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1 Introduction

Jetty component provides the functionality of starting a Jetty Server with and without default configurations of listeners, webapplications and servlets. It also provides the feature of dynamically configuring a running Jetty HttpServer with additional listeners, web applications and servers.

It provides instantiable extensions to the www components, which must also be on the classpath of this component's deployment.

2 Installation

The Jetty components are packaged in the sf-jetty JAR file. They have the following dependencies at run time

Artifact	Organisation	Version	Description
sf-www		(in sync)	www base classes
servletapi	javax.servlet	2.5	Servlet API. Jetty now requires this.
jetty	org.mortbay.jetty	6.1.5	
jetty-util	org.mortbay.jetty	6.1.5	

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2.1 JSP support

For JSP Support, the following artifacts are required.

Artifact	Organisation	Version	Description
commons-logging	commons-logging	1.0.4	
core	org.eclipse.jdt	3.1.1	Eclipse javac compiler
ant	org.apache.ant	1.6.5 or later	Bridge to JDK compiler
jsp-2.1	org.mortbay.jetty	6.1.5	
jsp-api-2.1	org.mortbay.jetty	6.1.5	

We are not convinced that the ant artifact is needed, given that the Eclipse JDT compiler is a javac compiler. However, we do currently include it in our ivy metadata.

To pick up the JSP artifacts from the ivy.xml file, use the "jsp" configuration

3 Components

The Jetty package has different components for the core jetty server, jetty server with admin privileges, listeners, webapplications, servletcontexts, handlers and servlets.

These are all declared in the SmartFrog file /org/smartfrog/services/jetty/components.sf,

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3.1.1 CoreJettyServer

Attribute Name	Description	Optional/Mandatory
jettyhome	Jetty home path. This is essentially the base directory for operations;	Mandatory
host	Host on which the Jetty server runs	Default "localhost";
enableLogging	Boolean to keep logging on or off	Default false
maxThreads extends Integer	Maximum number of worker threads	Mandatory, but a default is declared
minThreads extends Integer	Minimum number of worker threads	Mandatory, but a default is declared
maxIdleTime extends Integer	How long in milliseconds should an idle thread wait before being terminated	Mandatory, but a default is declared
sendDateHeader	Should a date header be included in responses?	Default true
sendServerVersion	should the server version be sent in a response?	Default true
stopAtShutdown	set this to add a flag to shut the server down cleanly during app termination. Not normally needed, as SmartFrog has its own shutdown routines.	Default false
logAppend	Should the log be appended to any existing files?	Default true
logDir	Directory for log files. If a relative directory path is supplied, it is resolved relative to jettyhome.	Default is declared as log/
logExtended	Should an extended format log be created?	Default true
logKeepDays	Days to keep the log	Default 7
logIgnorePaths	List of paths to not log	Default []
logTimezone	Time zone for events in the log	Default "GMT"
logPattern	pattern for log files	Default "yyyy_mm_dd.request.log"

The three thread attributes, maxThreads, minThreads and maxIdleTime, control how many threads are available in a worker thread pool. The maximum number of simultaneous requests that can be processed is limited by these values. Furthermore, if socket connectors are used, extra threads are needed to listen on the sockets for incoming requests. These threads come from the same pool of threads. If a Jetty-hosted web site appears to hang, it may be that there are not enough threads available.

3.1.2 HttpServer

4 Logging

Jetty6 uses Simple Logging 4 Java, SLF4J, which is bound to a logging implementation by the inclusion of a specific back end JAR for the chosen logging framework. As Ivy 2.0.0-alpha-2 does not parse the SLF4J metadata files (this will be fixed in the release), we do not yet include this log in our release, so jetty logs to the console instead.

We do provide a class that directly bridges from the Jetty logging APIs to the SmartFrog logger. This can be loaded by including the specific SmartFrog file /org/smartfrog/services/jetty/log/components.sf,

```
#include "/org/smartfrog/services/jetty/log/components.sf"
```

This descriptor is automatically loaded in the /org/smartfrog/services/jetty/components.sf file.

The log descriptor defines a component that sets up the JVM property org.mortbay.log.class to the value org.smartfrog.services.jetty.log.JettyLogger:

```
IntegrateJettyLogging extends SystemProperties {
    properties [
        ["org.mortbay.log.class","org.smartfrog.services.jetty.log.JettyLogger"]
    ];
    setOnEarlyDeploy true;
    setOnDeploy false;
    unsetOnTerminate false;
}
```

When Jetty starts up, it reads this property (once) to create a system log and a log factory; the factory is used for creating all further logs. The component must be deployed before any Jetty components; the setOnEarlyDeploy attribute ensures that the properties are set very early on in the deployment process, before any sibling components have been deployed or started.

An alternative way to configure Jetty is to set the same system property when the JVM is started. This can be done in the SmartFrog root process by editing default.ini.

Once set, the logging is routed through SmartFrog for the duration of the life of the JVM. New deployments to the same JVM will retain the original binding, because the

5 Changes

In SmartFrog 3.12.008, Jetty support moved from Jetty4 to Jetty6. This is a fundamental change in the core codebase, but offers many advantages

- An up to date servlet API
- A new handler architecture
- Better JSP support

It did require some major changes internally, some of which are visible

- All predefined 'demo' servlets, servlets that came with a full Jetty installation, have been removed.
- The Jetty administrator component, which brought up a secured administration page, has been removed. This feature is no longer in Jetty.

The code update triggered further changes to the components

- Request logging can now be configured more completely
- Thread pool sizes can be defined for the jetty engine, and for the socket listener
- A JettySelectChannelConnector component offers access to the threadless nio-based socket.

This is better for listening for new connections.

- Some of the components have been renamed to match the renamings of Jetty internals. Specifically, the JettySocketConnector is the name of the component that listens on sockets; its attributes for port and host are port and host respectively. A JettyListener component is defined that extends this class, retaining the old name and old attributes, listenerPort and serverHost.
- A JettySSLSocketConnector component is added to allow SSL Connections to be declared
- The servlet context no longer automatically supports contexts relative to jettyhome. If you want to
 deploy a directory relative to another location, use FileComponent declarations to define the
 hierarchy.
- Any attempt to deploy a nonexistent file or directory will result in a failure to start the web application or servlet application.
- Bindings from the servlet context and web application context to specific filenames are postponed to the start phase, instead of during the deploy period of the component lifecycle. This eliminates race conditions between peer components.

Changes that may break existing code

- Jetty no longer serves up directory trees. An empty directory results in an HTTP Error code.
- You must have a welcome files section in the web-INF/web.xm1 file to make index pages visible. As an example, here is the file list at the end of our test war

```
<welcome-file-list>
  <welcome-file>index.html</welcome-file>
  <welcome-file>index.jsp</welcome-file>
</welcome-file-list>
```