

Si Vis Bellum Para Bellum

KC with Maven Overlays: Best Practices, Caveats, and Anti-Patterns

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Overview

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Welcome and Colophon

- Hi!
- “Si Vis Bellum Para Bellum” is a play on “Si Vis Pacem Para Bellum” and Web Archive (WAR) files. It means “If you wish for war, prepare for war.” WAR being a web archive rather than turning your project into a battlefield.

About Presenters

Overlay Basics

- How Overlays work.
- What overlays are not.
- First Overlay.

How Overlays Work

- A fileset or maven project copied over a webapp.
- Webapp does not have to be a maven project.
- The overlay does not have to be a complete webapp.
- An overlay does not even have to be very different at all.

What Overlays are Not

- Project Inheritance.
- A replacement/alternative for multi-module projects.
- A silver-bullet for all webapp projects.
- Change management pattern.

Advantages of Overlays

- Offers flexibility in your project by allowing granular modifications at the project level.
- Smaller projects for tracking changes with.
- Easier to modularize your project.
- Better code reuse.

First Overlay

Using KC as an Example to switch out CAS support for the login dummy

1. Package KC.
2. Install as a prototype.
3. Setup prototype jar.
4. Create overlay project.
5. Add CAS dependency.
6. Add dependencies for KC.
7. Configure war plugin for overlay.

Package and Install KC as a prototype

1. Do install

```
mvn install
```

2. Create a and Install Prototype Jar

```
mvn jar:jar
```

```
mvn install:install-file \  
  -DgroupId=org.kuali.kra \  
  -DarchetypeId=kc_project \  
  -Dversion=5.1 \  
  -Dpackaging=jar \  
  -Dfile=target/kc_project-5.0.1.jar \  
  -DpomFile=pom.xml
```

... Or ...

```
mvn deploy:deploy-file \  
  -DgroupId=org.kuali.kra \  
  -DarchetypeId=kc_project \  
  -Dversion=5.1 \  
  -Dpackaging=jar \  
  -Dfile=target/kc_project-5.0.1.jar \  
  -DpomFile=pom.xml
```

Create an Overlay Project the Old-Fashioned Way

- Configure the maven-war-plugin

```
<plugin>  
  <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>  
  <artifactId>maven-war-plugin</artifactId>  
  <version>${maven-war-plugin.version}</version>  
</plugin>
```

Configure the maven-war-plugin

```
<dependencies>
```

```
<!--
```

These are the prototype dependencies. It is used by the overlay to refer back to the classes in the prototype.

```
-->
```

```
<dependency>
```

```
  <groupId>${kcPrototypeGroupId}</groupId>
```

```
  <artifactId>${kcPrototypeArtifactId}</artifactId>
```

```
  <version>${kcPrototypeVersion}</version>
```

```
  <type>war</type>
```

```
</dependency>
```

```
<dependency>
```

```
  <groupId>${kcPrototypeGroupId}</groupId>
```

```
  <artifactId>${kcPrototypeArtifactId}</artifactId>
```

```
  <version>${kcPrototypeVersion}</version>
```

```
  <type>jar</type>
```

```
</dependency>
```

```
</dependencies>
```

Overlay Archetypes

- Leo has developed an archetype for creating and overlay KC project.
- <https://github.com/r351574nc3/kualigan-maven-plugins/tree/master/kc-maven-plugin>
- To create an Overlay Project from Archetype

```
mvn -Dkc:create-overlay \
-DgroupId=com.rsmart.kuali.kra \
-DartifactId=kc -Dversion=5.1
```

Overlay Patterns

- Overlaying configuration modifications.
- Overlay to activate a module.
- Overlay theming for UX/UI.
- Filtering overlay resources.

Solutions to Multi-module Issues

- Build classes into web/target/classes
 - Requires a profile to only do this for developers
 - Not appropriate for production at all
- JRebel will watch multiple src folders for changes
- Jetty will also watch multiple src folders

Configuring JRebel

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.zeroturnaround</groupId>
  <artifactId>jrebel-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <configuration>
    <alwaysGenerate>true</alwaysGenerate>
    <addResourcesDirToRebelXml>true</addResourcesDirToRebelXml>
    <!--
      root is 2 directories away from jar/war modules
    -->
    <relativePath>../../</relativePath>
    <!--
      use a system property for specifying root directory (note the double $)
      start your application with -Drebel.root=c:/projects/
    -->
    <rootPath>${rebel.root}</rootPath>
  </configuration>
</plugin>
```


JRebel and the KC Archetype

- The KC Archetype automatically configures your overlay as a multi-module project
- Comes with JRebel configuration already

Tips and Tricks

- Use JRebel! It's free!
- Take advantage of the default classpath for runtime Data Dictionary overrides.
- Overriding Rice Services.
- Overriding KC Services.

Proposal: Contributing a Modification as a Maven Dependency

- Develop modifications as a separate maven project or module.
- Include the modifications as dependencies in your Maven Overlay project.
- Distribute modifications with documentation to a Maven Repository.

The end

Thanks