Tomcat Quick Start Guide

Although Apache Tomcat is well documented, the techniques described are the essential elements to begin using Tomcat as a web server.

The Tomcat Console

The Tomcat Console can be accessed via All Programs -> Apache Tomcat 6.0 (or respective version) -> Configure Tomcat

The Tomcat console allows the starting and stopping of the web server (for redeployment of the webapp when java class files are changed) as well as modification of some directory references

Tomcat Deployment Directory

The default deployment directory is *$Tomcat\_Root*\webapps, Tomcat with automatically attempt to deploy regular web folders or compiled .war files placed in this directory on Tomcat start-up.

\*Note: Tomcat unpacks .war files on start-up, to deploy a modified version of the web application, the unpacked folder must be deleted and the original .war over-written with the new .war. \*

Tomcat Deployment Url

\*note: *projectname* refers to the name of the web-app’s folder in the Tomcat deployment directory.

\*note: if you specified a different port number during installation, substitute 8080 for the other port number

Tomcat deployed projects are accessible when Tomcat is running using the url: http://localhost:8080/*projectname* /. Typing the url alone will attempt to open the welcome file associated with the application. Other pages or files in the web-app can be accessed using the appropriate page name after the url specified above