

Learning to Argue: Generalized Support Across Domains

How to Develop/Deploy LASAD 28 August 2015

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IMPORTANT NOTES

- I developed this running Mac OS X Yosemite: 10.10.2
- LASAD should NOT be developed in Eclipse. In fact, Eclipse might complicate the process by doing some of these things for you in an automatic, incompatible fashion.
- The directory/file names and paths of this project are dependent. It is very important that you use the names and paths exactly listed in the documentation. Do not move or rename any directories/files unless explicitly told to do so.

The LASAD project is available via the GitHub repository at https://github.com/kevinloughlin/LASAD-CMU.git

As a prerequisite, if you do not already have access to the project, open a terminal window, navigate to your home directory, and then enter the following command...

git clone https://github.com/kevinloughlin/LASAD-CMU.git You should now have a directory called LASAD-CMU on your computer.

Once you have a clone of the repository, please follow these instructions for setting up a development environment and deploying LASAD on a server.

- 1. Download and unpack/install any of the following required supplemental software that is not already on your computer. These downloads will contain instructions for proper installation. I list the specific versions I used, but if you're using more recent versions, be sure to check backward compatibility.
 - Apache Ant (I used 1.9.4)
 https://ant.apache.org/bindownload.cgi
 - Java SDK (I used 8u45)* http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html
 - MySQL Community Server (I used 5.6.24) https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/

*Be mindful that you must compile in the version of Java being run on the server from which you will deploy LASAD. LASAD is confirmed to work for both Java 7 and Java 8 with proper compilation.

NOTE: Apache Tomcat 8.0.23 and Google Web Toolkit (GWT) 2.5.1 are included in the GitHub repository of LASAD and thus do not need to be downloaded. If you want, you can most likely use a different version of Tomcat, but LASAD needs GWT 2.5.X.

- 2. Open Develop/LASAD-Client/build.xml and find the property name "target.java.version". Confirm that its value matches the version of Java being run on your server. "1.7" corresponds to Java 7, and "1.8" to Java 8. You can then save and close build.xml.
- 3. LASAD relies on a dedicated MySQL user that we need to create on the host machine, separate from the root user. We will also need our own database. Assuming MySQL has been successfully installed, start the MySQL server instance, and then open MySQL from the command line as the root MySQL user. If you configured the root user already, use the username and password you chose. If not, root defaults to no password for login.
- 4. In the MySQL terminal window as root, create the lasad user via CREATE USER 'lasad' IDENTIFIED BY 'lasadpw'; REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* FROM lasad; 'This second line might not be necessary, but it doesn't hurt for security purposes.
- 5. Still in the MySQL terminal window as root, create the lasad database via CREATE DATABASE lasad;
 GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON lasad.* TO 'lasad' IDENTIFIED BY 'lasadpw';
 FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
- 6. Make sure you can log into and out of MySQL as lasad with lasadpw. While logged in as lasad (user), show the tables you have access to, and make sure lasad (table) is listed with full permissions. You can then exit MySQL.

- 7. Open Deploy/lasad-server/server.cfg
- 8. Confirm that the database user is set as lasad, the database name is set as lasad, and the database password is set as lasadpw. If so, the MySQL aspect of LASAD should be good to go, but leave server.cfg open, because you still need it for other purposes.

NOTE: You can add to (or delete from) the maps, ontologies, templates, and users you want on the server at startup by accessing Deploy/lasad-server/conf/default/. However, make sure that all files have corresponding data in the adjacent directories. For example, don't add a map or ontology without a corresponding template, or you'll get an error when the server starts.

9. Depending on if you want the database to be deleted and recreated each time you start the server (versus simply restored), you can set Fresh Server to true for deletion and recreation, or false for restoration. I recommend setting it as true for the first time you run the server (to allow for initialization according to your configuration), but then remember to change it to false before future restarts, in order to save your data.

NOTE: Steps 10-14 are ONLY necessary if you wish to deploy LASAD on different ports than the defaults. You can skip these steps if you wish to use the ports in place. LASAD is currently configured to run on Port 8099, with RMI on Port 1899. In steps 10-14, I change both ports, just for the sake of showing you how. For this example, we'll use 8082 for Tomcat and 1399 for RMI.

- 10. The servlet URL in server.cfg should be set to (for example port 8082) http://localhost:8082/lasad/lasad_client/PushServlet
- 11. Since we're using port 1399 for RMI, we have to change the RMI-Registry Port to 1399. For the Servername property, you can use whatever you want (or leave it as the default), but take note of it. Save and exit server.cfg.
- 12. For RMI, we'll also need to change a line in Develop/LASAD-Client/src/lasad/gwt/server/LASADGWTServiceBroker.java that looks like this (line 92 for me).

NOTE: the following is one line of code...
server = (ServerInterface)

Naming.lookup("rmi://localhost:1899/LASAD-8099");

Change this to our example RMI port, 1399. We also need to make sure the Servername property in server.cfg matches the name of the server at the end of the RMI URL. Both are LASAD-8099 by default, so we're fine for now. If you change one of the names in the future, you'll need to remember to change the other to match. Save LASADGWTServiceBroker.java and exit it.

14. Open Deploy/apache-tomcat-8.0.23/conf/server.xml and change the port away from 8099 in

to the port you'll be using. For this example, use 8082. Save and close the file.

Here marks the return to necessary steps.

- 15. As a last prerequisite before compilation, verify that your Java version matches the target.java.version from Step 2 (which should match the Java version of your server). If it does, you can proceed to the next step.
- 16. Navigate to <code>Develop/LASAD-Client</code>. ALWAYS be sure to shut down any LASAD processes running on your compilation computer before (re)compiling (see note below item 18 on how to stop LASAD if it's running). Then, ALWAYS enter ant clean on the terminal line before (re)compiling. You should also perform these actions before pushing LASAD code to a repository in order to avoid sharing unnecessary files.
- 17. Begin compilation by entering ant on terminal line (3-5 minute process).

NOTE: Compilation creates Deploy/apache-tomcat-8.0.23/webapps/lasad.war as well as Deploy/lasad-server/LASAD-Server.jar, replacing the existing versions of those files. Running ant clean will NOT delete the war and jar, nor does it need to. This means a ready-to-deploy version of LASAD is created and preserved, even if you run ant clean after compilation.

- 18. Copy Deploy/ to your host machine, and launch in the following order...
 - (a) Start the MySQL server instance on your host
 - (b) Run LASAD's startup script(s)
 - On Linux/Max, cd to Deploy/ and run startLASAD.sh
 - On Windows, run run.bat in Deploy/lasad-server followed by startup.bat in Deploy/apache-tomcat-8.0.23/bin/
 - (c) Access the webpage at (assuming you used port 8082)

http://[yourhostname]:8082/lasad

NOTE: You can stop LASAD on Linux/Mac by running Deploy/stopLASAD.sh. Stopping on Windows requires killing the Java process initiated by run.bat and also running Deploy/apache-tomcat-8.0.23/bin/shutdown.bat.

19. Do not forget to change Fresh Server (in server.cfg) to false after you've started the server for the first time (that is, if you want to save your data upon server restarts)!

TROUBLESHOOTING

- Check file permissions and file ownership. You MIGHT have to chown all the files of Deploy. On our particular remote server, (where our directory for housing Deploy is named lasad-8082), I did chown —R lasad:tomcat lasad-8082, but I didn't have to do this on my local server.
- Make sure you are compiling in the same Java version that you are running on your server.
- Verify you followed the launch sequence IN ORDER
 - 1. Start MySQL server instance
 - 2. Run startup script (or bat file on Windows)
 - 3. Access web page via browser
- Shut down LASAD, run ant clean, recompile, and restart LASAD.
- Confirm that you have not changed any file paths, and check that the file paths in build.xml, startLASAD.sh, and stopLASAD.sh are correct and have the necessary files/directories at the referenced locations.
- Reread the directions and start over with a fresh clone of the repository.

If you still have issues after retrying the directions on a fresh clone, I can be reached via kevinloughlin@college.harvard.edu and am happy to help. Please also contact me if you find errors in these instructions.