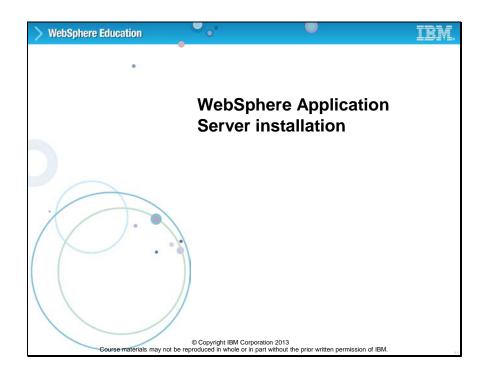
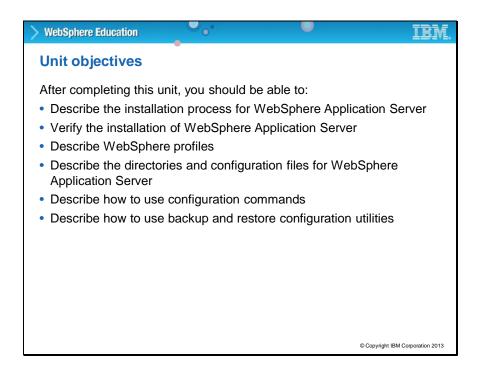
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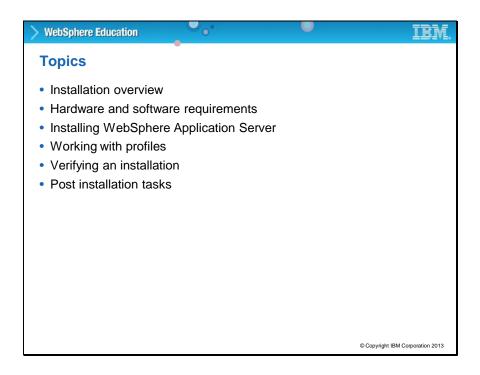


This unit describes the tasks that are involved with the planning, installation, and post-installation of WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5.



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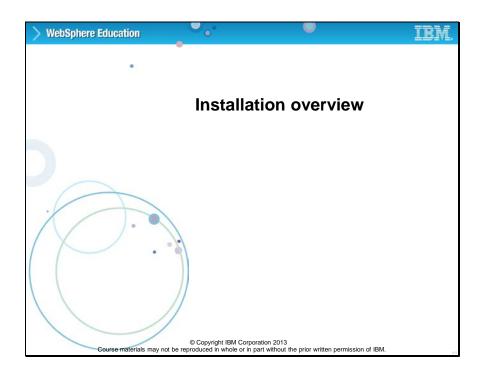
- Describe the installation process for WebSphere Application Server
- Verify the installation of WebSphere Application Server
- Describe WebSphere profiles
- Describe the directories and configuration files for WebSphere Application Server
- Describe how to use configuration commands
- Describe how to use backup and restore configuration utilities



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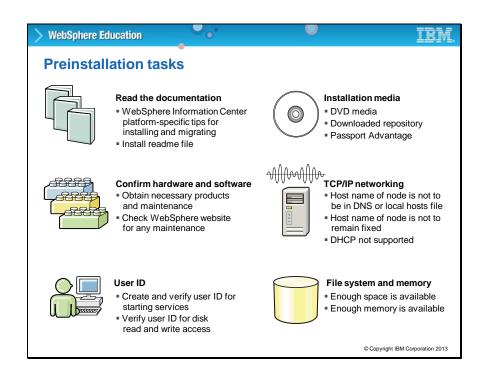
- Installation overview
- Hardware and software requirements
- Installing WebSphere Application Server
- Working with profiles
- Verifying the installation
- Post installation tasks

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Topic: Installation overview. In this topic, you get an overview of the installation process.

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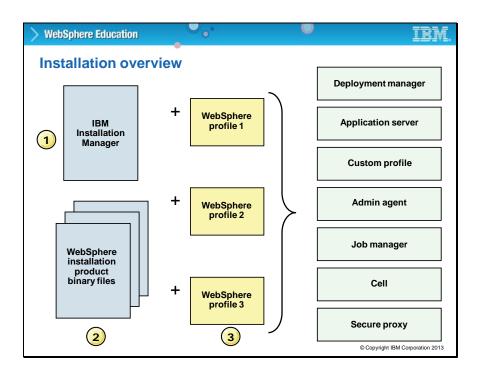
Before beginning the installation of WebSphere Application Server, read the documentation that is included with the product. Also, review the WebSphere information center for tips on planning the installation process. Confirm that you meet the hardware and software requirements. Application requirements dictate more hardware and software needs.

Create and verify that the user ID that is used to install the product has the appropriate rights for starting services. Ensure that the user ID has read and write access to the file system where the product is installed. WebSphere can be installed by using a non-administrator id. Review the information center topic that is titled "Describing installation by using non-administrator id". Locate the installation media. The installation files are delivered as a DVD or can be downloaded by using a Passport Advantage id.

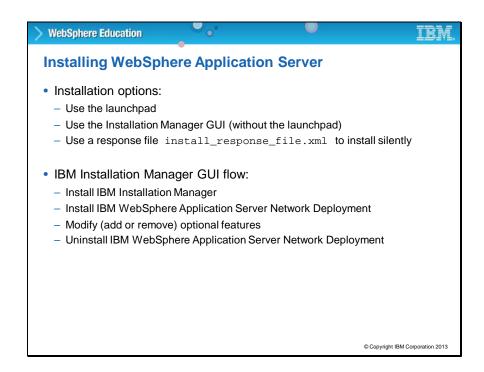
WebSphere opens up several ports by default. Ensure that the host name assigned to your system is in DNS or in the local hosts file. The host name must remain fixed after you create a profile. Changing the host name can cause WebSphere not to function properly.

Finally, ensure that you have enough disk space and physical memory on the system to support your application server environment. The applications that you plan to install contribute to the amount of disk space and physical memory needed.

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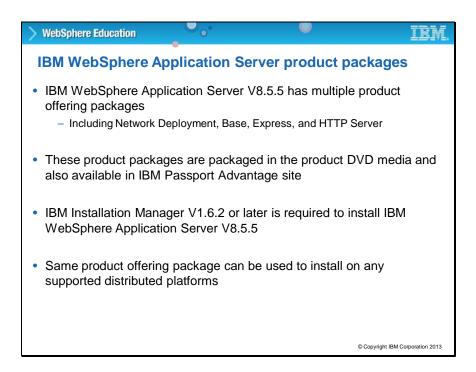
First, locate the product media. Use the launchpad to install the IBM Installation Manager (IIM). After installing IIM, choose the WebSphere package that you want to install. After successfully installing the WebSphere Application Server, select and create the appropriate profile.



There are three options for installing the product.

You can use the launchpad program that is in the root directory of the product disk, the installation manager GUI, or install the product silently by using a response file. The product media includes a launchpad utility, which can be used to install IBM Installation Manager Version 1.5.2 and IBM WebSphere Application Server Version 8.5. After IBM Installation Manager is installed, it can be used to:

- 1. Install IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment
- 2. Add or remove more optional features to the IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment installation
- 3. Uninstall the installation

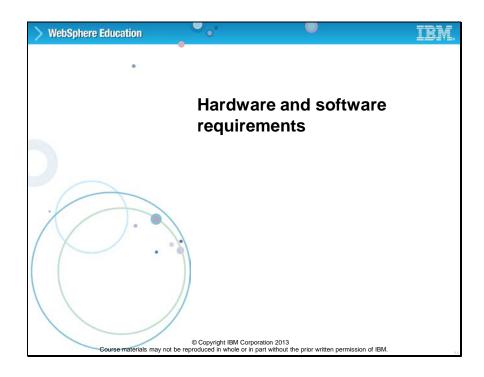


IBM WebSphere Application Server Version 8.5.5 includes multiple offering packages. For example, Application Server ND, Base, Express, or the IBM HTTP Server is a separate offering.

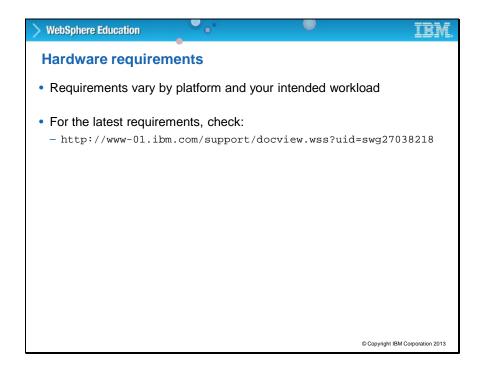
These offering packages are also available for download and to be installed directly from the IBM Passport Advantage site. A user must have a valid Passport Advantage id and password with entitlement to IBM WebSphere Application Server Version 8.5.5.

All IBM WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5 offerings must be installed by using the IBM Installation Manager Version 1.6.2 or later. Unlike the previous version of WebSphere Application Server, each offering contains complete program binary files and can be installed on any supported distributed platform. There is not a separate 32-bit and 64-bit application server package.

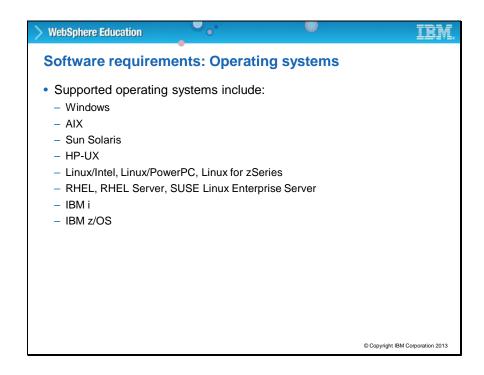
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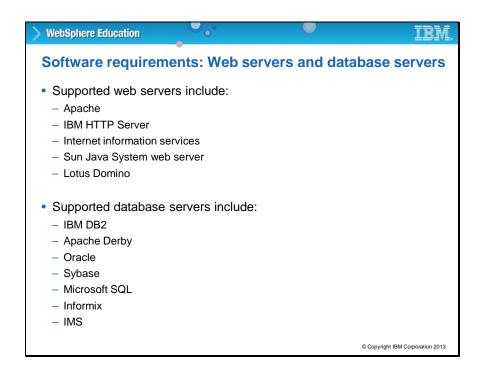
Topic: Hardware and software requirements. This topic, describes the hardware and software requirements for installing the IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment product.



Hardware requirements vary by platform and application requirements. The minimum requirements are 1 GB of physical memory and a CD drive. Use this link to check for the latest hardware requirements. Also, consult your application documentation to help determine your hardware requirements.

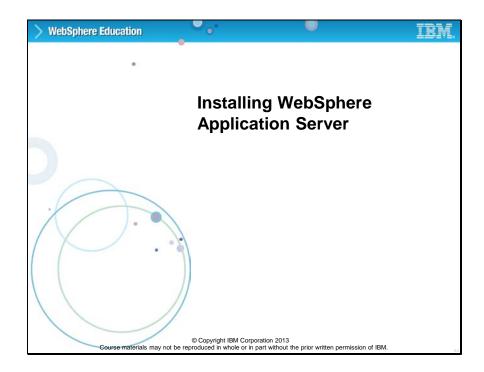


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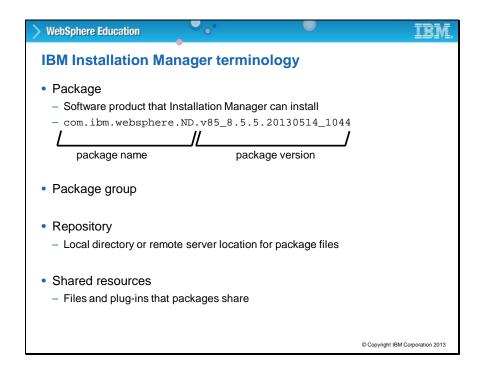
This list contains the supported web servers and the supported database servers. Use the software requirements link on an earlier slide to check for the latest supported web servers, database server versions, and patch levels. Also, consult your application documentation to help determine your database server requirements.

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Topic: Installing WebSphere Application Server. This topic introduces the steps of installing WebSphere Application Server.

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A *package* is a software product that the Installation Manager installs. It is a separately installable unit that can operate independently from other packages of that software. It can be a product, a group of components, or a single component that can be installed by using the Installation Manager. Each package has a name, version, and an identifier as shown in this example:

- Package name: com.ibm.websphere.ND.v85
- Package version: 8.5.5.20130514_1044
- Package identifier: com.ibm.websphere.ND.v85 8.5.5.20130514 1044

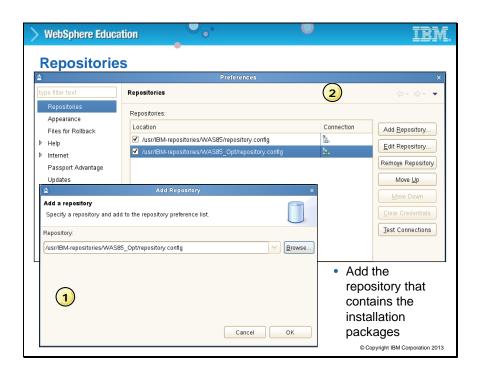
The packages are installed to a defined directory location in the file system. Installation Manager allows you to control where products are installed and at which level.

A package group is used when more than one product is installed at the same location. The Installation Manager sets package group names automatically. Some packages support installing to the same package group and other packages must be installed to a new package group. When you install multiple packages at the same time, you can install the packages into different package groups. After creating a package group by successfully installing a package, you cannot change the installation directory. The installation directory contains files and resources specific to the packages that are installed into that package group.

A **repository** is a place where the installable packages can be found. The repository includes metadata that describes the software version and how it is installed. It has a list of files that are organized in a tree structure and can be on a local directory or on a remotely reachable server.

Shared resources provide a place where software files and plug-ins are stored and packages share the resources. You can specify the shared resources directory the first time you install a package and you cannot change the location while packages are installed. Resources in the package that other package groups can use are placed in the shared resources directory.

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First, you must configure the repository that contains the WebSphere Application Server installation packages. If Installation Manager is not started, then change to the installation directory of Installation Manager and enter Eclipse. After Installation Manager is started, it takes you to the main page. Next, you add the repository that contains the WebSphere Application Server ND package. To add a repository, you modify the Installation Manager preferences. Click File > Preferences > Repositories. This page contains a list of the repositories for the Installation Manager. Click Add Repository and enter the path to the repository.config file in the location that contains the repository files.

If you are going to install the product by using the web-based installation, then you need access to the Passport Advantage site and access the product from the online repository. The location does not contain a web page that you can access by using a web browser. The location is a remote web-based repository location that you must add to your Installation Manager preferences before the Installation Manager GUI can access the files in this repository to install the product. This live repository is accessed by using Passport Advantage authentication. After you install Installation Manager, you can set the Passport Advantage preference to connect to the live repositories.

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After you configure the Installation Manager to access the repositories that contain your product package, select the **Install** option on the main page.

From the main page, you can also discover and update an existing installation, and modify an existing installation by adding or removing features and functions. If you updated an installation, you can roll back to an earlier version of a package or uninstall an existing installation.

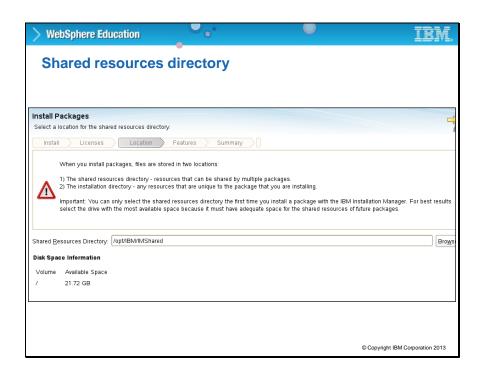
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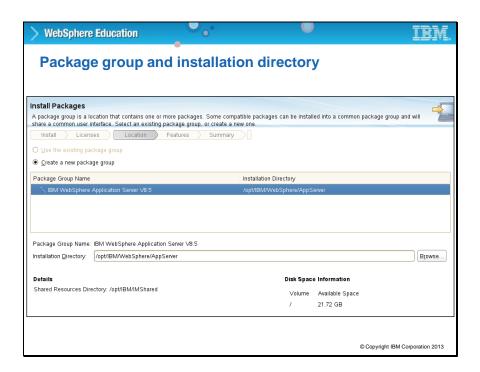
The package installation page displays and shows a list of available installation packages and packages that are installed. The list of packages you can install is retrieved from the repositories you configured in Installation Manager.

Select to install the IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment package and click **Next**.

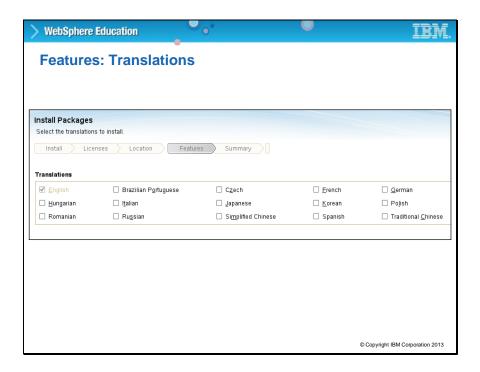
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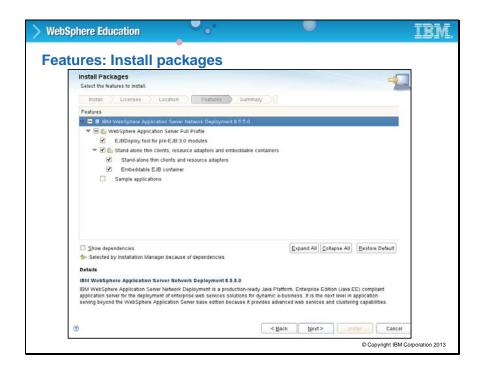
Select the location for the shared resources directory. The first time that you install a package by using Installation Manager, you must specify the shared resources director. The shared resources directory is where installation artifacts used by one or more package groups are located. After the directory is set, the directory location cannot be modified.



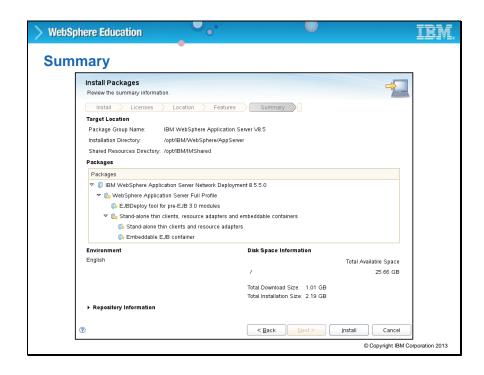
Next, determine the package group and installation directory. The package group is a location that contains one or more packages. The installation directory is the location for the installation binary files. When you install packages with IBM Installation Manager, you must choose an installation location.



In version 8.5.5, you can select individual language packs for the WebSphere Application Server runtime environment and administrative console. You can confirm the features to install.

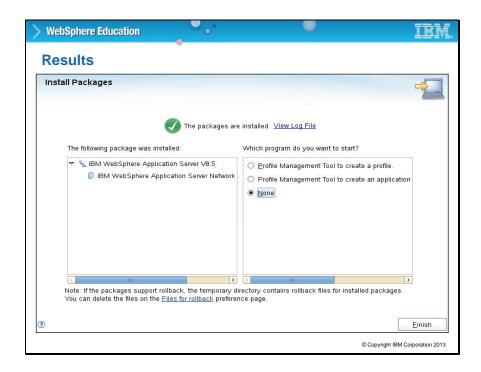


In version 8.5.5, you can select individual features to install. Other features that you can install include the EJBDeploy tool for pre-EJB 3.0 modules, stand-alone thin clients, resource adapters, embeddable containers, and sample applications.



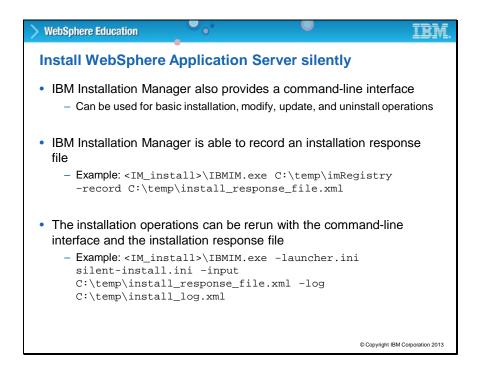
An installation summary panel is displayed. Review the installation location, installation features, and the language pack option before clicking **Install** to start the installation. During the installation, a progress status bar is displayed. You can pause or cancel the installation and resume when you are ready to continue.

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If the installation is successful, the program displays a message that indicates that installation is successful. If the installation is not successful, click **View Log File** to troubleshoot the problem. It is always a good idea to view the log file after any installation.

In Version 8.5, product installation is separated from product configuration. The installation of WebSphere Application Server does not automatically create a server profile instance. However, there is an option on the final panel of the installation wizard to start the Profile Management Tool application upon closing of this final installation wizard panel.

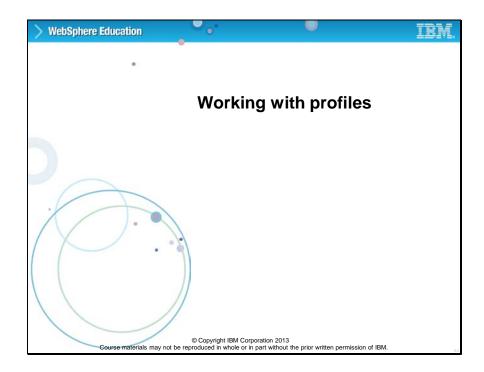


IBM Installation Manager also provides a command-line interface, which can be used for installation automation, and it is useful when installing WebSphere Application Server in many systems within your enterprise. You can use the command-line interface alone to complete basic installation, modify, update, and uninstall operations, or you can use it with an installation response file to rerun the same installation operations. IBM Installation Manager also can record the operation to an installation response file in its GUI mode, or you can use the sample response file that is provided in the WebSphere Application Server information center. There are instructions in the sample response file to guide you in changing it for your environment.

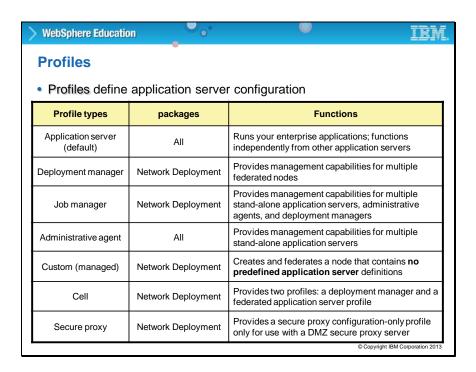
In the IBM WebSphere Application Server Version 8.5 information center, you can find sample response files that contain complete documentation on how to modify the sample response file to suite your particular installation environment. An example is a different installation location or a choice of optional features.

When you record a new response file, you can specify the **-skipInstall** parameter. Using this parameter indicates that no files are installed, and speeds up the recording. If you use a temporary data location with the **-skipInstall** parameter, Installation Manager writes the installation registry to the specified data location while recording. When you start Installation Manager again without the **-skipInstall** parameter, you then can use your response file to install against the real installation registry.

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Topic: Working with profiles. This topic describes the concept of profiles and explains the steps to create a profile.



Profiles are created based on templates that are supplied with the product. Each template consists of a set of files that provide the initial settings for the profile and a list of actions to do after the profile is created. Currently, there is no provision for modifying these templates for your use, or for creating templates that are based on existing application servers.

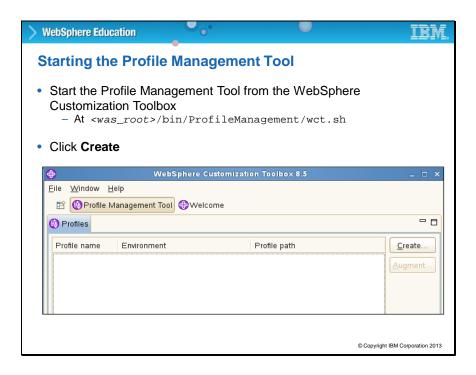
Profiles define application server configurations. WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5 Network Deployment has seven profile types, which are listed and described in the table on the slide. Profiles contain the configuration files that WebSphere uses at run time. Profiles are created by using the Profile Management Tool, which is a graphical interface to the manageprofiles script. Profiles can also be created and managed by using the manageprofiles script.

An application server profile runs your enterprise applications. You can create an application server profile. This profile allows access to applications from the Internet or from an intranet, typically by using Java technology. An application server profile functions independently from other application servers. This profile type is available for all installation packages.

A deployment manager provides management capabilities for multiple federated nodes. A deployment manager can manage nodes that span multiple systems and platforms. A single deployment manager manages the nodes, and the nodes must be federated to the cell of that deployment manager. This profile type is available for network deployment installations.

For more detailed description of all profile types, see the information center.

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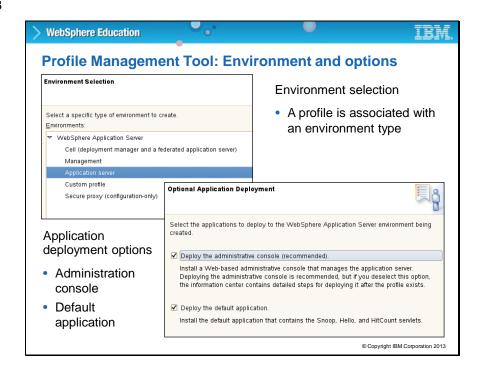


Start the Profile Management Tool to create a runtime environment. You can use one of the following ways to start the tool.

- At the end of installation, select the check box to open the Profile Management Tool.
- Enter the command to open the WebSphere Customization Toolbox directly from a command prompt and open the Profile Management Tool.
- Select the WebSphere Customization Toolbox option from the First steps console and open the Profile Management Tool.
- [Windows] Use the Start menu to access the WebSphere Customization Toolbox and open the Profile Management Tool.
- [Linux] Use the Linux operating system menus that are used to start programs to start the WebSphere Customization Toolbox and open the Profile Management Tool.

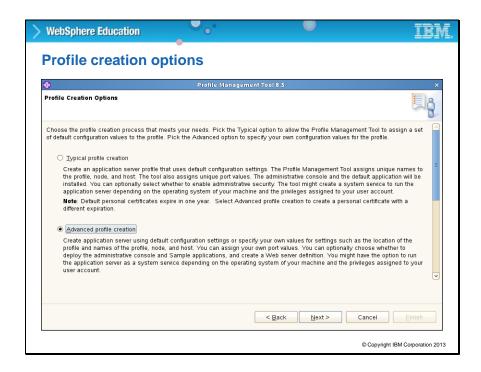
After WebSphere Customization Toolbox is started, select the Profile Management Tool and click **Create**.

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You are prompted to select the profile environment you want to create. A number of different profiles can be created from this tool. In this example, select the Application Server environment and click **Next**.

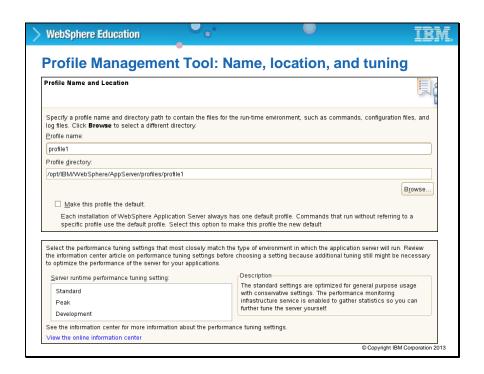
You are prompted to choose what applications you want to deploy to your application server environment. As part of the profile creation, both the administrative console and the default application are deployed. It is best to deploy the administrative console so there is an initial point to administer the application server. In a development or test environment, you can install the default application. The default application contains several servlets that provide information about the application server. In a production environment, it is best to uninstall (or not install at all) the default application. Installation of the default application is considered a security risk.



Select either Typical profile creation or Advanced profile creation, and click Next.

The Typical profile creation option creates a profile that uses default configuration settings. With the Advanced profile creation option, you can specify your own configuration values for a profile.

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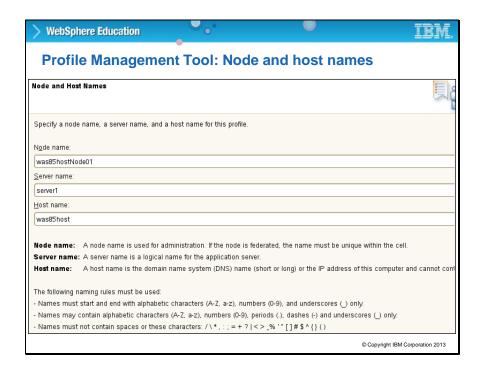


You are prompted to specify the name of the profile and the profile directory. The profile creation process provides a default name and location. You can change the profile name and location according to the naming standards of your enterprise. The profile name that is provided here is added to a file called profileRegistry.xml, which allows the profile management tool to track the profiles that are created and configured for installation. The profile directory is used to store the configuration files for the profile.

You are also prompted to select performance settings for the application server. There are three settings to tune the performance. Select the performance-tuning setting that most closely matches the type of environment in which the application server runs.

- Standard The standard settings are the standard default configuration settings that are optimized for general-purpose usage.
- Peak The peak settings are appropriate for a production environment where application changes are rare and optimal runtime performance is important.
- Development The development settings are appropriate for a development environment where frequent application updates are done and system resources are at a minimum.
 Do not use the development settings for production servers.

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The parameters on this panel identify the profile. You prompted to specify the node name, server name, and the host name.

The node name is used to help organize your installation. Use a unique name if you plan to create more than one application server on the system. Notice that a node name is suggested for you. The format of the default name is the short name of the computer name, then a node number sequentially starting at 01. The node name identifies the application server profile in the administrative console. If the node is federated, the node name must be unique within the cell. The server name is a logical name that is assigned to your application server. Typically the name that is used here represents the applications that are installed on this application server.

The host name is the DNS name or IP address of your computer to enable communication with your system. This host name must be in the DNS or local hosts file. After the profile is created, do not change the host name in your DNS. Doing so can cause your application server to not function properly. Click **Next**.



This page in the wizard allows you to enable administrative security. Selecting this option protects administrative services, such as accessing the configuration repository when you start the application server. This id is considered the primary administrative id. Other administrative users and groups can be created later. This administrative user is created in a repository within the application server and is stored in the profile config directory in a file call fileRegistry.xml.

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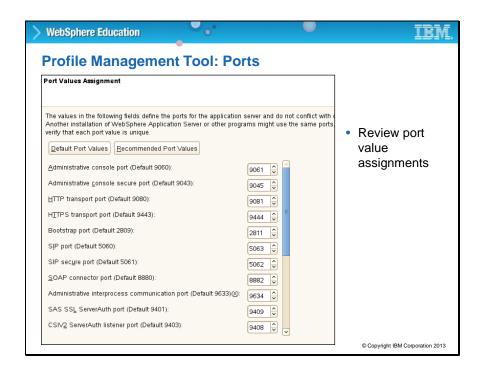
Whenever you create a profile, you have the option of creating a personal certificate and signer certificate for the node. Another option is to import an existing certificate and signer certificate for the node. If you select to import these artifacts, you need the password to access the keystores. These certificates are used during SSL communication between clients of WebSphere and between WebSphere processes.

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If you chose to create a default personal certificate and signer certificate, you are prompted here to provide the distinguished name for the certificates. The personal certificate has a default expiration of one year and the signer certificate has a default expiration of 15 years. These values can be changed. Also, a default password of WebAS is provided to protect the keystore that holds your certificates. Change this password. Click **Next**.

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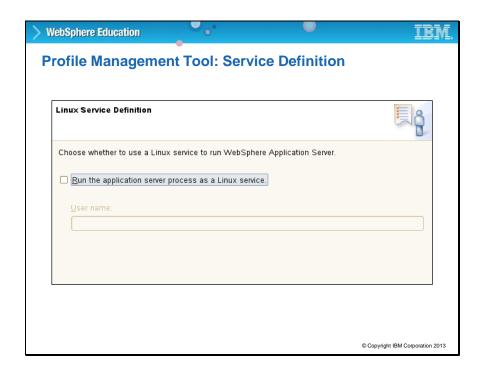


Verify that the port value assignments are correct and that there are no port conflicts. If you chose not to deploy the administrative console, then the administrative console ports are disabled on the Ports panel.

Validation of ports occurs when you access the Port value assignment panel. Conflicts can still occur between the Port value assignment panel and the profile creation complete panel because ports are not assigned until profile creation completes.

If you suspect a port conflict, then you can investigate the port conflict after the profile is created. Determine the ports that are used during profile creation by examining the portdef.props files.

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Depending on your operating system, you can choose to run the application server as a Windows or Linux service. If you choose this option, you are required to provide the account that is used to start this service.

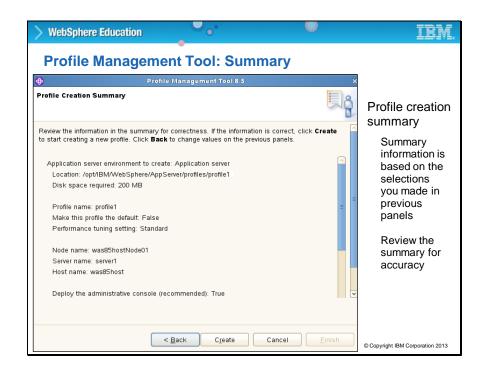
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For advanced profile creation, if you choose to include a web server definition in the profile, specify the web server characteristics, and click **Next** until you complete all the web server definition panels.

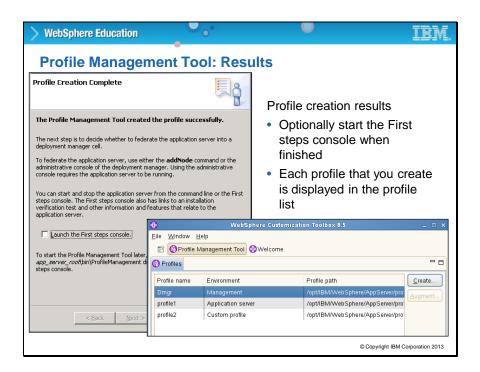
If you use a web server to route requests to the product, include a web server definition. You can include the definition now, or define the web server later. If you define the web server definition during the creation of this profile, then you can install the web server and its plug-in after you create the profile. However, you must install both components to the paths that you specify on the web server definition panels. If you define the web server to the product after you create this profile, then you must define the web server in a separate profile.

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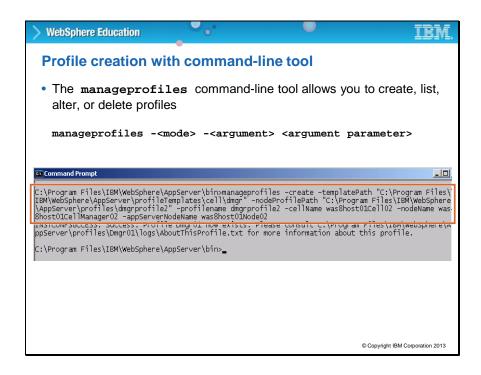
This page provides a summary of the options you chose for the profile creation. Review the summary and click **Next**.

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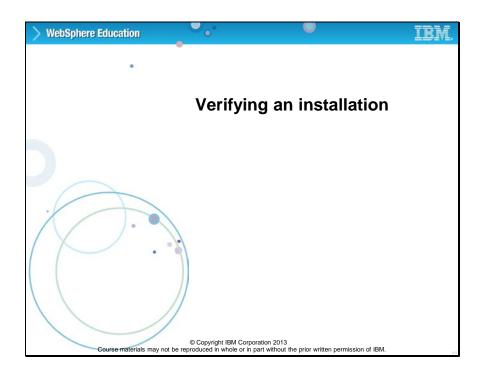
When the profile creation completes, the tool displays the profile creation complete panel. Optionally, select **Launch the First steps console**. With the First steps console, you can create more profiles and start the application server.

Each profile that is created by using this installation is listed in the Profile Management Tool. Click **Finish** to exit.



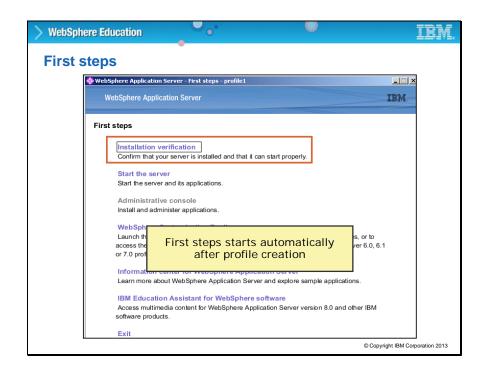
You can use the manageprofiles command to create and manage profiles. The command-line tool allows you to create, list, alter, or delete profiles. The **manageprofiles** command and its graphical user interface, the Profile Management Tool, are the only ways to create runtime environments. On the slide, you can see there are multiple parameters for this command. Consult the information center for an explanation of each parameter.

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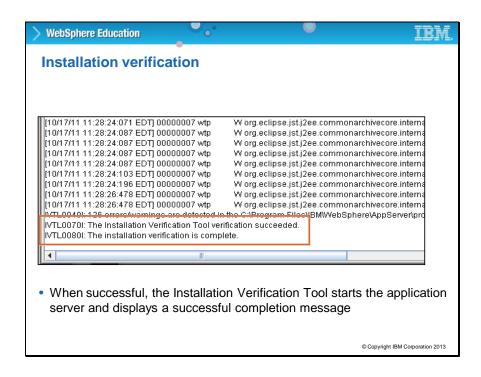
Topic: Verifying an installation. In this topic, you learn how to verify an installation.

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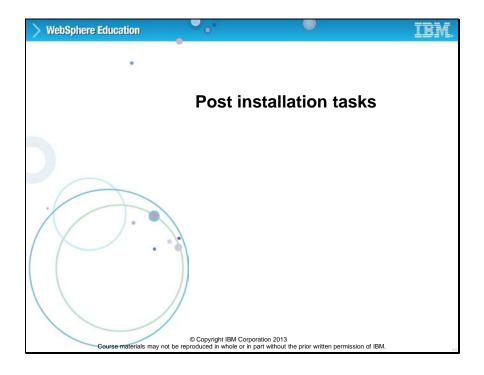
If you select to start the First steps console after the profile creation, the program will be started. From this page, you are able to verify the installation by starting the installation verification tool, or start the server and then open the administrative console. You can also start the WebSphere Customization Toolbox, view the information center, access the IBM Education Assistant for WebSphere, or exit.

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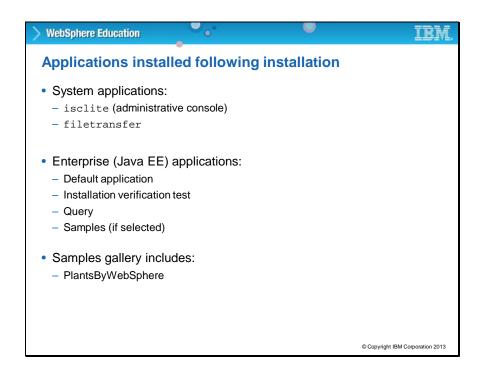


The installation verification tool starts the server process of a profile automatically if the server is not running. After the server initializes, the installation verification tool runs a series of verification tests. The tool displays pass or fail status in a console window. The tool also logs results to the ivtClient.log file in the logs directory for the profile. As the tool verifies your system, it reports any detectable errors in the SystemOut.log file.

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Topic: Post installation tasks. This topic describes the post installation tasks.

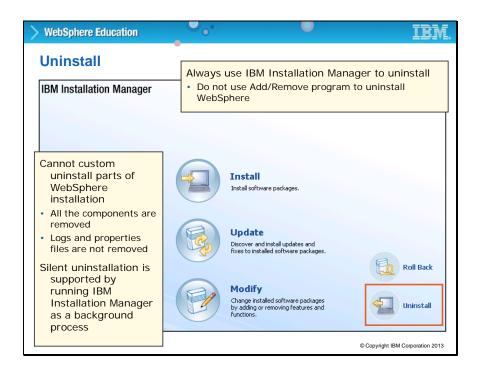


Depending on the options you chose during installation and profile creation, several applications might be installed.

A system application is a Java Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE) enterprise application that is central to a WebSphere Application Server product. Because a system application is an important part of a WebSphere Application Server product, a system application is deployed when the product is installed and is updated only through a product fix or upgrade. System applications consist of isclite (administrative console) and the filetransfer application. These applications are not listed in the administrative console and you cannot administer them.

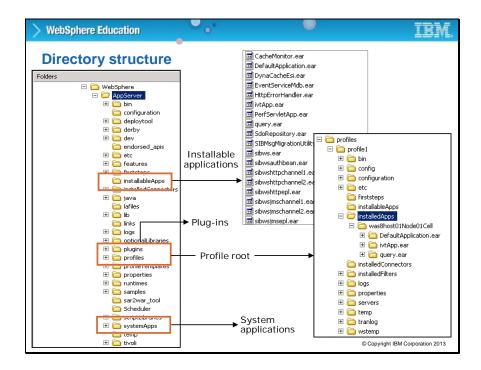
Enterprise applications consist of the Default Application, Installation verification test, and the Query application. If you selected sample applications, the PlantsByWebSphere sample application is installed.

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In WebSphere Application Server V8.5, you use the Installation Manager to uninstall the product. You cannot uninstall parts of the installation. All components are removed. However, logs and properties files are not removed. The product can also be uninstalled by using the silent option.

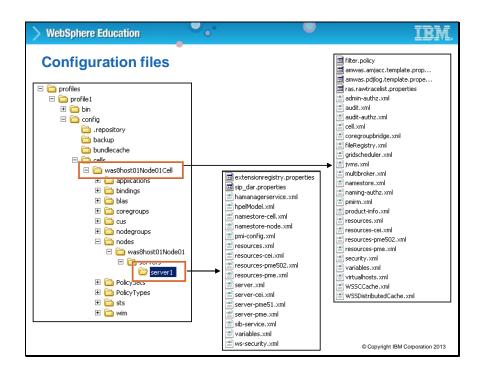
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This screen capture displays the directory structure after a profile is created. Take note of the **profiles** directory. Beneath the **profiles** directory are the files and directories that represent the runtime environment for the application server. This picture shows a single profile, but there can be a deployment manager and other profiles in the **profiles** directory.

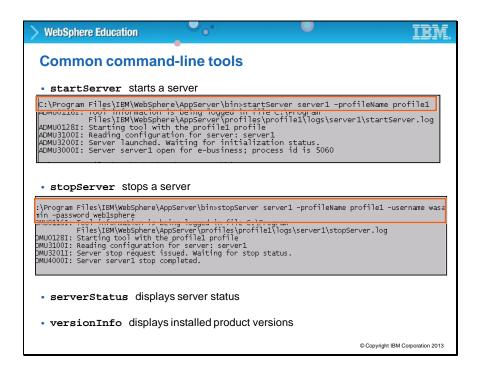
In a Network Deployment environment, the profiles directory changes each time that you add, change, or delete a profile. The profiles directory is the default repository for profiles. However, you can put a profile anywhere on the system, provided enough disk space is available.

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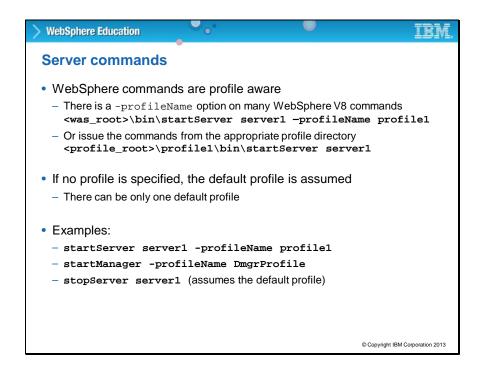
Beneath the **config** directory of the profile, you find configuration files that are specific to the application server for the profile. Configuration files are typically well-formed xml files.

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Four common command-line tools are often used for administration.

- The **startServer** command is used to start an instance of an application server. The startServer command reads the configuration file for the specified server process and starts that server process.
- The **stopServer** command reads the configuration file for the specified server process. This command sends a Java management extensions (JMX) command to the server that tells it to shut down. The server process can be an application server, a DMZ Secure Proxy Server for IBM WebSphere Application Server, an administrative agent server, or a job manager server. By default, the stopServer command does not return control to the command line until the server completes the shutdown process. There is a -nowait option to return immediately, and other options to control the behavior of the stopServer command. For more information about where to run this command, see the Using command-line tools topic.
- The serverStatus command displays the status of one or all of the servers that are configured on a node.
- The **versionInfo** tool displays important data about the product and the installed fix packs and interim fixes, such as the build version and build date. The tool is useful when working with support personnel to determine the cause of any problem.

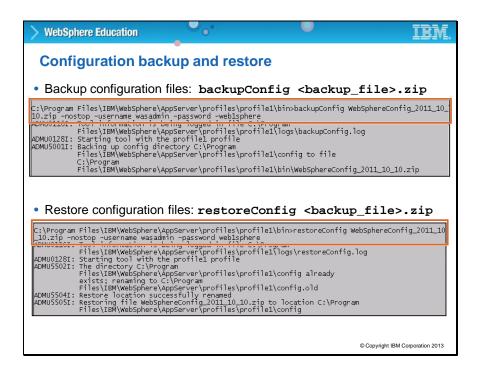


WebSphere commands are profile aware. These commands can be entered either from the bin directory of the WebSphere Application Server root or they can be issued from the bin directory of the profile. If the command is issued from the WebSphere Application Server root, then you must supply the profile name by using -profileName option.

If no profile is specified, then the command assumes the default profile. There is only one default profile. The default profile can be specified during the profile creation or it is the first profile that is created for an installation.

In the first two examples that are shown here, the -profileName option is provided with the server commands. The third command assumes the default profile to run against since the -profileName option is not included.

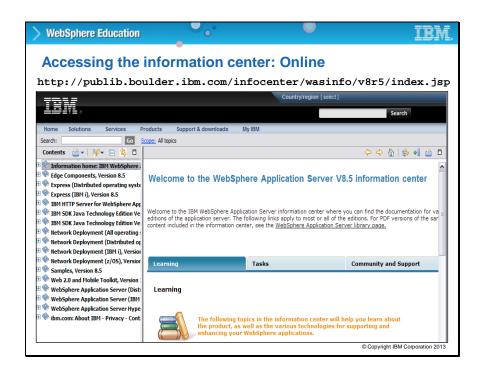
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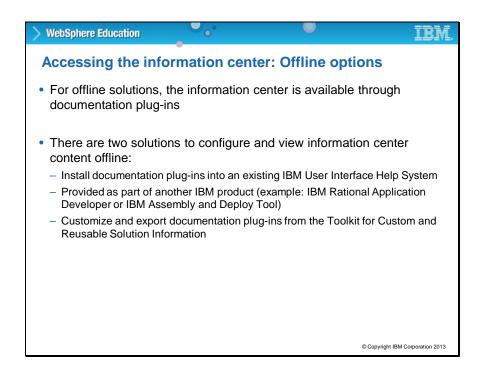
Commands for backing up and restoring a configuration are shown here. When you use the backupConfig command, all the servers on the node stop before the backup is made, which ensures partially synchronized information is not saved by default. For more information about where to run this command, see command-line tools. If you do not have root authority, you must specify a path for the backup file in a location where you have write permission. The backup file is saved in compressed file format.

The restoreConfig command is a simple utility to restore the configuration of your node after backing up the configuration by using the backupConfig command. By default, all servers on the node stop before the configuration restores so that a node synchronization does not occur during the restoration. If the configuration directory exists, it is renamed before the restoration occurs.

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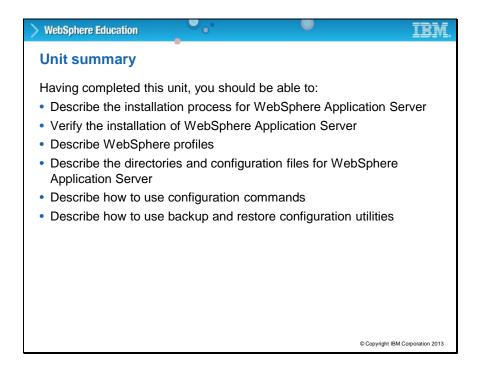


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The other option is to customize and export documentation plug-ins from the Toolkit for Custom and Reusable Solution Information.



You completed this unit.

Having completed this unit, you should be able to:

- Describe the installation process for WebSphere Application Server
- Verify the installation of WebSphere Application Server
- Describe WebSphere profiles
- Describe the directories and configuration files for WebSphere Application Server
- Describe how to use configuration commands
- Describe how to use backup and restore configuration utilities