Workshop: Understanding the CLI

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In this Workshop, follow along with the instructor as you navigate through the CLI.

Important

One outcome of this workshop is the creation of a new server group, called **qa-group**. You will need this group later in the course.

☐ 1. Start the CLI

- 1.1. Open a terminal window and change directories to EAP_HOME/bin.
- 1.2. You start the CLI by running the jboss-cli.sh script (or jboss-cli.bat batch file) in the bin folder of EAP. Use the --controller property to specify the host and port of the EAP instance you want to connect to.

On RHEL, enter the following command (replacing xx with your IP address):

```
[student@station bin]$ ./jboss-cli.sh --connect --
controller=192.168.0.xx:9999
```

On Windows:

```
jboss-cli.bat connect --controller=192.168.0.xx:9999
```

The -c flag is a shortcut for --connect. If you forgot the --connect in the previous step then you can issue a connect command at the CLI prompt.

1.3. When you attempt to connect to a remote Domain controller, you will be prompted for credentials:

```
$ ./jboss-cli.sh --connect --controller=192.168.0.254:9999
Authenticating against security realm: ManagementRealm
Username: admin
Password:
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]
```

1.4. Enter help to view the various commands. Notice at the end of the help output that a description and an example are given of how to input operation requests.

Read a Resource

A common and useful task with the CLI is reading resource properties to discover or verify your configurations. 2.1. The CLI input is a hierarchical structure that starts at the Domain level. (In Standalone mode, the hierarchy starts at the Server level.) For example, to view the settings at the top level, enter the following command:

/:read resource

2.2. The forward slash "/" is used to separate levels. For example, the following command reads the resources of a Host:

/host=host2:read-resource

2.3. You can keep drilling down to further levels in the hierarchy using the forward slash. For example:

/host=host2/server=production-server-A:read-resource



Insight

If you are familiar with Linux bash CLI shortcuts, then you will find a number of them are available with in the JBoss CLI too. For example, Ctrl+U clears from the cursor to the beginning of the line, Ctrl+K clears from the cursor to the end of the line, Up Arrow & Down Arrow step forward and backward through the CLI history. Feel free to explore which other key combinations maybe applicable.

- 3. Using Tab Completion
 - 3.1. A nice feature of the CLI is **Tab completion**, which shows all possible commands available at any point in your current command. For example, enter / then hit **Tab** to view all possible values you can enter next after the /.

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /

deployment extension host
 interface management-client-content path profile
 server-group system-property

3.2. Start typing in "profile" after the /, and hit Tab. Notice how the CLI not only completes the profile sub-level, but it adds an equals sign, because an equals sign is the only possible value after "/profile".

/profile-

3.3. Hit Tab again and all of the profiles will display:

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /profile=

```
default full full-ha ha
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /profile=
```

3.4. Start typing "default" and hit Tab to auto-complete. Then enter a / and hit Tab. The following will appear:

```
/profile=default/subsystem=
```

This is because the only level below profile is subsystem. Hit **Tab** again to view the available subsystems:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9990 /] /profile=default/subsystem=
                                                             ejb3
                    datasources
configadmin
     infinispan
                                                             jmx
                                        jdr
      ipa
                                                             osgi
                                        naming
                    mail
logging
      pojo
                                                             security
                    resource-adapters
                                        sar
remoting
      threads
                                         webservices
                                                             weld
transactions
                    web
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /profile=default/subsystem=
```

3.5. Start typing in the name of a subsystem and it will auto-complete the subsystem's name, Invoke read-resource on the logging subsystem:

```
[domain@102.168.0.254:9000 /] /profile=default/subsystem=lngging:read-
resource
     "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => {
         "async-handler" => undefined,
         "console-handler" => undefined,
         "custom-handler" => undefined,
         "file-handler" => undefined,
"size-rotating-file-handler" => undefined,
         "logger" => {
             "jacorb" => undefined,
              "com.arjuna" => undefined,
             "org.apache.tomcat.util.modeler" => undefined,
             "jacorb.config" -> undefined,
"sun.rmi" => undefined
         "periodic-rotating file handler" => {"FILF" => undefined}.
         "root-logger" => {"ROOT" => undefined}
 [domain@100.160.6.264:0000 /]
```

3.6. You can keep going to deeper levels. For example, the web subsystem has several levels:

```
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 /] /profile=default/subsystem=web/
configuration connector virtual-server
```

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /profile=default/subsystem=web/

3.7. Notice the web subsystem has a sub-level for connectors. You can invoke readresource at any level. To view the properties of the http connector:

/profile=default/subsystem=web/connector=http:read-resource

3.8. You can use an asterisk as a wildcard. For example, to view all the connectors of the web subsystem of the default profile:

/profile=default/subsystem=web/connector=*:read-resource

- 4. Invoking Operations
 - 4.1. The colon is used to invoke an operation, as you saw with read-resource. If you just enter a colon then hit Tab, you will see all the available commands for whatever level you are at. For example, at the root level enter a colon and hit Tab to view the operations at the root level:

add-namespace	add-schema-location	delete-
snapshot	400 - 400 - 400 - 400	007010
full-replace-deployment	list-snapshots	read-
attribute		
read-children-names	read-children-resources	read-
children-types		
read-config-as-xml	read-operation-description	read-
operation-names		
read-resource	read-resource-description	remove-
namespace		
remove-schema-location	resolve-expression-on-domain	restart-
servers		
start-servers	stop-servers	take-
snapshot		
undefine-attribute	upload-deployment-bytes	upload-
deployment-stream		
upload-deployment-url	validate-address	validate-
operation	Constitution and a graph	Comments.
whoami	write-attribute	
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999	/1 .	

4.2. Notice there is an operation called read-operation-names, which shows a similar output. Enter the following command and compare its output to the output in the previous step:

:read-operation-names

4.3. To view a description of an operation, use the :read-operation-description operation. This operation requires a name parameter, which must be set to a name of an operation. As you type in the following command, notice that the attribute will not auto-complete - you have to type it in:

```
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 /] :read-operation-description(name=restart-
servers)
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => {
        "operation-name" => "restart-servers",
        "description" => "Restarts all servers currently running in the
domain.",
        "reply-properties" => {},
        "read-only" => false
}
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 /]
```

4.4. When you invoke an operation, the CLI displays the output in DMR format. Try invoking the restart-servers operation:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] :restart-servers
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => undefined,
    "server-groups" => undefined
}
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]
```

Check the output in the terminal windows of host2 and host3. All of your servers should have restarted, and notice in the result above that the "outcome" value is "success".

5. Read a Resource Recursively

Add the recursive flag at the end of : read-resource to view a resource and all of its sub-levels. For example, compare the output of the following operations:

```
/profile=default/subsystem=web:read-resource
/profile=default/subsystem=web:read-resource(recursive=true)
```

Notice with the **recursive** flag set to **true** that all child elements of the **web** resource are displayed, and their child elements are displayed, and so on.

5.2. If you want to view all resources on the server, simply start at the top level and turn on recursion:

```
/:read-resource(recursive=true)
```

The output will show you the settings of your entire Domain configuration, which is about 5,000 lines of output! You can pipe the output to a file for better viewing:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] :read-resource(recursive=true) > output.txt [domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]
```



Important

In the following screen, and later screens in this lab, the commands are very long. They should be entered on one line, even though they appear to break across two lines in the screens.

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 / #] /host=host2/server-config=dev-server-two:add(group=dev-group, socket-binding-group=standard-sockets)

#1 /host=host2/server_config=dev-server-two:add(group-dev-group, socket-binding-group=standard-sockets)

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 / #] /server-group=dev-group/system-property=opt.folder:add(value=/home/student/JB248/opt)

#2 /server-group=dev-group/system-property=opt.folder:add(value=/home/student/JB248/opt)

If you make a mistake and need to start over, execute the discard-batch command to exit batch mode (and lose any batch commands entered).



Insight

Notice that defining a new Server is unique using the CLI because instead of invoking the add operation at the server level, there is a special server-config level that is used instead. You also use the server-config to edit attributes of existing servers.

5.3. To execute a batch, use the run-batch command:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:0000 / //] run-bacuh
The batch executed successfully.
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]
```

If you get an error, enter the **discard-batch** command, then try defining and running the batch again.

5.4. Verify your new server is defined:

```
/host=host2/server-config=dev-server-two:read-resource
```

Alternately, go to the Server page of the Management Console and view the list of Server Configurations for host2.

5.5. You can use the CLI to start your new Server. Enter the following command:

```
[domain@102.168.0.254:9999 /] /host=host2/server-config=dev-server-
two:start
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => "STARTING"
}
```

Notice no output appears in the CLI, but you should see a new file named output.txt (in your EAP_HOME/bin folder) with the entire settings of your Domain in the DMR syntax.

- 6. Changing Directories
 - 6.1. Browsing the resources in the CLI is similar to navigating a folder system from a Linux command prompt. For example, if you need to enter multiple commands on the subsystem level, you can cd to that level. For example, if you know you are going to invoke multiple operations on host2, then cd to that level. Enter the following commands:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] cd host=host2
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 host=host2] ./

core-service interface jvm path
server server-config
system-property
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 host=host2] ./
```

Notice the use of the ./ to display the sub-levels relative to the current level.

6.2. You can also use the 1s command to view a more detailed list of the resources at the current level you are on:

```
ls
```

6.3. At the host2 level, start typing in the following command and hit Tab after the equals sign:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 host=host2] cd server=

dev-server-one production-server-A
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 host=host2] cd server=
```

Change levels into production-server-A and enter 1s to view its contents:

```
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 host=host2] od server=production-server-A
 [domain@192.168.8.254:9999 server=production-server-A] 1s
 core-service
                                        deployment
     extension
interface
                                        path
    socket-binding-group
subsystem
                                        system-property
     Launch-type=DOMAIN
management-major-version=1
                                        management-minor-version-1
    name-production-server-A
namespaces=[]
                                        process-type=Server
    product-name=EAP
product-version=6.0.0.Beta2
                                        profile-name=ha
    release codename Drontes
release-version=7.1.1.Final-redhat-1
                                       running-mode=NORMAL
   schema-locations=[]
server-state=running
[domain@192.168.8.254:0000 server-production-server-A]
```

Notice how the command prompt changes to display the current level that you are on.

6.4. When you have changed directories to a specific level, you can now invoke an operation at that level without specifying the full path. For example, if you want to invoke read-resource on the /host=host2/server=production-server-A level and you are already at that level, simply enter: read-resource.

```
:read-resource .
```

6.5. Commands like the following also work:

```
cd .. (move up one level)
cd / (move to the root level)
```

7. Change a Resource Attribute

Up until now, you have only read information using the CLI. However, you can use the write-attribute operation to modify a resource's attributes using the CLI. To demonstrate this operation, you will change the min-pool-size attribute of the ExampleDS datasource resource. We will discuss datasource configuration in Unit 6, The Datasource Subsystem, but for now just note that this attribute defines the minimum number of connections held open for a datasource.

7.1. To view the min-pool-size attribute's current value, enter the following command (use Tab completion to avoid typing errors):

```
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 data-source=ExampleDS] cd /profile=default/
subsystem=datasuurces/data-source=ExampleDS
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 data-source=ExampleDS] :read-resource
```

There are a lot of values of the ExampleDS datasource. To view a specific attribute, use the read-attribute operation:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 data-source=FxampleDS] :read-
attribute(name=min-pool-size)
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => undefined
}
```

Notice the value of min-pool-size is undefined.

☐ 7.2. Use the write-attribute command to change the min-pool-size value to 5:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 data-source=ExampleDS] :write-
attribute(name=min-pool-size,value=5)
{
   "outcome" => *success",
   "result" => undefined,
```

□ 7.3. Use the :read-attribute command and verify the change occurred:

```
[domain@192.168.8.254:9989 data-source=ExampleDS] :read-
attribute(name=min-pool-size)
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => 5
}
```

- 7.4. Go to the Profiles page of the Management Console. Click on the Datasources link in the Connector section. In the middle of the page is a collection of tabs. Click on the Pool tab and verify that the Min Pool Size is now 5. Notice the Management Console is instantly aware of the change made in the CLI.
- 7.5. View the domain.xml file of your Domain controller (in the folder machine1/domain/configuration). Notice in the ExampleDS definition in the datasource subsystem of the default profile that the <min-pool-size> element is 5, and you have now seen that the Management Console, the CLI and the underlying XML files are all synchronized.



Important

Not all resource attributes are writeable. Use the :read-resourcedescription command to check if the access-type of the attribute you want is read-write. Other valid types include read-only and metric.

- □ 8. The add Operation
 - 8.1. The CLI add operation is used to add new resources to a configuration. To add a new configuration, you start by typing in the name of the new resource at the level where the resource is to appear. For example, the system-property element is at the root level. The following statement adds a new system property named x whose value is 25:

```
/system-property=x:add(value=25)
```

Enter the command above, then go the System Properties page found on the Profiles page of the Management Console. The value of x should appear in the list of System Properties.

8.2. You will want to use tab completion as much as possible to simplify using the add operation. For example, suppose you want to define a new Server Group, which is defined at the root level.

Start by entering the following and hitting Tah:

```
/server-group=
```

You should have two Server Groups defined:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /server-group=

dev-group production-group
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /server-group=
```

8.3. To add a server-group, type in a new server-group name that does not already appear, followed by the add operation. Carefully type in the following and see what tab completion displays:

Tab complete is showing you the available attributes that you can define for a new server-group, which you will do in the next step.

□ 8.4. Attributes are defined in an add operation as a comma-separated list of name=value pairs. For example, the following command defines the profile and socket-binding-group attributes for the new qa-group. (These two attributes are required.)

```
[domain@102.168.0.254:9999 /] /server-group=qa-group:add(profile=full-
ha, socket-binding-group=full-ha-sockets)
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => undefined,
    "server-groups" => undefined
}
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]
```

□ 8.5. Verify the new server group definition by invoking read-resource on it:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /server-group=qa-group:read-resource

{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => {
        "deployment" => undefined,
        "jvm" => undefined,
        "management-subsystem-endpoint" => false,
        "profile" => "full-ha",
        "socket-binding-group" => "full-ha-sockets",
        "system-property" s> undefined
    }
}
```

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]

You can also verify the new Server Group definition by viewing the Server Groups page, found on the Server page of the Management Console.

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9.1. Exit the CLI by entering exit at the prompt;

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] exit

9.2. Restart the CLI, but this time add the --gui property:

./jboss-cli.sh connect --controller=192.168.0.xx:9990 --gui

9.3. With the CLI GUI, you can drill-down to a level, then right-click on a level to select an operation to invoke. For example, expand profile=full, then click on subsystem=logging. Notice the entry in the cmd> textfield:

/profile=full/subsystem=logging/

- 9.4. Right-click on the logging subsystem and select read-resource from the popup dialog. A pop-up window appears allowing you to select options for the readresource operation. Check the recursive box, then click the OK button. View the command in the cmd> textfield.
- 9.5. Notice you can use the CLI GUI to write commands for you, then copy-and-paste them into a running CLI or into a script file. You can also run the command right from the GUI. Click the Submit button and the Output tab will appear with the result of the operation.



Insight

The GUI CLI is a very handy tool! Use it to generate your CLI commands for you, helping you avoid typing mistakes. It is especially helpful when executing long commands and/or writing script files.

Lab 05_01: Using the CLI

Performance Checklist

Lab Overview: In this lab, you will perform a multitude of administrative tasks using the CLI.

Lab Resources/Configuration: Lab Files Location:	n/a
Application URL:	n/a
Success Criteria: After completing using the CLI.	this exercise, you will be more familiar with navigating and

Lab Outline:

- Reading Resources
- 2. Add a New Path Resource
- 3. Change an Attribute
- 4. Take a Snapshot
- 5. The Batch Command
- Executing a CLI Script File

Before you begin...

Conne	ect to yo	our Domain using the CLI tool.		
- 1.	Reading Resources Use the read-resource operation of the CLI to answer the following questions. These questions are intentionally difficult, in order to help you learn how to navigate through the CLI!			
	1.j.	What is the value of the system-property named java.net.preferIPv4Stack?		
	□ 1.2.	How many cache-containers are defined in the infinispan subsystem of the ha profile?		
	□ 1.3.	Does the mail-session named java: jboss/mail/Default in the mail subsystem of the default profile use SSL? (Hint: Use the recursive flag to view the SSL setting of mail-session.)		
	□ 1.4.	In the web subsystem of the full-ha profile, there is a virtual-server named default-host which serves up requests made to the local IP address. Is the welcome-content application (the default Welcome page for EAP 6) enabled for default-host?		
	□ 1.5.	What is the maximum POST size of the http connector in the web subsystem of the full profile?		

D 2.	Add	a	New	Path	Resource
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2.1. A path is a variable that refers to a file or folder location on your filesystem. Using paths allows you to avoid hard-coding system-dependant paths and use variable names instead. The Management Console does not provide a mechanism for defining new paths, but the CLI does. Enter the following command and hit Tab:

```
/path=
```

There are no currently-defined paths, so tab completion doesn't do anything.

2.2. To add a path, you start by entering the name you want to give the path followed by the add operation. Enter the following and hit Tab again:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /path=home.folder:add(

path= relative-to= [domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /path=home.folder:add(
```

2.3. On RHEL, set the path attribute to /home/student:

```
/path=home.folder:add(path=/home/student)
```

On Windows, use c:\JB248:

```
/path=home.Folder:add(path="c:\J8248")
```

2.4. Verify the path is defined appropriately by invoking read-resource on home. folder:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /path=home.folder:read-resource

"outcome" => "success",
    "result" => {
        "name" => "home.folder",
        "path" => "/home/student",
        "read-only" => false,
        "relative-to" => undefined
]
```

3. Change an Attribute

3.1. Enter the following command to view the settings of the default JVM on host2:

/host=host2/jvm=default:read-resource	
or delice end resource	

D 3	2	What is t	he maximum	hoan size of	the default	diam'r.		
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3.3. What is the size of the	permanent generation?
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- 3.4. Using the write-attribute operation, set the value of stack-size on the default jvm to 128k.
- 3.5. To verify the stack-size was changed appropriately, enter the following command and make sure your output matches the output here:

```
[domain@192.168.8.254:9999 /] /host=host2/jym=default;read-
attribute(name=stack-size)
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "result" => "128k"
}
```



Insight

The default stack size of a thread is typically too big for many production environments that use a lot of threads. If you have too many threads, you can actually run out of memory because the stack size is set too high! In those situations, lowering the stack-size to a value like 128k can help avoid the out-of-memory issues.

4. Take a Snapshot

4.1. Enter the following command at the root level to take a snapshot of your current configuration files:

```
:take-snapshot
```

- 4.2. Look in your machine1/domain/configuration/domain_xml_history/ snapshot folder and verify the snapshot worked successfully.
- □ 5. The Batch Command
 - 5.1. The CLI has a batch command that allows you to enter multiple commands that execute as one atomic unit. If at least one of the commands or operations fails, all the other successfully executed commands and operations in the batch are rolled back. Execute the command batch to enter batch mode:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 / #]
```

It is a subtle difference, but notice the hash symbol now appears in the prompt.

5.2. Now enter the following two commands, which define a new Server on host2 and also adds a system-property to the Server Group named dev-group. Notice that when you are in batch mode, each command is assigned a number.



Important

In the following screen, and later screens in this lab, the commands are very long. They should be entered on one line, even though they appear to break across two lines in the screens.

[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 / #] /host=host2/server-config=dev-server-two:add(group=dev-group, socket-binding-group=standard-sockets)
#1 /host=host2/server config=dev-server-two:add(group-dev-group, socket-binding-group=standard-sockets)
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 / #] /server-group=dev-group/system-property=opt.folder:add(value=/home/student/JB248/opt)
#2 /server-group=dev-group/system-property=opt.folder:add(value=/home/student/JB248/opt)

If you make a mistake and need to start over, execute the discard-batch command to exit batch mode (and lose any batch commands entered).



Insight

Notice that defining a new Server is unique using the CLI because instead of invoking the **add** operation at the **server** level, there is a special **server-config** level that is used instead. You also use the **server-config** to edit attributes of existing servers.

5.3. To execute a batch, use the run-batch command:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:0000 / W] FWH-Datch
The batch executed successfully.
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /]
```

If you get an error, enter the **discard-batch** command, then try defining and running the batch again.

5.4. Verify your new server is defined:

```
/host=host2/server-config=dev-server-two:read-resource
```

Alternately, go to the Server page of the Management Console and view the list of Server Configurations for host2.

5.5. You can use the CLI to start your new Server. Enter the following command:

```
[domain@192.168.0.254:9999 /] /host=host2/server-config=dev-server-
two:start
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => "STARTING"
}
```

Verify it is has started by viewing the output in terminal window of host2.

5.6. Verify that the system-property named opt. tolder was also defined in the batch. Use tab completion as much as possible to enter the following command:

```
[domain@192.108.8.254.9999 /] /hust-hust2/server-dev-server-twu/system-property=opt.folder:read-resource
{
    "outcome" => "success",
    "repult" => ("value" => "/home/student/JB248/opt")
}
```

Your output should be similar to the output above.

- □ 6. Executing a CLI Script File
 - 4.1. You can enter CLI commands in a text file, then pass the text file to the CLI tool, thereby allowing you to define scripts for repetitive tasks. To demonstrate how to define a script file, start by exiting the CLI:

```
[domnin@199 168 8 254:0000 /] exit
```

- O 6.2. Using a text editor, define a new file named deploy_example_app.cli in your LABS folder.
- 6.3. Add the following commands to deploy_example_app.cli, which deploy example.war onto the production-group and restart the server instances:

```
batch
deploy /home/student/JB248/labs/Lab82_01/example_war --server-
groups=production-group
:restart-servers
run-batch
```

On Windows, use the appropriate path to example.war.

- ☐ 6.4. Save the file.
- 6.5. Execute the deploy_example_app.cli script by passing it into the CLI runtime command using the --file option:

```
S ./]boss-cii.sh --connect --controller=192.168.0.254:9999 --Tile=LABS/
deploy_example_app.cli
Authenticating against security realm: ManagementRealm
Username: admin
Paccword:
#1 deploy --name=example.war --server-groups=production-group
#2 /:restart-servers
The batch executed successfully.
```

6.6. Verify the servers restarted by looking in the output of the terminal windows for host2 and host3.

- 6.7. Verify the example.war application deployed successfully by puinting your browser to http://192.168.0.xx:48080/example/.
- 6.8. Stop here! You have performed a lot of different tasks using the CLI. The goal of performing these tasks was more than just to show you how to do them, but also for you to become familiar with navigating around and invoking operations using the CLI. As we go through the remainder of the course, you will see how to configure various subsystems and settings using both the Management Console and the CLI.