

ColdFire

Welcome to ColdFire, a ColdFusion debugger/Firebug extension meant to allow for nicer handling of debug information. For the latest releases and technical support, please go to the official ColdFire site:

<http://coldfire.riaforge.org>

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Installation

First and foremost, ColdFire is an extension to the Firebug Firefox extension. This means two things. First, you need to have Firefox. Our testing was done on Firefox 2 and higher. Secondly, you must have the Firebug extension (www.getfirebug.com). It is recommended that you restart Firefox after installing Firebug and then again when you install ColdFire.

To install the ColdFire extension, go to the File/Open dialog in Firefox. Select the coldfire.xpi and open it. Again - be sure to restart Firefox when asked.

Next you need to find your ColdFusion installation folder. Typically this will be C:\ColdFusion8. ColdFire was tested on ColdFusion 8, but should work in ColdFusion 6 & 7. Under your ColdFusion installation folder, find the wwwroot\WEB-INF\debug folder. Copy coldfire.cfm to it.

Go to your ColdFusion Administrator, enable debugging, and select coldfire.cfm from the drop down. Ensure your IP is listed or that there is no IP restriction in place.

Once you have done that you should then be able to view ColdFusion debug information from within it's tab in the Firebug tool. Obviously you need to hit a ColdFusion page to see the debugging information.

Where ColdFire *Doesn't* Work

ColdFire makes use of CFHEADER to supply debug information to the browser. Because of this there are certain places where ColdFire will not be able to work. First - if you use CFFLUSH anywhere on the page, ColdFire is unable to add header information to the request. Secondly - there are situations where certain tags will implicitly flush output. One example is CFTIMER/type="inline". Any use of this tag and attribute combination will result in ColdFire not returning any data.

Special Instructions for JBoss

JBoss has a default maximum HTTP header size of 4Kb in total. You can modify it by editing the following file:

`{jbossdir}/server/{servername}/deploy/jbossweb-tomcat55.sar/server.xml`

You need to add (or modify) the `maxHttpHeaderSize` to allow larger packets. Here's the top portion of a modified `server.xml` file (set to allow 64Kb total headers so it still won't allow giant swathes of execution time reports but it should cover most cases).

```
<Server>

  <!-- Use a custom version of StandardService that allows the
  connectors to be started independent of the normal lifecycle
  start to allow web apps to be deployed before starting the
  connectors.
  -->
  <Service name="jboss.web"
    className="org.jboss.web.tomcat.tc5.StandardService">

    <!-- A HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8080 -->
    <Connector port="8080" address="{jboss.bind.address}"
      maxThreads="250" strategy="ms" maxHttpHeaderSize="65536"
      emptySessionPath="true"
      enableLookups="false" redirectPort="8443" acceptCount="100"
      connectionTimeout="20000" disableUploadTimeout="true"/>
```