, there are also half objects which can be controlled by a ULC application to access the client's file system. It is obvious that the user's system faces security risks when such operations are triggered by untrusted server applications. There are basically three kinds of security risks which must be considered:

- 1. A malicious ULC application may misuse the provided functionality of the client base framework to execute undesired operations like reading or writing files or accessing resources such as system properties and clipboard.
- 2. Untrusted ULC extensions may cause damage to the user's system by executing malicious Java code.
- 3. Connecting to an unauthenticated server and communicating over an unencrypted channel allows a third party to snoop on and observe the data exchanged between the UI Engine and the ULC application.

Others, like denial of service attacks, are not ULC-specific.

2.2.2 Solutions

ULC uses the infrastructure provided by the Java Security Architecture (see [8]).

Most functionality of a standard ULC application client can be performed when the client code is executed within a default sandbox. It is thus a good practice to run a ULC application client which does not use security relevant functionality within the default sandbox (e.g., deploy the client as an unsigned applet or using JNLP without signing). If

security relevant functionality is required by an application (e.g., reading/writing files on the client) the following scenarios should be considered:

- The ULC application client is operated in a trusted environment, i.e., a trusted installation is guaranteed and the client is restricted to connect to trusted hosts only. This situation may be found in a company's Intranet environment.
- The client is signed by a trusted entity, for some deployment scenarios, this will allow it to break out of the sandbox. The specific modules of the client, where operations needing more permissions are implemented, must be signed. Consider the case of freely reading/writing files on the client. Those operations are implemented and delivered within the client module ulc-base-trusted.jar (for which you have the source code). If you need to read or write files on the client, you need to deploy and sign this module on the client.
- Use the Java Security Architecture to restrict access to minimal requirements of an application, e.g., if an application needs to read/write specific files or directories, you may consider granting this right to an untrusted application.

Tips

- To prevent a ULC application client from connecting to unauthenticated servers, restrict the client to use secure communication protocols (e.g., HTTPS), which enable server authentication.
- If an application operates on security relevant data, ensure that the communication channel uses encryption (e.g., HTTPS), regardless whether the client runs in a sandbox or not.

2.3 Deployment with JNLP

The recommended mechanism for distributing and deploying ULC application clients is through a JNLP client, e.g., Java Web Start (JWS). With JWS, end users just click on a hyperlink in a web page, which points to a file (with extension .jnlp) describing the configuration of a Java program. The specified resources are transparently downloaded and the program is started. JWS comes with support for many attractive features like:

- Multiple JREs
- Code-signing
- Sandboxing
- Versioning and incremental updates
- Desktop integration

Users must have an appropriate version of the JWS client installed on their machine, however, JWS is part of the standard Java platform since JDK 1.4. For more information on JWS please refer to [2].

2.3.1 JNLP Client Module

The JNLP client module (ulc-jnlp-client.jar) included in the standard distribution of ULC contains the following components:

- A JNLP based implementation of the client services (browser and file service)
- An abstract JNLP launcher implementing basic lifecycle management.

• A default implementation of a JNLP launcher that uses a Servlet connector to communicate with the Servlet container hosting the ULC application. The URL, the keep-alive interval and the user parameters can be specified by command line arguments. The arguments must have the following syntax:

In the following, some typical deployment scenarios for JWS are outlined. It is assumed that JWS has been installed on the client system and the extension .jnlp has been assigned to the JWS client.

Note that the use of the parameters *data-stream-provider*, *carrier-stream-provider* and *client-coder-registry-provider* is discussed in Section 2.2 of the <u>ULC Architecture</u> Guide and in Section 4 of the <u>ULC Extension Guide</u>.

2.3.2 Deploying the Default JNLP Application Client

The simplest way to deploy a JNLP-based ULC application client is to deploy the default client implementation provided in the JNLP module of the ULC release. The default JNLP client configures the client environment adapter in the following way:

- It installs browser and file service implementations which are based on the appropriate service defined by the JNLP specification.
- It terminates the client when the session is terminated.
- It provides default dialogs for error situations.

The following JNLP file demonstrates, how to configure the default client. The first two arguments specify the URL and the keep-alive interval required for the Servlet connector to set up the connection to the appropriate Servlet container which operates the ULC application. Additional key value pairs specify the user parameters which are passed to the application upon startup. Reading these parameters in the application code is done by using the *ClientContext.getUserParameter()* API (see the Chapter about *Accessing the Client Environment* in the ULC API documentation). The listed example assumes that the following files are available in the directory referenced by the URL http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/:

```
.../demo/teammembers/
teammembers.gif -- image displayed by Java Web Start
teammembers.jnlp -- the actual JNLP file
ulc-jnlp-client.jar -- JNLP client module classes
ulc-base-client.jar -- base framework classes
ulc-servlet-client.jar -- servlet connector classes
```

The Servlet serving the ULC application is assumed to be mapped to the URL http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/application/. The following listing shows the content of the teammembers.jnlp file.

```
<xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<jnlp spec="1.0+"</pre>
   codebase="http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/"
   href="teammembers.jnlp">
    <information>
        <title>Team Members</title>
        <vendor>ACME</vendor>
        <homepage href="http://www.acme.com/"/>
        <icon href="teammembers.gif"/>
    </information>
    <resources>
        <j2se version="1.5+"/>
        <jar href="ulc-jnlp-client.jar"/>
        <jar href="ulc-base-client.jar"/>
        <jar href="ulc-servlet-client.jar"/>
    </resources>
    <application-desc main-class=</pre>
        "com.ulcjava.environment.jnlp.client.DefaultJnlpLauncher">
        <argument>url-string=
                  http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/application/
        </argument>
        <argument>keep-alive-interval=900</argument>
        <argument>user=scott</argument>
    </application-desc>
</jnlp>
```

2.3.3 Deploying a Customized JNLP Application Client

In some cases it may be desirable to customize a ULC application client, e.g., to configure the client environment adapter, to customize message dialogs or to brand the client by displaying a splash screen at startup.

In the following example a splash screen is shown during application startup. This is done by adapting a launcher such that a splash screen handler is created and gets installed as a message service on the client. In this approach as soon as the main application is shown a message will be send to the client, notifying the client to hide the splash screen.

A splash screen handler implements *IMessageService* and its *handleMessage*() method will hide the splash screen upon receiving the corresponding message.

```
public void handleMessage(String msg) {
  if("hideSplash".equals(msg))
  {
    hideSplashScreen();
  }
}
```

A splash screen class shows a Swing window in which it displays e.g. a label.

While the preceding classes are located on the client side, the following adaption is to be done on the server side. The application class needs to send a "hideSplash" message to the client, as soon as the application screen is shown on the client.

```
public void start() {
    MasterView masterView = new MasterView();
    masterView.show();
    ClientContext.sendMessage("hideSplash");
}
```

The corresponding JNLP file would look as follows, assuming that the class FancyInlpTeamMembersClient is contained in teammembers-client.jar:

2.3.4 Signing a JNLP Application Client

In general it is recommended to execute a ULC application client in the JNLP sandbox. However, there are situations where functionality not allowed by the standard sandbox is required, e.g., accessing the system clipboard or granting file access without asking the user. In such situations the client classes must be signed. Note that whenever the sign client code is signed, it must be ensured that the signed code cannot be misused by malicious ULC applications.

It is possible to sign all client jar files, but it is better practice to sign only those files that contain functions which need more permissions.

If permission is required for file or browser access, without asking the user to grant access, the proposed solution forces the developer to sign a single jar file (ulc-base-trusted.jar). This source code is part of the release.

The file access functions are isolated in the library ulc-base-trusted.jar, which contains the classes *AllPermissionsFileService* and *AllPermissionsBrowserService*. The source of these classes is part of the ULC release, so you can see and evaluate exactly what the single signed functions do in the client local file system.

All functions within the trusted-client.jar granting full browser and file service permissions are isolated within a so called "privilege block" defined in the class *AccessController* provided by the Java SDK.

The fact that the file access functions are specified within a privilege block means that only the privilege code within the block needs to be signed, not the whole call stack. In this way you only need to sign the code that you really trust, and are not forced to sign every client jar file.

Background

All code shipped as part of the SDK is considered system code. System code automatically has all permissions ([8]).

Each applet or application runs in a domain determined by its code source. In order for an applet or a JNLP client (or whatever application is running under a security manager) to be allowed to perform a security action, such as reading or writing a file, it must be granted permission for that particular action. Whenever a resource access is attempted, the code traversed by the execution thread up to that point (the call stack) must have permission for that resource access, unless some code on the thread has been marked as "privileged". In that case only the code within the privilege block needs to have permissions.

In other words, marking code as "privileged" enables a piece of trusted code to temporarily enable access to more resources than are available directly to the code that called it.

This is the case when at runtime a ULC client needs to get privileged access to a file in the local file system. It accesses it through the functions contained in the trusted-client.jar. Because the functions are contained in this jar file you do not have to sign the rest of the code that performs the call to those functions, because they are specified within the privilege block.

Launcher

For browser and file services, signing the corresponding jar file is not enough. The new unlimited permission services must be activated. Activate these permissions within the launcher.

Here is a JNLP custom launcher showing how to select the required "all permissions" file services:

JNLP Files

In order to combine signed and unsigned code for a JWS application, you need to combine several JNLP files. Each file containing signed libraries requires privileged functions and must specify the "all permissions" security tag.

The following example shows the two JNLP files needed for an application. The first example represents the main file (application starting point). It contains unsigned libraries and a reference to the second JNLP file, where the security tag is specified and the library has been signed.

See the first JNLP file:

And here is the second JNLP file, containing signed code, referenced by the first one:

See samples/trusted in the release for a sample application that shows how to use the trusted browser and file system services.

2.3.5 Using HTTPS

If a ULC application client uses an encrypted communication channel, then the HTTPS protocol may be used. Since ULC requires JRE 1.5 or higher, the servlet connector can use the JSSE implementation included in the JRE, by specifying the appropriate URL protocol, e.g., https://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/application/. Since in this case the application is run in the sandbox, even the default JNLP launcher may be used.

2.4 Deployment as Applet

The UI Engine can be deployed and executed as an applet running in the Java Plug-in of a web browser. There are two ways to deploy the applet: either embedded in an HTML page or outside the HTML page in a separate frame.

- 1. **Embedded**: The *ULCAppletPane* widget allows the applet pane to be used as a window container. This is the preferred way for ULC applications deployed as applets, since otherwise there is no visual feedback on the HTML page which encapsulates the applet. Note that clicking the back button or closing the window immediately stops the applet and thus also the ULC application client is stopped. In some situations, this may be very confusing for users. Alternatively, appropriate JavaScript code could hide the enclosing window to prevent the user from closing it.
- 2. **Outside**: If a *ULCFrame* is used as the root pane instead of the *ULCAppletPane*, the applet will not be embedded in the HTML page but run in its own frame out side the HTML page.

To use the Java Plug-in, you must use the Java Plug-in tag (OBJECT or EMBED) instead of the APPLET tag in an HTML page. With Internet Explorer on Windows platforms, use the OBJECT tag. In Netscape Navigator 3 or 4 on Windows platforms, or Solaris operating environments, use the EMBED tag. There are ways to activate the Java Plug-in for both Navigator and Internet Explorer browsing the same HTML page (see [10]).

Using the Java Plug-in 1.5, the HTML APPLET tag may be used to launch applets with the installed Java Plug-in. Users may configure their browsers such that Sun's JRE is the default runtime environment for handling APPLET tags (see [11]).

2.4.1 The Applet Client Module

The applet client module (ulc-applet-client.jar) included in the standard distribution of ULC contains the following components:

- An implementation of the browser service, using the applet context to open a document with the browser in which the applet is running.
- The client half object implementation of the applet pane container (*UIAppletPane*), which may use the applet pane as a window container for ULC widgets.
- An abstract applet launcher implementing the basic lifecycle management. User parameters may be specified by applet parameters.
- A default implementation of an applet launcher using a servlet connector to communicate with the servlet container hosting the ULC application. The *url*, the *keep-alive-interval*, the *log-level* and *user* parameters can be specified by the applet parameters.

2.4.2 Deploying the Default Applet Application Client

The simplest way to deploy a ULC application client as an applet is to deploy the default applet client provided in the applet client module of the ULC release. The default applet client configures the client environment adapter in the following way:

- It installs a browser service implementation which uses the appropriate API of the applet context to open documents in a browser.
- It initializes the client-side implementation of the applet pane widget, to use the applet pane as a window container.
- It terminates the client session (notification is sent to server session), when the applet is stopped.
- It provides default dialogs for error situations.

The following HTML file demonstrates how to invoke and configure the default applet client. The applet parameters *url-string* and the *keep-alive-interval* are required for the servlet connector to set up the connection to the appropriate servlet container operating the actual ULC application. The names of all user parameters to be passed to the application must be specified in a comma-separated list in the applet parameter *user-parameter-names*. The actual values of the user parameters may then be specified with corresponding applet parameters. These user parameters may be accessed by the application code using the *ClientContext.getUserParameter()* API (see *Accessing the Client Environment* in the ULC API documentation).

The listed example illustrates how to invoke the default applet launcher with the Java Plug-in for Internet Explorer and Netscape browsers within the same HTML document

(OBJECT and EMBED tag). It is assumed that the following files are available in the directory referenced by the URL http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/:

```
.../demo/teammembers/

teammembers.html -- the actual HTML file
ulc-applet-client.jar -- applet client module classes
ulc-base-client.jar -- base framework classes
ulc-servlet-client.jar -- servlet connector classes
```

The servlet serving the ULC application is assumed to be mapped to the URL http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/applicationApplet/.

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
<HTML>
<TITLE>Ultra Light Client: Team Members Sample</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
<OBJECT classid="clsid:8AD9C840-044E-11D1-B3E9-00805F499D93"</pre>
    WIDTH = "100%" HEIGHT = "100%"
   <PARAM NAME = "archive" VALUE = "ulc-base-client.jar,
                  ulc-applet-client.jar,ulc-servlet-client.jar" >
    <PARAM NAME = "type" VALUE = "application/x-java-applet; version=1.2.2">
    <PARAM NAME = "codebase" VALUE = "." >
    <PARAM NAME = "code" VALUE = "com.ulcjava.environment.applet.client.
                                 DefaultAppletLauncher.class" >
    <PARAM NAME = "url-string" VALUE = "http://www.acme.com/demo/
                                       teammembers/applicationApplet/">
    <PARAM NAME = "keep-alive-interval" VALUE = "900">
    <PARAM NAME = "user-parameter-names" VALUE = "user,role">
    <PARAM NAME = "user" VALUE = "scott">
    <PARAM NAME = "role" VALUE = "sales">
    <COMMENT>
        <EMBED WIDTH = "100%" HEIGHT = "100%"</pre>
            type = "application/x-java-applet; version=1.2.2"
            codebase = "."
            archive = "ulc-base-client.jar,ulc-applet-client.jar,
                       ulc-servlet-client.jar"
            code = "com.ulcjava.environment.applet.client.
                    DefaultAppletLauncher.class"
            url-string ="http://www.acme.com/demo/
                         teammembers/applicationApplet/"
            keep-alive-interval = "900"
            user-parameter-names = "user,role"
            user = "scott"
            role = "sales"
            pluginspage = "http://java.sun.com/products/plugin/1.2/plugin-
                           install.html">
            <NOEMBED>No JDK 1.3 support for APPLET!</NOEMBED>
        </EMBED>
    </COMMENT>
```

```
</OBJECT>
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

In addition to the applet parameters shown above, developers can specify names of custom provider classes for data stream, carrier stream and client coder registry. The use of parameters *data-stream-provider*, *carrier-stream-provider* and *client-coder-registry-provider* is discussed in Section 2.2 of the <u>ULC Architecture Guide</u> and in Section 4 of the <u>ULC Extension Guide</u>.

2.4.3 Deploying a Customized Applet Client

If ULC application clients are only used for specific ULC applications, an application specific applet may be deployed. The basic initialization of the client environment adapter, the user parameter handling and a default error handling can be inherited from the *AbstractAppletLauncher* class, which is an applet. The application specific implementation must at least implement the abstract method *createConnector()*. If desired, the lifecycle methods can be overridden, e.g., to give feedback in the applet pane about the client session state, as outlined in the following code fragment

```
public class AppletTeamMembersClient extends AbstractAppletLauncher {
private static String APPLICATION_URL =
    "http://www.canoo.com/demo/teammembers/applicationApplet/";
    protected IConnector createConnector() {
        return new ServletConnector(new AppletRequestPropertyStore(),
                                    APPLICATION_URL, 900);
    }
    public void sessionEnded(UISession session) {
        getContentPane().removeAll();
        getContentPane().setLayout(new BorderLayout());
        getContentPane().add(BorderLayout.CENTER,
                             new JLabel("Application terminated."));
        getContentPane().validate();
    }
    public void sessionStarted(UISession session) {
        getContentPane().removeAll();
        getContentPane().setLayout(new BorderLayout());
        getContentPane().add(BorderLayout.CENTER,
                             new JLabel("Application started."));
        getContentPane().validate();
    }
}
```

2.4.4 Deploying a Partially Signed Applet Application Client

In general it is sufficient and recommended to execute a ULC application client in the applet sandbox, however there are situations where functionality not allowed by the standard sandbox is required, e.g., an application would like to access files on the client

machine. In contrast to JNLP there is no support for file access for applets running in the sandbox. A customized applet launcher could install an appropriate file service using standard *java.io.* * classes to access files on the client.

As for the JNLP clients, you may use some privileged services, available as single jar file (ulc-base-trusted.jar). The source code is part of the release.

The file access functions are part of the library ulc-base-trusted.jar, which contains the classes *AllPermissionsFileService* and *AllPermissionsBrowserService*. The source of these classes is part of the ULC release. Have a look at this sample to see and evaluate exactly what the single signed functions do in the client local file system.

All functions within ulc-base-trusted.jar granting full browser and file service permissions are isolated within a so called "privilege block", defined in the class *AccessController* provided by the Java SDK.

File access functions are specified within a privilege block. This means that only the privileged code within the block needs to be signed, not the whole call stack. This allows you to sign only the code that you really trust, without forcing you to sign every client jar file.

Launcher

For browser and file services, signing the corresponding jar file is not enough. The new unlimited permission services must be activated. It is necessary to activate the permissions within the launcher.

Here is an applet custom launcher showing how to select the needed "all permissions" file services:

The selected implementation of the file service uses methods that check for *FilePermissions*, calling these methods throws a security exception for unsigned applets, unless the user grants the appropriate permissions to the applet's code base in the policy file. In general this cannot be assumed, therefore the applet must be signed. Because all functions within the classes in ulc-base-trusted.jar are isolated in privilege blocks, only the ulc-base-trusted.jar must be signed.

To grant permissions in a more fine-grained manner and to avoid prompting the user to grant permissions, the *usePolicy* permission was introduced with JDK 1.3. If the following entry is added to the policy file, the Java Plug-in classloader automatically assigns the permissions granted to the applet's code base to the loaded classes. Further information can be found in [12].

```
grant {
    permission java.lang.RuntimePermission "usePolicy";
};
```

2.4.5 Using HTTPS

As the Java Plug-in uses the browser's infrastructure when using *URL.openConnection()* the servlet connector is automatically enabled to communicate using the HTTPS protocol.

2.4.6 Interacting with the Enclosing HTML Page

To integrate a ULC application in a web application, some interaction between the HTML page and the applet application client might be required. There are solutions for either direction: The HTML page may contain JavaScript code, which may call methods on the enclosed applets. Using LiveConnect the applet may execute JavaScript code in the enclosing document. For more information please refer to [13] and [14].

The following example outlines how an HTML document may interact with a ULC application client. The JavaScript code, which is attached to the HTML button *Set User* reads the content of the text field, and passes this value to the ULC application client by calling a method on the applet launcher. The launcher may send this value as a message to the actual application (running on the server) triggering updates in the GUI. The application must implement the *handleMessage()* callback of the *IApplication* interface.

Enclosing HTML fragment:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>Ultra Light Client: Team Members Sample</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
<FORM NAME="form1">
<OBJECT classid="clsid:8AD9C840-044E-11D1-B3E9-00805F499D93"</pre>
   WIDTH = "100%" HEIGHT = "100%" ID = "TeamMembersClient"
   codebase="http://java.sun.com/products/plugin/1.2.2/jinstall-1_2_2-
              win.cab#Version=1,2,2,0">
    <PARAM NAME = "archive" VALUE = "ulc-base-client.jar,
                   ulc-applet-client.jar,ulc-servlet-client.jar" >
    <PARAM NAME = "type" VALUE = "application/x-java-applet; version=1.2.2">
    <PARAM NAME = "codebase" VALUE = "." >
    <PARAM NAME = "code" VALUE = "example.AppletTeamMembersClient.class" >
</OBJECT>
<INPUT TYPE="text" SIZE="20" NAME="user">
<INPUT TYPE="button" VALUE="Set User" onClick=</pre>
        "document.TeamMembersClient.setUser(document.form1.user.value)"
    . . .
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

Customized applet launcher fragment:

```
public class AppletTeamMembersClient extends AbstractAppletLauncher {
    ...
    public void setUser(String user) {
        getSession().sendMessage("setUser:" + user);
    }
}
```

ULC application fragment, reacting on messages:

```
public class TeamMembers extends AbstractApplication {
   private static final String SET_USER_MSG = "setUser:";
   private MasterView fMasterView;

public void start() {
    fMasterView = new MasterView();
    fMasterView.show();
}

public void handleMessage(String message) {
    if (message.startsWith(SET_USER_MSG)) {
        String user = message.substring(SET_USER_MSG.length());
        fMasterView.setUser(user);
    }
}
```

2.5 Deployment as a Standalone Client

2.5.1 Standalone Client Module

The standalone client module (ulc-standalone-client.jar) which is included in the standard distribution of ULC contains the following components:

- Implementations of the client browser service (using *java.io.** classes) and the file service (using *Runtime.exec()*).
- An abstract standalone launcher, implementing the basic lifecycle management.
- A default implementation of a standalone launcher using a servlet connector to communicate with the servlet container hosting the ULC application. The *url*, the *keep-alive interval* and *user parameters* can be specified by command line arguments. The arguments must have the following syntax:

The use of the parameters *data-stream-provider*, *carrier-stream-provider* and *client-coder-registry-provider* is discussed in Section 2.2 of the <u>ULC Architecture Guide</u> and in Section 4 of the <u>ULC Extension Guide</u>.

2.5.2 Distributing the Client

In contrast to JNLP and applet deployment, the distribution of the client is fully decoupled from its integration. There are several distribution options ranging from manually copying files to using an enterprise wide distribution system. To automate the installation on the user's machine, an installer program may be included in the distribution package. Such an installer package could be downloaded by the user or distributed on a CD. Upon execution, the installer program will typically:

- copy the UI Engine jar files on to the user's machine.
- copy a helper program, along with a configuration file, that starts the UI Engine using one of the launcher classes.
- configure system environment variables (path etc.) and for Windows platforms, registry entries (e.g., ULC-specific file extensions).
- set up desktop and toolbar shortcuts for starting the UI Engine.

There are many installer generator programs. e.g. InstallAnywhere [15] and InstallShield [16].

2.5.3 Deploying a Default Standalone Application Client

The simplest way to deploy a ULC application client is to deploy the default standalone client provided in the standalone client module of the ULC release. The default standalone client configures the client environment adapter in the following way:

- It installs the file service and the browser service implementations provided in the standalone client module.
- It terminates the client when the session is terminated.
- It provides default dialogs for error situations.

The command below demonstrates how to configure the default standalone client. The first two arguments specify the URL and the keep-alive interval required for the servlet connector to set up the connection to ULC application. Additional key value pairs specify the user parameters which are passed to the application upon startup.

If the servlet serving the ULC application is mapped to the URL http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/application/ the appropriate command to start the standalone client looks like:

java com.ulcjava.environment.standalone.client.DefaultStandaloneLauncher http://www.acme.com/demo/teammembers/application/ 900 –user scott -role sales

For this command, the following files are assumed to be on the class path:

ulc-standalone-client.jar -- standalone client module classes

2.5.4 Deploying a Customized Standalone Application Client

As for application specific JNLP clients, a customized standalone client could make use of an abstract implementation variant. This class implements the initialization of the client environment adapter, a basic lifecycle management and alerts for error conditions. An application specific client could also be deployed as part of a fat client Java application.

2.6 Advanced Features

2.6.1 Running Multiple Sessions within the Same Process

ULC application clients are not restricted to a single application session. While in the deployment scenarios mentioned so far, the application to connect to was already specified at startup time, a launcher allowing multiple sessions must be able to start sessions at some later point in time. There are various ways how starting a new session can be triggered:

- A client-side GUI can offer the functionality.
- An applet-based client can interact with its environment using JavaScript code. Clicking on links or HTML buttons triggers the client to start new sessions.
- A standalone client can be triggered by another process (using interprocess communication) to start a new session.
- A launcher can install the message service to start a new client session upon messages sent by an application.

A client serving multiple sessions must implement some kind of session management. Terminating the client upon session termination must be disabled. Instead the client process only terminates when the last session is terminated or even resides until it is explicitly terminated by the user, e.g., using a GUI.

2.6.2 Installing a Message Service to Start Client Sessions

As discussed in the previous section, it might be desirable to run multiple sessions within the same process, and starting new sessions could be triggered by ULC applications. The following code fragment outlines a simple implementation of a message service, which allows a ULC application to start new client sessions by sending messages to the client.

To start a session within a ULC application use the following code:

2.6.3 Using the EJB Connector

If a ULC application is executed within an EJB container, an EJB connector must be used by the client to communicate with the stateful session bean hosting the application. The EJB connector requires the appropriate communication infrastructure to be deployed on the client machine. The configuration of the connector towards a specific infrastructure is equivalent to communication the configuration javax.naming.InitialContext object. The parameters may be passed as a property object to the EJB connector or may be specified as system properties or as applet parameters (see [15]). In addition to the parameters used to create the *InitialContext*, the JNDI name under which the application's session bean is registered must be passed to the EJB connector's constructor. In the following code fragment the variant where the parameters are explicitly passed to the connector is used. The example outlines a minimal configuration of a standalone client accessing a ULC application deployed as a stateful session bean in a Bea Weblogic application server.

```
}
```

The EJBConnector can be configured with additional parameters: dataStreamProviderClassName, carrierStreamProviderClassName and coderRegistryProviderClassName. These are discussed in Section 2.2 of the <u>ULC</u> Architecture Guide and in Section 4 of the <u>ULC</u> Extension Guide.

The following files are assumed to be on the client's classpath:

```
ulc-standalone-client.jar -- standalone client module classes
ulc-base-client.jar -- base framework classes
ulc-ejb-client.jar -- ejb connector classes
weblogic.jar -- WebLogic client infrastructure classes
```

The client can be invoked using the following command (assuming the ULC application is registered under the JNDI name *TeamMembers*):

java example.WebLogicEJBClient TeamMembers

3 Server Deployment

3.1 Overview

The following sections describe how to deploy your ULC applications on the server. A ULC application can be deployed as a Servlet container or as a stateful session bean in an EJB container.

This chapter discusses typical deployment scenarios to help you to choose and customize the appropriate deployment strategy for your setting.

3.2 Servlet Container

A Servlet engine (or Servlet container) is the preferred deployment and runtime environment for ULC applications (see [19] for an introduction to the servlet technology). The UI Engine connects to applications deployed in this way using HTTP or HTTPS as the transport protocol. The advantage of this deployment mode is not only the wide acceptance and popularity of Servlet engines but also the fact that HTTP(S) is widely used in today's networks. Firewalls are typically configured to accept HTTP(S) requests.

Note that ULC supports Servlet engines that implement Servlet specification 2.4 or higher. The following sections will use the terminology as defined by Servlet specification 2.2 ([20]). See [23] for a general introduction to the J2EE platform.

Figure 1 shows a ULC application running in a servlet engine.

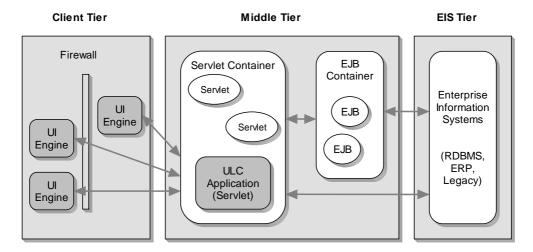


Figure 1: ULC application deployed as servlet

3.2.1 Overview

To deploy a ULC application in a Servlet engine, a special ULC Servlet (ServletContainerAdapter) is installed as the controller for all communication from UI Engines to application sessions. This Servlet is responsible for managing application sessions and dispatching ULC communication. See the chapter on Servlet Container Adapter in the ULC Architecture Guide for an in-depth discussion of this Servlet.

The following sections discuss the process of creating a simple web application containing this Servlet along with the required components. Note that your Servlet container may provide tools that support certain steps in this process.

3.2.2 Components

As a first step, the runtime components of the application must be assembled. The following JAR files provided in the ULC release are required for deployment:

File	Description	
ulc-base-server.jar	Contains the server base framework components.	
ulc-servlet-server.jar	Contains the <i>servlet container adapter</i> classes and resources.	
ulc-applet-server.jar	Only required if the application uses the content pane of the applet as a window container (<i>ULCAppletPane</i>).	

Additionally, all classes and resources of the application to be deployed (including other external libraries required by the application) must be provided, either in an open directory structure or as JAR files.

3.2.3 Deployment Descriptor

The deployment descriptor for the web application must contain the following information:

- A servlet entry declaring the servlet container adapter Servlet (class com.ulcjava.container.servlet.server.ServletContainerAdapter).
 - The *servlet* entry must contain an *init-param* entry (*param-name=application-class*) defining the ULC application main class (i.e., the class that implements the *com.ulcjava.base.application.IApplication* interface). Optionally a log level value (*param-name=log-level*) can be specified.
 - The scope of the log level affects all ULC sessions, which are controlled by the given servlet. It does not affect any ULC sessions, which might be controlled via other servlets. Moreover, there is a single, global scope for logging messages which are written on the servlet level itself (but outside of a ULC session). The log level of the latter scope can be configured by means of a properties file.
- A corresponding *servlet-mapping* element entry, defining the URL pattern for the servlet container adapter. This defines the URL that UI Engines must connect to.

The following XML file shows a typical example for a deployment descriptor file used to deploy a ULC application. For this application, UI Engines will need to connect to the URL http://<host>:<port>/<context-name>/MyApplication/.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<!DOCTYPE web-app PUBLIC
    "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD Web Application 2.2//EN"
    "http://java.sun.com/j2ee/dtds/web-app_2.2.dtd">
<web-app>
    <servlet>
```

```
<servlet-name>MyApplication/servlet-name>
        <servlet-class>
           com.ulcjava.container.servlet.server.ServletContainerAdapter
        </servlet-class>
        <init-param>
            <param-name>application-class</param-name>
            <param-value>com.acme.ulc.MyApplication/param-value>
        </init-param>
        <init-param>
            <param-name>db-url</param-name>
            <param-value>jdbc:mysql://somehost/test</param-value>
        </init-param>
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
       <servlet-name>MyApplication/servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/MyApplication/</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <!-- Additional configuration information -->
   <!--->
</web-app>
```

3.2.4 Deployment Key

To deploy the ULC application, the .jar file /license/ulc-deployment-key.jar must be included in the application deployment.

3.2.5 Packaging

To package all the components, create a web application (either as a .war file or in an open directory structure) with the following contents:

File	Description
/WEB-INF/web.xml	Web application deployment descriptor as described in [20].
/WEB-INF/lib/ulc-base-server.jar	Base application classes.
/WEB-INF/lib/ulc-servlet-server.jar	Servlet deployment.classes.
/WEB-INF/lib/ulc-applet-server.jar	Applet deployment classes.
/WEB-INF/lib/*.jar	JAR files containing application code and resources or external libraries required by the application.
/WEB-INF/classes/*	ULC Deployment key, application class files, and resources that are not included in above JAR files.

3.2.6 Deployment

As a last step, install the web application as described in the Servlet container's documentation.

See the chapter on *Servlet Connector* in the <u>ULC Architecture Guide</u> for information on how to use the Servlet connector component and how to configure the client to connect to the running ULC application.

3.2.7 Advanced Configuration

HTTPS

The deployment procedure described above is independent of your choice of security mechanisms. To use HTTPS as the transport protocol (with server authentication or client authentication), you need to set up the Servlet container accordingly (see the Servlet container's documentation).

Session Timeout

The session timeout of the web application must be configured to be compatible with the server environment (e.g., load balancing mechanisms) and with the client configuration (e.g. using "keep-alive" requests, see the chapter on Servlet Connector in the ULC Architecture Guide).

Installation of ULC HttpSessionListener

com.ulcjava.container.servlet.server.HttpSessionListener notifies ULC applications after the HTTP session has been destroyed (e.g. because of a HTTP session timeout). When the HTTP session is destroyed, HTTPSessionListener gets ULCSessions from the SessionStore and calls on it sessionDestroyed() which in turn calls IApplication.stop() thus terminating the ULC application.The installation of HTTPSessionListener requires servlet specification 2.3 and the following listener tag added to the web.xml of the ULC application:

Authentication

The ApplicationContext.getUserPrincipal() method returns authentication information provided by the Servlet container. The ULC Servlet container adapter returns the information as provided by the <code>getUserPrincipal()</code> method of

javax.servlet.http.HttpRequest. Please see your Servlet container's documentation for information on how to set up *user principal* support.

Authorization

The method *ApplicationContext.isUserInRole()* returns a boolean value indicating whether the authenticated user is included in the specified logical role. Roles and role membership must be specified in the deployment descriptor (see [20]).

3.3 EJB Container

A ULC application can be deployed as a stateful session bean in an *EJB container* (see [21] for an introduction to the EJB technology). The transport protocol that the UI Engine uses to connect to an application deployed as EJB depends on the EJB container implementation (with EJB specification 2.1). This deployment mode can be used to leverage the advanced management facilities of EJB containers (e.g., activation and passivation).

Note that ULC supports EJB containers that implement EJB specification 2.1 or higher. The following sections will use the terminology as defined by EJB specification 2.1 ([22]).

Figure 2 shows a ULC application running as a stateful session bean in an EJB container.

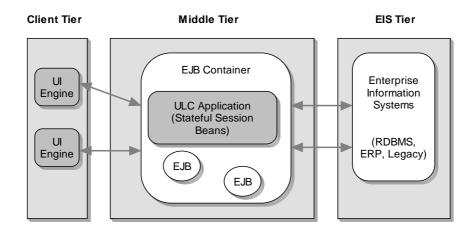


Figure 2: ULC application deployed as stateful session bean

3.3.1 Overview

To deploy a ULC application as a stateful session bean, a special ULC stateful session bean (*EJBContainerAdapter*) is used as the controller for all communication from a UI Engine to an application session. For each application session, a session bean instance delegates incoming communication requests to the ULC classes. See the chapter on *EJB Container Adapter* in the <u>ULC Architecture Guide</u> for an in-depth discussion of this session bean.

The following sections discuss the process of packaging and deploying a ULC application as a session bean. Note that this deployment process depends on your EJB container which may support certain steps with specific tools.

3.3.2 Components

As a first step, the runtime components of the application have to be collected. The following JAR files provided in the ULC release are required for deployment:

File	Description		
ulc-base-server.jar	Contains the server base framework components.		
ulc-ejb-server.jar	Contains the <i>EJB container adapter</i> classes and resources.		
ulc-applet-server.jar	Only required if the application uses the content pane of the applet as a window container (<i>ULCAppletPane</i>).		

Additionally, all classes and resources of the application to be deployed (including other external libraries required by the application) must be provided.

3.3.3 Deployment Descriptor

The deployment descriptor for the EJB container adapter bean must contain a *session* element entry declaring the *EJB container adapter* session bean (class *com.ulcjava.container.ejb.shared.EjbContainerAdapter*). The *session* element entry must contain the following elements:

- The *ejb-name* element declares the logical name of the EJB container adapter.
- The *home* element must specify the home interface of the EJB container adapter, i.e., *com.ulcjava.container.ejb.shared.EjbContainerAdapterHome*.
- The *remote* element must specify the remote interface of the EJB container adapter, i.e., *com.ulcjava.container.ejb.shared.EjbContainerAdapter*.
- The *ejb-class* element must specify the implementation of the EJB container adapter, i.e., *com.ulcjava.container.ejb.server.EjbContainerAdapterBean*.
- The session-type element must specify 'Stateful'.
- The *transaction-type* element must specify 'Bean'. The EJB container adapter itself does not demarcate any transactions however. Transaction handling is to be accomplished exclusively by the application implementation.
- An *env-entry* element entry (*env-entry-name=application-class*, *env-entry-type=java.lang.String*) must specify the ULC application main class (i.e., the class that implements the *com.ulcjava.base.application.IApplication* interface).
- Additional *env-entry* elements declare init parameters that should be accessible by the ULC application.

The following XML file shows a typical example for a deployment descriptor file used to deploy a ULC application.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE ejb-jar PUBLIC
'-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//DTD Enterprise JavaBeans 1.1//EN'
'http://java.sun.com/j2ee/dtds/ejb-jar_1_1.dtd'>
```

```
<ejb-jar>
   <description>MyApplication</description>
   <display-name>MyApplication</display-name>
   <enterprise-beans>
       <session>
           <ejb-name>MyApplication</ejb-name>
           <home>
               com.ulcjava.container.ejb.shared.EjbContainerAdapterHome
           </home>
           <remote>
               com.ulcjava.container.ejb.shared.EjbContainerAdapter
           </remote>
           <ejb-class>
               com.ulcjava.container.ejb.server.EjbContainerAdapterBean
           </ejb-class>
           <session-type>Stateful</session-type>
           <transaction-type>Bean/transaction-type>
           <env-entry>
               <env-entry-name>application-class
               <env-entry-type>java.lang.String</env-entry-type>
               <env-entry-value>
                   com.acme.ulc.MyApplication
               </env-entry-value>
           </env-entry>
           <env-entry>
               <env-entry-name>db-url
               <env-entry-type>java.lang.String/env-entry-type>
               <env-entry-value>
                   jdbc:mysql://somehost/test
               </env-entry-value>
           </env-entry>
       </session>
   </enterprise-beans>
</ejb-jar>
```

Additionally, a container specific deployment description may be required. Please consult the EJB container's documentation for more information.

3.3.4 Deployment Key

To deploy the ULC application, the .jar file /license/ulc-deployment-key.jar must be included in the application deployment.

3.3.5 Packaging

To package all the components, create one ejb-jar file containing:

- The class and resource files from the JAR files listed in Section 3.3.2.
- The deployment descriptor as described above with the name META-INF/ejb-jar.xml.
- The deployment key.

 All application classes and resource files, including libraries the application depends on.

Note that some EJB containers require this jar file to be post-processed in order to generate the necessary stubs.

As an alternative, J2EE 1.4 compliant EJB containers will allow you to package an ejb-jar file that references other JAR files by *Class-Path* reference in the Manifest file.

For more information on packaging EJBs see [24].

3.3.6 Deployment

As a last step, install the session bean as described in your EJB container's documentation.

See Section 2.6.3 for information on how to use the EJB connector component and how to configure the client to connect to the running ULC application.

3.3.7 Advanced Configurations

Transports

The deployment procedure described above is independent of the choice of transport protocol between client and server. The availability of different transports (e.g., secure transport with server authentication and client authentication) depends on the EJB container (see your EJB container's documentation).

Authentication

ApplicationContext.getUserPrincipal() method returns authentication information provided by the EJB container. The ULC container adapter session bean returns the information as provided by the <code>javax.ejb.EJBContext.getUserPrincipal()</code> method implementation of the EJB container. Please see your EJB container's documentation for information on how to set up <code>user principal</code> support.

Authorization

The method *ApplicationContext.isUserInRole()* returns a boolean indicating whether the authenticated user is included in the specified logical role. Roles and role membership must be specified in the deployment descriptor (see [21]).

4 Standalone or Offline Deployment

4.1 Overview

Sometime there is a requirement to distribute and run an ULC application as a standalone Java application on the desktop and not as a server centric application that is deployed in a J2EE conatiner. ULC allows you to run the same ULC application either as a standalone Java application or as a server-side application (as a servlet of EJB as described in earlier sections) without making any changes to your ULC application code. The following section describe how you can deploy your ULC application in standalone mode.

4.2 Local Container

The Local Container enables a ULC application to run as a standalone Java application on the desktop. Thus, with the Local Container you can run your ULC applications in offline mode. In this mode, the ULC client and the ULC application run within a single Java VM. Note that you will require the free ULC Deployment License *ulc-deployment-key.jar* on the classpath.

The Local Container is different from the DevelopmentRunner that is used to run an ULC Application in standalone mode within a development environment, e.g. an IDE. The DevelopmentRunner requires the ULC Development License on the class path. You cannot distribute your ULC application with the DevelopmentRunner because the Development License is not distributable. On the other hand, the Local Container only requires the free ULC Deployment License *ulc-deployment-key.jar* on the classpath. This allows you to distribute your ULC application to your clients by giving them the free ULC Deployment License *ulc-deployment-key.jar*.

An ULC application is deployed in the Local Conatiner with the help of the class *com.ulcjava.container.local.server.LocalContainerAdapter*. To run an ULC application within a Local Container you will require in the classpath your application classes and resources and the following ULC jar files:

File	Description	
ulc-base-client.jar	Contains the <i>client base framework</i> components.	
ulc-base-server.jar	Contains the server base framework components.	
ulc-base-trusted.jar	Contains the trusted Browser and File Service classes	
ulc-local-server.jar	Contains the Local Container classes	
ulc-deployment-key.jar	The Deployment License	

The following code shows how you can deploy the TeamMembers sample application in standalone, offline mode:

```
import com.ulcjava.base.server.IContainerServices;
import com.ulcjava.container.local.server.LocalContainerAdapter;
```

```
import com.ulcjava.sample.teammembers.TeamMembers;
import java.util.Properties;
public class TeamMembersLocalLauncher extends LocalContainerAdapter {
    protected Class getApplicationClass() {
        return TeamMembers.class;
    protected IContainerServices createContainerServices() {
        // change the default to define custom init parameters, user
        // principal, and user roles
        // the default implementation returns the DefaultContainerServices
        // that defines no init parameters, user principal, and user roles
        return super.createContainerServices();
    protected Properties getUserParameters() {
        // change the default to define custom user parameters
        // the default implementation returns no user parameters
        return super.getUserParameters();
    }
    protected String getDataStreamProviderClassName() {
          // change the default to define a custom data stream provider
          return super.getDataStreamProviderClassName();
    }
    protected String getCarrierStreamProviderClassName() {
        // change the default to define a custom carrier stream provider
        return super.getCarrierStreamProviderClassName();
    }
    protected String getClientCoderRegistryProviderClassName() {
        // change the default to define a custom client-side coder
        // registry provider
        return super.getClientCoderRegistryProviderClassName();
    }
    protected String getServerCoderRegistryProviderClassName() {
        // change the default to define a custom server-side coder
        // registry provider
        return super.getServerCoderRegistryProviderClassName();
    }
    protected String getModelAdapterProviderClassName() {
        // change the default to define a custom model adapter
        // provider
        return super.getModelAdapterProviderClassName();
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        TeamMembersLocalLauncher localLauncher =
```

```
new TeamMembersLocalLauncher();
localLauncher.start();
}
```

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	http://java.sun.com/products/plugin/1.3/docs/tags.html
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