

PEN-3299 Lab Addendum

This is the addendum to the PEN-3299 lab, Building Your Own On-prem Cloud with Node.js and Java. This addendum extends the lab by adding an additional exercise to demonstrate administrative scaling for Node.js applications.

In this exercise you will perform the following tasks:

1. Initial setup
2. Administrative scale-out
3. Administrative scale-in

Setup

Important: ensure member1 and member2 are not running by issuing commands:

1. **wlpn-server stop member1**
2. **wlpn-server stop member2**

Issue following commands:

1. stop controller
 - a. `cd ~/IBM/wlp/bin`
 - b. `./server stop controller1`
2. `cd ~/PEN-3299`
3. `unzip -q -o -d ~/IBM/wlp/lib collective.zip`
4. start controller
 - a. `cd ~/IBM/wlp/bin`
 - b. `./server start controller1 --clean`
5. `cd ~/PEN-3299`
6. `chmod 755 setup.sh`
7. `./setup.sh`

The setup.sh command does the following for you:

1. Updates the Collective Controller to mark the cluster named strongLoopCluster as enabled scaling. In the finished product this will be automatic. For the purposes of this exercise using the February 2016 Liberty Beta, we have to simulate it.

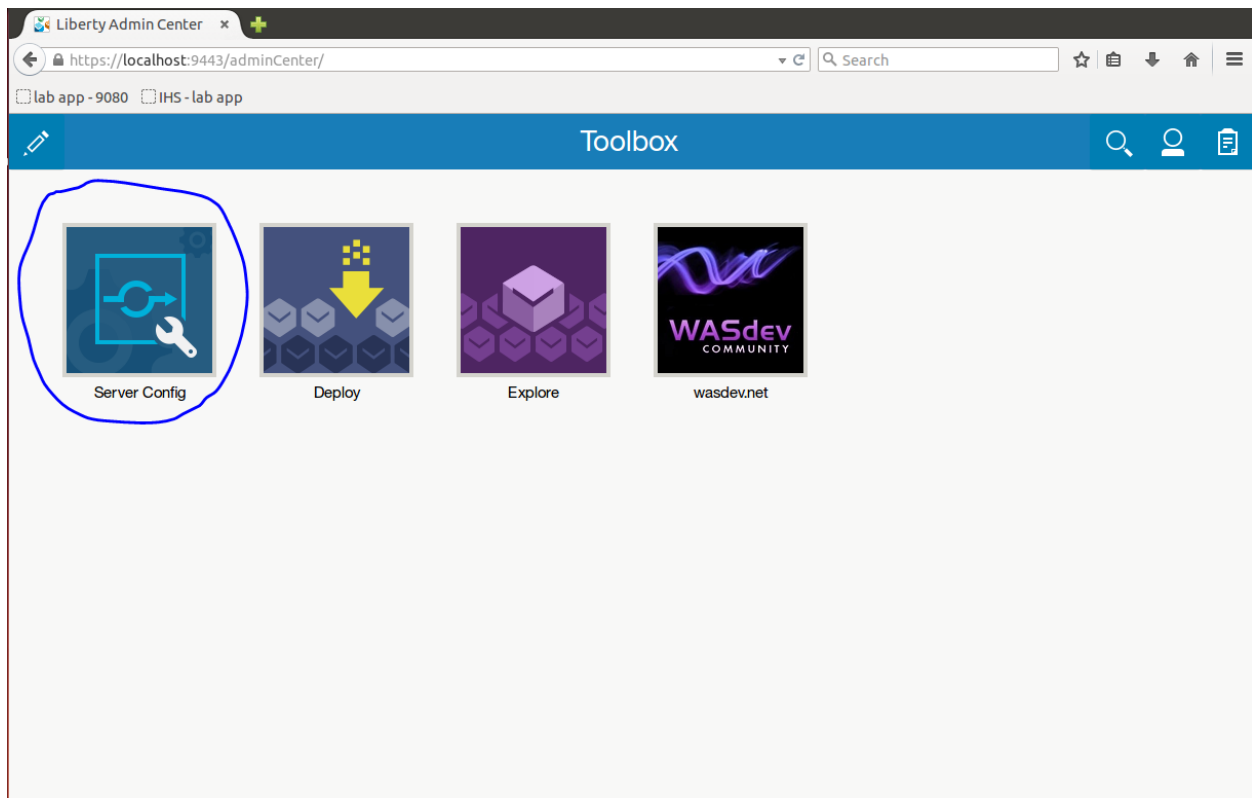
2. Creates a scaling policy for strongLoopCluster and adds it to controller1's configuration.
3. Enables the Config Tool for controller1 by enabling remote access for controller1.

Administrative Scale-out

For this task, you will update the scaling policy for strongLoopCluster to designate 2 instances are required. Do this by setting min and max both to 2 – e.g.

Do this in the Admin Center Config Tool. Open a new tab in your browser and start a new Admin Center session – e.g. <http://localhost:9080/adminCenter>

Select the Server Config tool:



Select controller1:

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https://localhost:9443/adminCenter/#serverConfig

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Server Config

Select Server

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Server Name	Cluster	Host	User Directory Path
autoScaled1	elastic	localhost	/home/was/IBM/wlp/usr
autoScaled2	elastic	localhost	/home/was/IBM/wlp/usr
controller1		localhost	/home/was/IBM/wlp/usr
member1	strongLoopCluster	localhost	/home/was/wlpn
member2	strongLoopCluster	localhost	/home/was/wlpn

Select strongLoopCluster.scalingPolicy.xml:

The screenshot shows the Liberty Admin Center interface. The browser address bar indicates the URL is `https://localhost:9443/adminCenter/#serverConfig/localhost,/home/was/IBM/wlp/usr,controller1`. The page title is "Server Config" and the selected server is "controller1". A "Change Server" button is visible in the top right. The page is divided into sections: "Primary" and "Overrides". Under "Primary", there is a link to `server.xml` with the path `$(server.config.dir)`. Under "Overrides", there are two entries: `strongLoopCluster.scalingPolicy.xml` with the path `$(server.config.dir)/configDropins/overrides`, and `controller.fileAccess.xml` with the path `$(server.config.dir)/configDropins/overrides`. The first entry in the Overrides section is circled in blue.

Use navigation bar on left to expand policy definition:

The screenshot displays the Liberty Admin Center web interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://localhost:9443/adminCenter/#serverConfig/localhost:/home/was/IBM/wlp/usr,controller1/$s`. The page title is "Server Config". Below the title bar, the file path `strongLoopCluster.scalingPolicy.xml` is shown, along with "Save" and "Close" buttons. The interface is divided into two main sections: "Design" and "Source". The "Design" section on the left contains a tree view with the following structure:

- Server
 - Scaling Definitions
 - Scaling Policy (selected) `strongLoopCluster`

The "Source" section on the right displays the configuration for the selected "Scaling Policy". It includes the following fields and controls:

- Scaling Policy**: Defines criteria for starting or stopping Liberty servers based on demand for resources. Includes "Add child" and "Remove" buttons.
- ID**: `strongLoopCluster` (with a clear button). Description: A unique configuration ID.
- Enabled**: `true` (with a clear button and a "Select" button). Description: Indicates whether the scaling policy is enabled.
- Min**: `0` (with a clear button). Description: Minimum number of cluster members to start.
- Max**: `0` (with a clear button). Description: Maximum number of cluster members that can be running at the same time.
- Scaling preference**: `horizontal (default)` (with a "Select" button).

Note in Admin Center Explorer tool that strongLoopCluster members are not running.

The screenshot displays the Liberty Admin Center Explorer interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://localhost:9443/adminCenter/#explore/clusters/strongLoopCluster/apps/express-example-ap`. The page title is "Explore". The breadcrumb navigation shows "strongLoopCluster" > "express-example-app".

The main content area shows the "express-example-app" on the "strongLoopCluster". The app status is "Stopped" (indicated by a red stop icon) and it has an "Auto scaling policy".

Below the app details, a bar chart displays the instance counts:

- Running: 0 (green dot)
- Stopped: 2 (black dot)

The total number of instances is 2. Below the chart, two instance details are shown:

- member1**: Stopped, /home/was/wlpn, localhost
- member2**: Stopped, /home/was/wlpn, localhost

Go back to Admin Center Config Tool, set min and max to 2 and save:

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Server Config

strongLoopCluster.scalingPolicy.xml

Save Close

Design Source

Server

Scaling Definitions

Scaling Policy strongLoopCluster

Scaling Policy

Defines criteria for starting or stopping Liberty servers based on demand for resources

Add child Remove

ID

strongLoopCluster

A unique configuration ID.

Enabled

true Select

Indicates whether the scaling policy is enabled

Min

2

Minimum number of cluster members to start

Max

2

Maximum number of cluster members that can be running at the same time

Scaling preference

horizontal (default) Select

Go back to Admin Center Explorer Tool and note that strongLoopCluster members have now started.

The screenshot displays the Liberty Admin Center Explorer Tool interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://localhost:9443/adminCenter/#explore/clusters/strongLoopCluster/apps/express-example-ap`. The page title is "Explore". The breadcrumb navigation shows "strongLoopCluster" and "express-example-app".

The main content area shows the "express-example-app" on the "strongLoopCluster". It is in a "Running" state, indicated by a green play button icon. An "Auto scaling policy" is also shown. Below this, a summary bar indicates "2" instances are running and "0" are stopped, with a green progress bar.

The "Instances" section lists two running instances:

- member1**: /home/was/wlpn, localhost
- member2**: /home/was/wlpn, localhost

The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with "Overview" (selected) and "Instances".

Administrative Scale-In

For this task, you will update the scaling policy for strongLoopCluster to designate 1 instances is required instead of 2. Do this by setting min and max both to 1 – e.g.

Go back to Admin Center Config Tool, set policy min and max back to one, and save.

The screenshot shows the Liberty Admin Center interface. The browser address bar displays `https://localhost:9443/adminCenter/#serverConfig/localhost,/home/was/IBM/wlp/usr,controller1/$[s`. The page title is "Server Config". Below the title bar, the file path `strongLoopCluster.scalingPolicy.xml` is shown, with "Save" and "Close" buttons. The interface is divided into two main sections: "Design" and "Source". The "Design" section on the left contains a tree view with "Server" expanded, showing "Scaling Definitions" and "Scaling Policy". The "Scaling Policy" for "strongLoopCluster" is selected. The "Source" section on the right displays the configuration for the "strongLoopCluster" scaling policy. It includes a description: "Defines criteria for starting or stopping Liberty servers based on demand for resources". There are "Add child" and "Remove" buttons. The configuration fields are: "ID" (strongLoopCluster), "Enabled" (true), "Min" (1), "Max" (1), and "Scaling preference" (horizontal (default)). Each field has a "Select" button next to it.

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Server Config

strongLoopCluster.scalingPolicy.xml Save Close

Design Source

Server

Scaling Definitions

Scaling Policy strongLoopCluster

Scaling Policy
Defines criteria for starting or stopping Liberty servers based on demand for resources

Add child Remove

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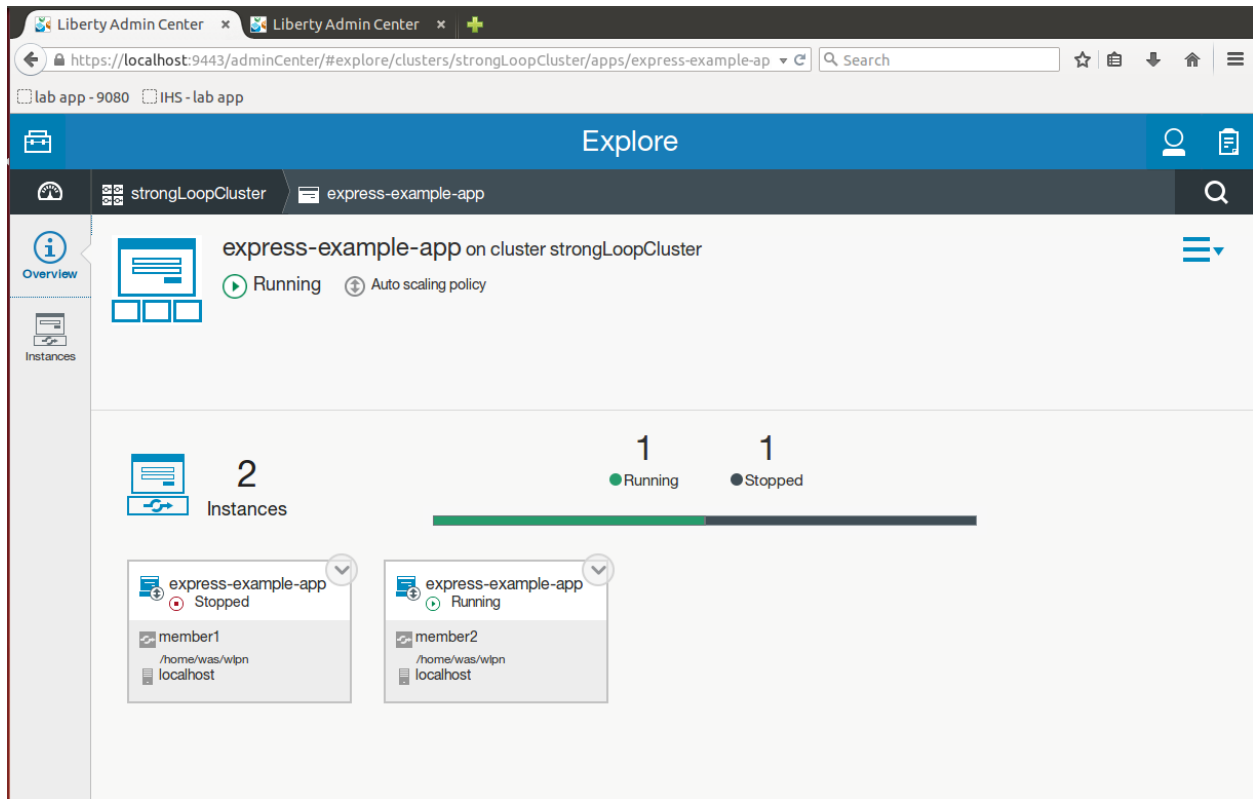
Enabled
true
Indicates whether the scaling policy is enabled

Min
1
Minimum number of cluster members to start

Max
1
Maximum number of cluster members that can be running at the same time

Scaling preference
horizontal (default)

Go back to Admin Center Explorer Tool and note that only one strongLoopCluster member is now running



Note: if member does not appear STOPPED immediately, it will take approximately 90 seconds to timeout and be marked STOPPED. This is a known issue with the beta.

End.