



JAVA server installation through Apache Tomcat

Java is a popular programming language widely used for building application. However, there is no direct "Java server" that can run Java applications. Instead, we use Apache Tomcat, which is a lightweight and powerful Java-based web server and servlet container designed to deploy and run Java applications. Follow step-by-step to install Apache Tomcat on your ubuntu machine.

Step i. Java installation:

1. Check if java is installed through : `java -version`

2.If not installed, install it through : `sudo apt update &&`
`sudo apt install default-jdk -y`

Step ii. Create TomCat user and group:

1. Create a new `/opt/tomcat` directory for your Tomcat installation: `sudo mkdir -p /opt/tomcat`

2. To create a new group called `tomcat`, enter: `sudo groupadd tomcat`

3. Create a system user named `tomcat`, assign it to the `tomcat` group, and set `/opt/tomcat` as the home directory: `sudo useradd -s /bin/false -g tomcat -d /opt/tomcat tomcat`

Step iii. Download Tomcat:

To download the latest stable Apache Tomcat version...

1. Open a browser and visit tomcat official download page.
2. In the Binary Distributions section, under Core, right-click the tar.gz link and copy the URL.
3. In the terminal, move to the `/tmp` directory: `cd /tmp`
4. Use the `curl` command and paste the tar.gz link you copied to download the package:
`curl -O https://dlcdn.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.34/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.34.tar.gz`

Step iv. Verify Tomcat File Integrity:

Verify the integrity of the **tar.gz** file using its checksum...

1. Copy the SHA-512 checksum URL for the corresponding Tomcat binary file from the Apache website.
2. Use the `wget` command and the URL to download the SHA-512 checksum file for Apache Tomcat version 10.1.34: `wget https://dlcdn.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.34/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.34.tar.gz.sha512`
3. Compare the checksum of the downloaded Tomcat package with the one in the checksum file: `sha512sum -c apache-tomcat-10.1.34.tar.gz.sha512`

Step v: Extract tar.gz File:

While still in the `/tmp` directory, extract the tar.gz file into the `/opt/tomcat/` directory using the following command: `sudo tar xzvf apache-tomcat-10*tar.gz -C /opt/tomcat --strip-components=1`

Step vi: Modify Tomcat User Permission:

1. Use the `chown` command to grant the `tomcat` user and group ownership over the installation directory: `sudo chown -RH tomcat: /opt/tomcat`
2. Change script permissions to ensure all scripts in the `/opt/tomcat/bin/` directory are executable: `sudo sh -c 'chmod +x /opt/tomcat/bin/*.sh'`

Step vii: Create System Unit File:

1. Enter the following command to retrieve the Java installation package path (JAVA_HOME): `sudo update-java-alternatives -l`

2. Use a text editor like Nano to create a `tomcat.service` file in the `/etc/systemd/system` directory: `sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/tomcat.service`
3. Add the following configuration in the `tomcat.service` file and replace the `JAVA_HOME` path with your Java installation path:

[Unit]

`Description=Apache Tomcat Web Application Container`

`After=network.target`

[Service]

`Type=forking`

`User=tomcat`

`Group=tomcat`

`Environment="JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-1.21.0-openjdk-amd64"`

`Environment="CATALINA_BASE=/opt/tomcat"`

`Environment="CATALINA_HOME=/opt/tomcat"`

`Environment="CATALINA_PID=/opt/tomcat/temp/tomcat.pid"`

`Environment="JAVA_OPTS=-Djava.security.egd=file:///dev/urandom -Djava.awt.headless=true"`

`Environment="CATALINA_OPTS=-Xms512M -Xmx1024M -server -XX:+UseParallelGC"`

`ExecStart=/opt/tomcat/bin/startup.sh`

`ExecStop=/opt/tomcat/bin/shutdown.sh`

[Install]

`WantedBy=multi-user.target`

4. **Save** and **Exit** the file (**Ctrl+X**, followed by **y[es]** and **Enter**).
5. Reload the system **daemon**: `sudo systemctl daemon-reload`
6. Start the Tomcat service: `sudo systemctl start tomcat`
7. Enable Tomcat to start on boot: `sudo systemctl enable tomcat`
8. Verify the Apache Tomcat service is running: `sudo systemctl status tomcat`

Now visit `http://<your-server-ip>:8080` to check if apache server is running.

Thank You.