Lab 1. Installation of Tomcat 8



Apache Tomcat is an open source Java-based web and servlet container,

which is used to host Java-based applications. It was first developed for Jakarta Tomcat. Due to an increase in demand, it was later hosted as a separate project called Apache Tomcat, which is supported by The Apache Software Foundation. It was initially developed by James Duncan Davidson, a software architect at Sun Microsystems. He later helped make this project open source and played a key role in donating this project from Sun Microsystems to The Apache Software Foundation. Tomcat implements the [Java Servlet and the [JavaServer Pages (JSP) specifications from Sun Microsystems, and provides a "pure Java" HTTP web server environment for Java code to run.

In this lab, we will discuss the following topics:

- Introduction to Tomcat 8
- Features of Tomcat 8
- Installation on Linux operating systems
- · Common areas of troubleshooting during installation

History of Tomcat

Tomcat was first introduced to the open source group in 1999 and its first version was released with 3.0.x version. Since then, it has been greatly supported by the open source community and widely accepted in the IT industry. In the current scenario, Tomcat is running in production environments, as well as being used for mission-critical projects in various industries. The following mentioned details give us a quick history of the versions.

Web application memory leak detection and prevention

Tomcat had a chronological problem of memory leaks in 4.x/5.x versions. While reloading the applications in the entire life cycle of Tomcat, OutOfMemoryError exceptions were generated. Tomcat has put an exceptional effort in tracking down the bugs and issues related to memory, in order to avoid memory leaks.

Servlet 3.0

Tomcat 8 offers great support for Servlet 3.0. Servlet 3.0 helps developers to code very easily and also provides significant support for asynchronous programming techniques. The types of support provided are:

- Asynchronous Support:
- Dynamic Configuration:
- Annotation-based Configuration:

Improved logging

Tomcat 8 includes two new features for logging, in order to provide a good understanding to the users for log analysis:

- Asynchronous file handler: The asynchronous handler allows Tomcat to write logs to the disk by a
 dedicated thread, so that logging operations do not cause any delay in processing threads.
- Single line log formatter: The single line formatter writes logs in a single line, which is a better feature for administrators.

Installation of Tomcat 8

In the previous section, we have discussed the new enhancements in Apache Tomcat 8. Now, it's time to move on to the Tomcat installation.

How to download the Tomcat software

Perform the following steps to download the software:

- Before we start the installation of Apache Tomcat 8 software, the first thing that comes to mind is where can
 you download the software from and also how much does the license cost? By default, Apache comes with
 Apache License, Version 2.0, which is compatible to GPL (General Public License). In simple terms, it is free of
 cost! For more information on licenses, you can visit http://www.apache.org/licenses/. Now, the second
 problem is how to download the software.
- It is always recommended to download the software from its official site,
 http://tomcat.apache.org/download-70.cgi. By default, on http://tomcat.apache.org/, we get the latest stable version of Tomcat package and we have to download the package based on the operating system, where we want to install it.

Binary Distributions

- · Core:
 - o zip (pgp, md5)
 - o tar.gz (pgp, md5)
 - o 32-bit Windows zip (pgp, md5)
 - o 64-bit Windows zip (pgp, md5)
 - o 64-bit Itanium Windows zip (pgp, md5)
 - o 32-bit/64-bit Windows Service Installer (pgp, md5)
- · Full documentation:
 - o tar.gz (pgp, md5)
- Deployer:
 - o zip (pgp, md5)
 - o tar.gz (pgp, md5)
- · Extras:
 - JMX Remote jar (pgp, md5)
 - o Web services jar (pgp, md5)
 - o JULI adapters jar (pgp, md5)
 - o JULI log4j jar (pgp, md5)
- · Embedded:
 - o tar.gz (pgp, md5)
 - o zip (pgp, md5)

Source Code Distributions

· tar.gz (pgp, md5)

Once the download is complete, then you have to do the integrity check for the downloaded software using the MD5 checksum.

Note

MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm is a widely used cryptographic hash function that produces a 128-bit (16 byte) hash value.

Following is the process to perform the integrity check using the MD5 checksum:

- 1. Download the MD5 checksum from the website apache.org. The MD5 check sum is integrated with every package we download. The previous screenshot shows the packages which are available in MD5, and by clicking on md5 on the website, we can compare the checksum generated in our system with the value given on the site.
- 2. Run the following command to generate the checksum for the downloaded software. See the following screenshot:

```
[root@localhost opt]# cksum apache-tomcat-8.5.61.zip
```

```
[root@localhost opt]# cksum apache-tomcat-7.0.12.zip
3514439228 7638243 apache-tomcat-7.0.12.zip
[root@localhost opt]# []
```

Tomcat comes with different packages for installation such as binary, source, and RPM. Based on the requirement, the package should be taken from the official site. Let's have a brief discussion on which package should be implemented in real time and why.

Binary package

It comes with a pre-set library and customized configuration which are implemented and tested as per industry standards. A few advantages of using the binary package are:

- It is a standard package that suits most of the real-time environments
- In a non-DOS environment (such as Linux, UNIX, and so on), we can configure multiple Tomcat instances on a single OS
- It is path independent; we can configure Tomcat in any part of the OS based on our resources available (hardware)

RPM/exe

RPM is defined as a system installer, which is developed and compiled on each OS independently. It has a predefined library, which will work only on the respective OS. A few advantages of using RPM are:

- It does not require installation of any dependent libraries for the package
- RPM is built with the shared libraries for the respective OS
- · It does not need to configure separate startup services

The only disadvantage is, we cannot configure multiple instances in a single operating system and it has predefined paths.

Source

You can customize the installation based on your requirements using the source package. Suppose you want to customize during installation of the software, it can be done in this package.

- Customization of Tomcat can be done very effectively (only required services are installed)
- In a non-DOS environment (such as Linux, UNIX, and so on), we can configure multiple Tomcat instances on a single OS
- It is path independent; we can configure Tomcat in any part of the OS based on our resources available (hardware)
- · In a production environment, it's always recommended to use the source or binary instead of the RPM

Prerequisites for the Tomcat 8 installation

Before we begin with the Apache Tomcat 8 installation, we have to configure the prerequisites and they are very important for the Tomcat 8 installation to start. Following are the prerequisites mentioned for Apache Tomcat 8:

- Java SE 1.6 or later
- Configuration of the OS environment variables

Installation of Java

Java has been developed by many vendors. Based on the application requirement and type of architecture, different JVMs are used by various applications. Common JDK vendors are IBM, HP, Sun, OpenJDK, and so on. Sun holds a major stake in IT industries. JDK is widely used and accepted across various IT industries.

JDK packages are available for each OS and can be compiled on any system using a common set of libraries. These packages are easily available on the Internet or already integrated with different OS vendors.

JDK/JRE comes in 32 bit and 64 bit editions, so we can use it based on the application requirement. Some of the performance characteristics of the 64 bit versus 32 bit[**Virtual Machine** (**VM**) are:

- The benefits of using 64 bit are being able to address larger amounts of memory which comes with a small performance loss in 64 bit VMs, versus running the same application on a 32 bit VM
- You can allocate more than 4 GB to JVM for memory intensive applications

Note

In a 64 bit Java edition, you have to allocate more memory for JVM as compared to a 32 bit edition. In practice, a 64 bit Java requires 30 percent more memory than the 32 bit Java version.

Installation of Java in Linux

In this topic, we will discuss the steps performed during installation of Java on Linux:

1. Download the JDK from the Oracle site on the Linux system.

```
### Note

For more information about the version changes and releases, visit 
<a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html</a>.

We are doing the installation on the 'opt' partition of the hard drive and the Java version we are using is Java(TM) SE 
Runtime Environment (build 1.6.0\_24-b07).
```

• Once the download is complete, it will create the binary file in

```
`/opt` (`jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin`).
```

2. Change the permission of the package using the following command:

```
chmod 0755 jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin
```

```
### Note
The` chmod 0755 file` is equivalent
to` u=rwx (4+2+1),go=rx (4+1 & 4+1)`. The` 0`
specifies no special modes.
```

3. Run the following command to install the JDK:

```
[root@localhost opt]# ./jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin
```

• You will see an output similar to the following screenshot:

```
[root@localhost opt]# ./jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin
Unpacking ...
Checksumming...
Extracting ...
UnZipSFX 5.50 of 17 February 2002, by Info-ZIP (Zip-Bugs@lists.wku.edu).
  creating: jdk1.6.0_24/
  creating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/
  creating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/bin/
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/bin/java
  inflating: jdkl.6.0 24/jre/bin/keytool
 inflating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/bin/policytool
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/bin/rmiregistry
  inflating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/bin/rmid
 inflating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/bin/tnameserv
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/bin/orbd
  inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/bin/servertool
 inflating: jdkl.6.0 24/jre/bin/unpack200
  inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/bin/pack200
  inflating: jdkl.6.0_24/jre/bin/jcontrol
   linking: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/bin/ControlPanel -> ./jcontrol
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/bin/java_vm
  inflating: jdkl.6.0 24/jre/bin/javaws
  creating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/lib/
  creating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/lib/applet/
   creating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/lib/ext/
 inflating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/lib/ext/sunjce provider.jar
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/lib/ext/sunpkcs11.jar
  inflating: jdk1.6.0 24/jre/lib/ext/dnsns.jar
 inflating: jdkl.6.0 24/jre/lib/ext/localedata.pack
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/lib/ext/meta-index
creating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/lib/i386/
  creating: jdkl.6.0 24/jre/lib/i386/native threads/
 inflating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/lib/i386/native_threads/libhpi.so
creating: jdk1.6.0_24/jre/lib/i386/server/
 inflating: jdkl.6.0 24/jre/lib/i386/server/libjvm.so
```

4. During the installation, the binary will prompt for the acceptance of the agreement, then press Enter. See the following screenshot:

```
Java(TM) SE Development Kit 6 successfully installed.

Product Registration is FREE and includes many benefits:

* Notification of new versions, patches, and updates

* Special offers on Oracle products, services and training

* Access to early releases and documentation

Product and system data will be collected. If your configuration supports a browser, the JDK Product Registration form will be presented. If you do not register, none of this information will be saved. You may also register your JDK later by opening the register.html file (located in the JDK installation directory) in a browser.

For more information on what data Registration collects and how it is managed and used, see:
http://java.sun.com/javase/registration/JDKRegistrationPrivacy.html

Press Enter to continue.....
```

5. After pressing Enter it will exit from the command prompt, as shown in the following screenshot:

Press Enter to continue....

Done.

[root@localhost opt]#

6. After the installation is complete, the binary will create the folder named jdk1.6.0_24 in /opt. If the folder is present in /opt, that means the installation is successfully done. See the following screenshot:

```
root@localhost jdkl.6.0 24]# 1s -1trh
otal 19M
rw-r--r-- 1 root root 19M Feb 2 17:30 310.210
r--r-- 1 root root 76 Feb 2 17:30 THIRDPARTYLICENSEREADME.txt
r--r-- 1 root root 21K Feb 2 17:30 README zh CN.html
r--r--r-- 1 root root 25K Feb 2 17:30 README_ja.html
r--r--r-- 1 root root 28K Feb 2 17:30 README.html
r--r--r-- 1 root root 3.3K Feb 2 17:30 COPYRIGHT
rwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Feb 2 19:36
rwxr-xr-x 10 root root 4.0K Feb 2 19:36
rwxr-xr-x 9 root root 4.0K Feb 2 19:36
rwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4.0K Feb 2 19:36
rwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4.0K Feb
rwxr-xr-x 7 root root 4.0K Feb 2 19:36
Irwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4.0K May 16 20:34
lrwxr-xr-x 7 root root 4.0K May 16 20:34
r--r--r- 1 root root 4.8K May 16 20:35 register zh CN.html
r--r--r- 1 root root 6.6K May 16 20:35 register_ja.html
r--r--r-- 1 root root 5.2K May 16 20:35 register.html
```

Let's quickly go through the JDK directory structure, shown in the previous screenshot:

- bin: It contains the entire executable for the JDK for java, javac, jmap, and so on.
- jre: It contains all the files necessary for Java to perform the function.
- lib: As the name suggests, it's a library directory for the JDK.
- man: This directory contains all the manual pages for Java (document directory).
- demo: -This folder contains working examples of different utilities. These utilities can be directly used.
- sample: This directory contains the code files for utilities provided in the demo directory.
- include: It contains the header files for different functions used in Java.h
- db: It contains the entire component of the Derby Database. Derby is a pure Java relational database engine

Setting the JAVA_HOME and the PATH environment variable in Linux

The environment variable and path are set differently in Linux as compared to Windows. Perform the following steps to set the environment variable in Linux:

1. Open the .bash_profile using the vi editor for the root user.

```
### Note
You can put the environment variable in` bashrc` also. It
will also execute at the time of the user login.
```

2. Add the following environment variable in the file. The following is the code snippet of .bash_profile. The highlighted code shows the declaration of JAVA_HOME and PATH. export will add the JAVA_HOME and PATH

to the system parameter for every user login.

```
# .bash_profile
# Get the aliases and functions
if [ -f ~/.bashrc ]; then . ~/.bashrc
fi
# User specific environment and start-up programs
JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
PATH=$JAVA_HOME/bin:$PATH:$HOME/bin
export PATH JAVA_HOME
unset USERNAME
```

- 3. Save the .bash_profile using the :wq command.
- 4. Once you have saved the .bash_profile, then you have to logout and re-log in to the environment to activate the changes using the following command:

```
su - username
su - root (as our user is root)
```

```
### Note

If we run the previous command for any user, then the profile of
that user will be reloaded.
```

Also, you can run the env command to verify the environment variables are configured properly, as shown in the following screenshot:

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modYNAD="qominost | footBloominost |
TEND="qominost | fo
```

Note

It is always best practice to first take the backup of the existing profile. In case there are issues while doing the changes, then we can revert back the changes using the command $\ensuremath{\mathtt{cp}}$

```
[root@localhost ~]# cp .bash_profile .bash_profile_backup.
```

Now we have set the environment variable for Windows and Linux environments, but how can we verify whether the environment is set properly or not?

In Linux, we can use the following command to verify the environment variables:

```
echo $VARIABLE_NAME
```

For JAVA_HOME:

```
[root@localhost ~]# echo $JAVA_HOME
/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
```

For PATH:

```
[root@localhost ~]# echo $PATH
/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64/bin:/usr/kerberos/sbin:/usr/kerberos/bin:/usr/local/
sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/root/bin
```

After verifying the environment variable on both the OSes, we are sure that <code>JAVA_HOME</code> and <code>PATH</code> are properly set in the environment. We have completed the prerequisites of installation of Apache Tomcat 8. Now, we can proceed with the installation of Apache Tomcat 8.

Installation of Apache Tomcat 8

Installation of Tomcat 8 is quite simple in a Linux environment. It can be done in just three steps:

Download the latest stable version from Tomcat's official site http://tomcat.apache.org/download-70.cgi.
 Once the download is complete, save it in the /opt location. Unzip the Tomcat 8 source, that is, apachetomcat-8.5.61.zip using the following command:

```
[root@localhost opt]# unzip apache-tomcat-8.5.61.zip
```

2. After you unzip the apache-tomcat-8.5.61.zip, it will create the directory named apache-tomcat-8.5.61 in the opt directory. Go to the bin directories of apache-tomcat-8.5.61 using the following command:

```
[root@localhost opt]# cd apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/
```

3. Run the following command. If you fail to run the following command, then Tomcat services will not come up. By default, the package comes with read/write permissions, but no execution permissions are given to the package. We have to manually change the permissions:

```
[root@localhost bin]# chmod 0755 *.sh
[root@localhost bin]# pwd
/opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin
```

```
### Note
The` chmod 0755 file` is equivalent
to` u=rwx (4+2+1),go=rx (4+1 & 4+1)`. The` 0`
specifies no special modes.
```

After this step, the installation of Tomcat is complete in Linux.

Startup and shutdown of Tomcat services

Let us start the services on Linux to verify the installation.

Before that, let's quickly verify the configuration. Tomcat 8 comes with different scripts, through which we will verify the complete installation. There is a very good script placed in the Tomcat bin directory named as version.sh,

through which we can verify the complete Tomcat version and system information. Let's run the script using the following command:

```
[root@localhost bin]# ./version.sh
Using CATALINA_BASE: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61
Using CATALINA_HOME: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61
Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/temp
Using JRE_HOME: /usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
Using CLASSPATH: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/bootstrap.jar:/opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/tomcat-juli.jar
Server version: Apache Tomcat/7.0.12
Server built: Apr 1 2011 06:13:02
Server number: 7.0.12.0
OS Name: Linux
OS Version: 2.6.18-8.e15
Architecture: i386
JVM Version: 1.6.0_24-b07
JVM Vendor: Sun Microsystems Inc.
```

There is one more script in the Tomcat bin directory that is very useful. configuration changes in scripts. This script performs a quick configuration check on the system and finds the errors. Let's run the script using the following command:

```
[root@localhost bin]# ./configtest.sh

Using CATALINA_BASE: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61

Using CATALINA_HOME: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61

Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/temp

Using JRE_HOME: /usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64

Using CLASSPATH: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/bootstrap.jar:/opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/tomcat-juli.jar

May 22, 2011 4:06:16 PM org.apache.coyote.AbstractProtocolHandler init

INFO: Initializing ProtocolHandler ["http-bio-8080"]

May 22, 2011 4:06:16 PM org.apache.coyote.AbstractProtocolHandler init

INFO: Initializing ProtocolHandler ["ajp-bio-8009"]

May 22, 2011 4:06:16 PM org.apache.catalina.startup.Catalina load

INFO: Initialization processed in 1401 ms
```

Note

configtest.sh is available in a Linux environment only.

After doing the configuration check, start the Tomcat services. The Tomcat services can be started using the startup.sh in the bin directory.

Startup script

To start the Tomcat services, you have to perform the following mentioned steps:

1. The first step is to change the directory from the current location to the Tomcat directory.

```
[root@localhost bin]# cd /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/
```

2. In the bin directory, we will find the entire executable for Tomcat. To start the services, we have to use the following command. Once you execute the startup command, it will display the parameters which are

essential for booting Tomcat. Some of them are CATALINA_BASE, CATALINA_HOME, JRE_HOME, and so on.

```
[root@localhost bin]# ./startup.sh
Using CATALINA_BASE: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61
Using CATALINA_HOME: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61
Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/temp
Using JRE_HOME: /usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
Using CLASSPATH: /opt/apache-tomcat- 7.0.12/bin/bootstrap.jar:/opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/ tomcat-juli.jar
```

Shutdown script

A Tomcat shutdown script is also available in the bin directory named as ./shutdown.sh . Let's execute the script to know the output. The details are as follows:

```
[root@localhost bin]# cd /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/
[root@localhost bin]# ./shutdown.sh

Using CATALINA_BASE: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61

Using CATALINA_HOME: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61

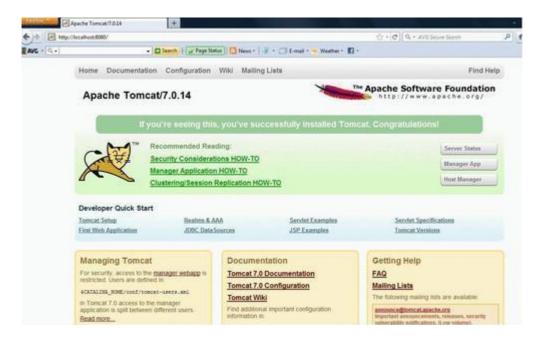
Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/temp

Using JRE_HOME: /usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64

Using CLASSPATH: /opt/apache-tomcat- 7.0.12/bin/bootstrap.jar:/opt/apache-tomcat-8.5.61/bin/tomcat-juli.jar
```

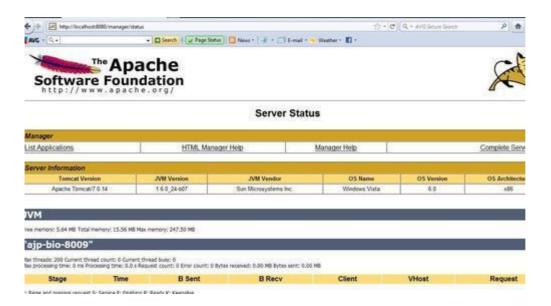
Verification of Tomcat status

Once we have executed the startup scripts, the next step is the verification of the Tomcat services, to check whether services are coming up fine or not. By default, Tomcat runs on HTTP port 8080 and can be accessed on the web browser using the URL, http://localhost:8080. We then find the Tomcat welcome page, which shows that Tomcat is installed correctly and running fine in the environment, as shown in the following screenshot:



Once the welcome page for Tomcat 8 is displayed, we can verify the server status by clicking on[Server Status.

It will prompt for the user ID/password. Remember, we have created a user admin that the user ID will be used here for access, as shown in the following screenshot:



Common problems and troubleshooting in installation

There are multiple issues which may arise during the installation of Tomcat 8. Let's discuss these issues:

Error: Permission denied for the Java binary

Scenario 1: The Java installation is not working, while executing the Java binary.

```
[root@localhost opt]# ./jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin
-bash: ./jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin: Permission denied
```

Issue: The Java binary doesn't have execute permissions with a specific user.

Fix: Change the permission to 0755 for ./jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin using the following command:

```
chmod 0755 jdk-6u24-linux-i586.bin
```

Note

The chmod 0755 file is equivalent to u=rwx (4+2+1), go=rx (4+1 & 4+1). The 0 specifies no special modes.

Error: Tomcat is not able to find JAVA_HOME

Scenario 2: While starting the Tomcat startup script, the following error occurs:

```
[root@localhost bin]# ./startup.sh
Neither the JAVA_HOME nor the JRE_HOME environment variable is defined
At least one of these environment variables is needed to run this program
```

Fix: Check the .bash profile and find out whether the following mentioned entry is present in the file:

JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
PATH=\$JAVA_HOME/bin:\$PATH:\$HOME/bin
export PATH JAVA_HOME

Error: Error in the logs showing port already in use

Scenario 3: Tomcat services is not displayed after running startup.sh.

Issue: This service is already running on the server.

Fix: Check for any Java process running in the system using the following command in Linux:

```
Ps -ef |grep tomcat
```

This command will show all Tomcat processes. If any process is running on an OS, kill it and run the startup scripts again.

Summary

In this lab, we have covered the Apache Tomcat history and new features introduced in Tomcat 8. We have done a step-by-step installation of Tomcat on Linux operating system.

In the next lab, we will discuss the various methods used for deployment in Tomcat 8 and solution of issues that may occur during the deployment process.