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Oracle SALT Administration Overview

The following sections provide an overview to Oracle SALT administration topics:

- [Administering Oracle SALT](#)
- [Oracle SALT Web Services Administrative Tasks and Tools](#)
- [Oracle SALT Web Application Server Administrative Tasks and Tools](#)
- [Oracle SALT WS-TX Administrative Tasks and Tools](#)
- [Oracle SALT WS-TX Administrative Tasks and Tools](#)

Administering Oracle SALT

This section explains the following basic concepts for administering Oracle SALT:

- [Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository](#)
- [Oracle SALT Web Service Deployment Model](#)

Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository

The Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository was developed to facilitate saving and retrieving Oracle Tuxedo service metadata. Oracle Tuxedo service metadata is a collection of Oracle Tuxedo service attributes that are especially useful in describing the request/response details of an Oracle Tuxedo service. The Oracle SALT gateway server (GWWS), relies on the

Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository for conversions between the Oracle Tuxedo request/response format (buffer types) and standard SOAP message format.

When exposing Oracle Tuxedo services as Web services using Oracle SALT, you must define and load your Oracle Tuxedo service metadata in the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository. Oracle SALT can then define the corresponding SOAP message format from the Oracle Tuxedo service metadata.

When invoking external Web services from an Oracle Tuxedo application, Oracle SALT provides a WSDL file converter, `wsdlcvt`. This command utility helps you to define Oracle Tuxedo service metadata from each Web service operation. The converted services are called SALT proxy services and can be invoked as normal Oracle Tuxedo services. Oracle SALT proxy services also need to be loaded in the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository.

To retrieve the Oracle Tuxedo service metadata information, you must configure the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository system server (`TMMETADATA`), to be booted in the Oracle Tuxedo application.

Note: `TMMETADATA` must be booted prior to using any Oracle SALT gateway GWWS server.

For more information, see “[Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository](#)” and Using Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository for Oracle SALT in the [Oracle SALT Configuration Guide](#).

Oracle SALT Web Service Deployment Model

Deploying Oracle SALT requires two configuration file types:

- SALT Web Service Definition File (`WSDF`)
- SALT Deployment File (`SALTDEPLOY`)

SALT Web Service Definition File

The SALT Web Service Definition File (`WSDF`) is an XML-based file used to define SALT Web service components (Web Service Bindings, Web Service Operations, Web Service Policies, and so on). The `WSDF` is a Oracle SALT specific representation of the Web Service Definition Language data model. There are two `WSDF` types: native and non-native.

- Native `WSDF`

A native `WSDF` is created manually. You must define a set of Oracle Tuxedo services and how they are exposed as Web services in the `WSDF`. It looks similar to the SALT 1.1 configuration file. The native `WSDF` is the input file for the SALT WSDL generator (`tmwsdlgen`). For more information, see the [Oracle SALT Configuration Guide](#).

- Non-native WSDF

A non-native WSDF is generated from an external WSDL file that has been converted using the SALT WSDL converter ([wsdlcvt](#)). Basically, you do not need to change the generated WSDF (except to configure advanced features). For more information, see

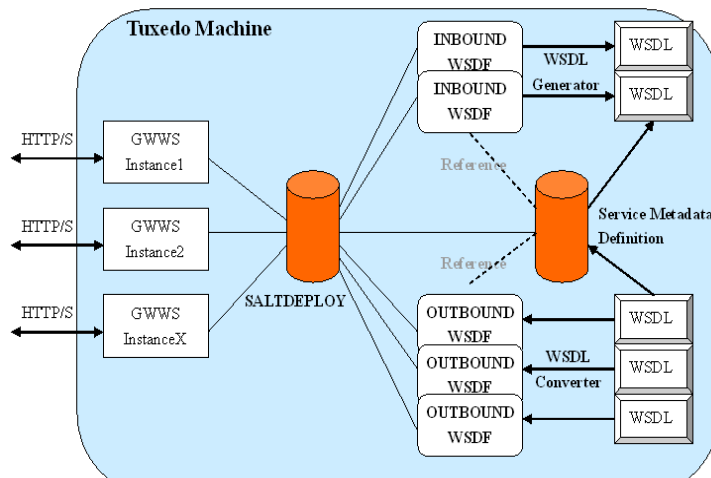
Configuring Web Services.

Oracle SALT Deployment File

The Oracle SALT Deployment File (`SALTDEPLOY`) is an XML-based file used to define Oracle SALT GWWS server deployment information on a *per* Oracle Tuxedo machine basis. The `SALTDEPLOY` file lists all necessary WSDF files. It also specifies how many GWWS servers are deployed on an Oracle Tuxedo machine and associates inbound and outbound Web service endpoints for each GWWS server. The `SALTDEPLOY` file contains a system section where global resources are configured (including certificates and plug-in load libraries). For more information, see [Creating the Oracle SALT Deployment File in the Oracle SALT Configuration Guide](#).

[Figure 1-1](#) illustrates the Oracle SALT deployment model.

Figure 1-1 Oracle SALT Deployment Model



Oracle SALT Web Services Administrative Tasks and Tools

Oracle SALT provides a set of command utilities for managing different parts of an Oracle SALT application built on the Oracle Tuxedo system. These utilities can be used for the following tasks:

- [Configuring an Oracle SALT Application Using Command-Line Utilities](#)
- [Administering an Oracle SALT Application Using Command-Line Utilities](#)

Configuring an Oracle SALT Application Using Command-Line Utilities

You can configure your Oracle SALT application by using command-line utilities. Specifically, you can use an XML editor to create and edit the configuration file (WSDF files and SALTDEPLOY file) for your application, and then use the command-line utility named `wsloadcf` to translate the XML files (SALTDEPLOY file and referenced WSDF files) to a binary file (SALTCONFIG). You are then ready to boot the Oracle SALT gateway (GWWS) servers.

The following list identifies Oracle SALT command-line utilities that you can use to configure your application:

- `wsloadcf(1)`

A command that is initiated on each Oracle Tuxedo machine. It allows you to compile your application SALTDEPLOY file and referenced WSDF files into the binary SALTCONFIG file. The `wsloadcf` command loads the binary file to the location defined by the SALTCONFIG environment variable.

- `wsdlcvt(1)`

A command that converts an external Web Service Description Language (WSDL) file into Oracle Tuxedo definition files (WSDF file, Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata definition file, FML32 field table file and XML Schema file). The generated WSDF file is a non-native WSDF file used for Oracle SALT outbound calls specifically.

Since Oracle SALT built on the Oracle Tuxedo framework, you should also use the following Oracle Tuxedo provided command-line utilities to configure Oracle SALT specific items in an Oracle Tuxedo application:

- `tmloadcf(1)`

A command that runs on the master Oracle Tuxedo machine. It is used to compile the Oracle Tuxedo application UBBCONFIG file into the binary TUXCONFIG file. To boot Oracle SALT gateway servers, you must define GWWS servers in the UBBCONFIG file.

- `tmloadrepos(1)`

A command that runs on the machine where Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository System Server (TMMETADATA) is booted. It loads the Oracle Tuxedo service metadata definition text files into the binary Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository file. You must load all existing Oracle Tuxedo services that are to be exposed as Web service operations in the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository. You must also load all `wsdlcvt` generated Oracle SALT proxy services in the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository.

- `saml`

The `wsadmin` sub-command `saml` can be used to manage SAML related metadata for use with the SAML Single Sign-On capability. For more information, `wsadmin` the [Oracle SALT Command Reference](#).

Administering an Oracle SALT Application Using Command-Line Utilities

You can use the `wsadmin(1)` command-line utility to perform administrative functions for Oracle SALT gateway servers in your Oracle Tuxedo applications. Similar to the `tmadmin`, `dmadmin` and `qmadmin` commands, `wsadmin` is an interactive meta-command that enables you to run sub-commands.

In an Oracle Tuxedo application, you can run `wsadmin(1)` on any machine to monitor and manage the Oracle SALT gateway servers defined in the Oracle Tuxedo application.

Oracle SALT Web Application Server Administrative Tasks and Tools

Oracle SALT provides the following Web application server administration tools:

- Web module `mod_tuxedo` (for Apache or OHS), and `tux_nsapi` (for iPlanet). The configuration elements are located in the respective configuration files (`httpd.conf` or `magnus.conf`).
- The `WEBHNDLR` system server which serves HTTP requests proxied from `mod_tuxedo` or `tux_nsapi`. This system server is configured in the `UBBConfig` file and administered using regular Oracle Tuxedo commands.

For more information, see [Oracle SALT Installation Guide](#), [Administering Oracle SALT at Runtime](#) and [Configuring an Oracle SALT Application](#).

Oracle SALT WS-TX Administrative Tasks and Tools

Oracle SALT provides a set of command utilities for managing and supporting WS-TX transactions. The names and usages of these utilities are the same as [Oracle SALT Reference Guide](#).

For more information, see [WX-TX Support in Oracle Tuxedo Interoperability](#) and [Configuring Oracle SALT WX-TX Support in the Oracle SALT Configuration Guide](#).

See Also

- [Oracle SALT Installation Guide](#)
- [Oracle SALT Configuration Guide](#)
- [Oracle SALT Programming Guide](#)
- [Oracle SALT Reference Guide](#)
- [Oracle SALT Interoperability Guide](#)

Administering Oracle SALT at Runtime

This chapter contains the following topics:

- [Administering Oracle Tuxedo Web Services](#)

Administering Oracle Tuxedo Web Services

This section contains the following topics:

- [Browsing to the WSDL Document from the GWWS Server](#)
- [Tuning the GWWS Server](#)
- [Tracing the GWWS Server](#)
- [Monitoring the GWWS Server](#)
- [Oracle SALT SSO/SAML Security](#)
- [Troubleshooting Oracle SALT](#)

Browsing to the WSDL Document from the GWWS Server

Each GWWS server automatically generates a WSDL document for each deployed inbound native WSDL. The WSDL document can be downloaded from any of the HTTP/S listening endpoints via HTTP GET.

Use the following URL to browse the WSDL document:

```
"http(s)://<host>:<port>/wsdl[? [id=<wsdf_name>]
[&mappolicy=<pack|raw|mtom>] [&toolkit=<wls|axis>]]"
```

Table 2-1 lists all WSDL document download options.

Table 2-1 WSDL Download Options

Option	Value Description
id	Specifies the native WSDF name for the WSDL document. The specified native WSDF must be imported via inbound direction by the GWWS server. If the option is not specified, the first inbound native WSDF is used.
mappolicy	{pack raw mtom} Specifies the data mapping policies for certain Oracle Tuxedo Typed buffers for the generated WSDL document. Currently, this option impacts CARRAY typed buffers only. If the option is not specified, pack is used as the default value.
toolkit	{wls axis} Use this option only if you have previously defined mappolicy=raw. Specify the client toolkit used so that the proper WSDL document description for a CARRAY typed buffer MIME attachment is generated. Oracle SALT supports WebLogic Server and Axis for SOAP with Attachments. The default value is wls.

Note: The WSDL download URL supported by Oracle SALT 2.0 and later is different from Oracle SALT 1.1. In Oracle SALT 1.1 release, one GWWS server adaptively supports both RPC/encoded and document/literal message style, both SOAP 1.1 and SOAP 1.2 version, from a given configuration file. In Oracle SALT 2.0 and later, each WSDF file associated with the GWWS server must be pre-combined with a certain SOAP version and a certain SOAP message style. So the following WSDL download options for SALT 1.1 GWWS server are deprecated in this release.

Table 2-2 Deprecated WSDL Download Options

Option	Value Description
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Table 2-2 Deprecated WSDL Download Options

SOAPversion	This deprecated option is used to specify the expected SOAP version defined in the generated WSDL document. Now this option is set in the WSDF file.
encstyle	This deprecated option is used to specify the expected SOAP message style defined in the generated WSDL document. Now this option is set in the WSDF file.

Tuning the GWWS Server

The GWWS server is a high performance gateway used between external Web Service application and the Oracle Tuxedo application. It uses a thread-pool working model to improve performance in a multi-processor server environment. The GWWS server also provides options to control runtime behavior by setting the <WSGateway> element property values in the Oracle SALT configuration file. The following topics list deployment considerations based on different scenarios. For more information, see [Configuring the GWWS Servers in the Oracle SALT Configuration Guide](#).

Thread Pool Size Tuning

Property: thread_pool_size

The default thread pool size is 16, but in some cases this may not be enough to handle high volume loads. It is recommended to conduct a typical usage analysis in order to better estimate the proper size requirement. Usually, if the concurrent client number is large (for example, more than 500), it is suggested that you deploy the GWWS gateway on a server with at least a 4-way processor and set the thread pool size to 64.

Network Timeout Control

Property: timeout

Oracle SALT provides a network timeout tuning parameter in the configuration file. The default timeout value is 300 seconds. The value can be adjusted to reduce timeout errors.

Max Content Length Control

Property: max_content_length

Oracle SALT administrators may want to limit the buffer size sent from a client. SALT supports this by using a property value that can be set for particular GWWS instances. By default there is no limit.

Backlog Control

Property: `max_backlog`

The default backlog socket listen value is 20. On some systems, such as Windows, 20 may not meet heavy load requirements. The client connection is rejected during TCP handshake.

The recommended value for Windows is based on the max concurrent TCP connections you may encounter. For example, if 80 is the peak point, you may configure the `max_backlog` property value to 60 in the SALT configuration file.

Note: The default backlog value is adequate for most systems. You do not need to tune it unless you experience client connection problems during heavy loads.

WARNING: A large backlog value may increase *syn-blood* attack risk.

Oracle Tuxedo BLOCKTIME

A network receive timeout property is provided in the SALT configuration file. Web service applications are also impacted by the Oracle Tuxedo BLOCKTIME parameter. Blocktime accounting begins when a message is transformed from XML to a typed buffer and delivered to the Oracle Tuxedo framework.

If no reply is received for a particular Web service client within the BLOCKTIME time frame, the GWWS server sends a SOAP fault message to the client and terminates the connection. If the GWWS server receives a delayed reply, it drops this message because the client has been disconnected.

BLOCKTIME is defined in the `UBBCONFIG` file `*RESOURCE` section.

Boost Performance Using Multiple GWWS instances

If one GWWS instance is bottlenecked due to network congestion, low CPU resources and so on, multiple GWWS instances can be deployed with the same Web Service binding on distributed Oracle Tuxedo nodes.

Note: Even though multiple GWWS instances can provide the same logic functionality, from a client perspective, they are different Web service endpoints with different HTTP/S listen ports and addresses.

Tracing the GWWS Server

The GWWS server supports Oracle Tuxedo `TMTRACE` functionality (used to dynamically trace messages). All trace points are logged in the `ULOG` file. Checking the `ULOG` file trace information helps to evaluate GWWS server SOAP message problems. GWWS server message tracing behavior is set using the `TMTRACE` environment variable, or by using the `tmadmin chtr` sub-command.

The reserved trace category, `msg`, is used to trace Oracle SALT messages. It can be used together with other general trace categories. For example, if trace category “`atmi+msg`” is specified, both Oracle SALT and Oracle Tuxedo ATMI trace messages are logged.

Notes: Message tracing is recommended for diagnostic treatment only.

The following trigger specifications are not recommended for GWWS servers:

`abort, system, sleep`

In any of these trigger specifications are used, GWWS servers may be unexpectedly terminated.

For more `tmtrace` and trace specification information, see [tmtrace\(5\)](#) in the *File Formats, Data Descriptions, MIBs, and System Processes Reference*.

`TMTRACE` specification examples for Oracle SALT message tracing are shown below:

- To trace SALT messages only
`export TMTRACE=msg:ulog:export GWWS_TRACE_LEVEL=100`
- To trace both Oracle SALT and Oracle Tuxedo ATMI messages
`export TMTRACE=atmi+msg:ulog:export GWWS_TRACE_LEVEL=100`

[Listing 2-1](#) shows a `ULOG` file example containing Oracle SALT tracing messages.

Listing 2-1 TMTRACE Messages Logged By GWWS Server

```
183632.BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:A HTTP message is received, SCO
index=1023
```

```
183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:A SOAP message is received, SCO
index=1023
```

```
183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:Begin data transformation of
```

```
request message, buffer type = STRING, SCO index=1023

183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:End of data transformation of
request message, buffer type = STRING, SCO index=1023

183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.840.0: TRACE:ms:Delivering a message to Tuxedo,
service name =TOUPPER, SCO index=1023

183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.840.0: TRACE:ms:Got a message from Tuxedo, SCO
index=1023

183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:Begin data transformation of reply
message, buffer type = STRING, SCO index=1023

183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:End of data transformation of reply
message, buffer type = STRING, SCO index=1023

183632. BOX1!GWWS.4612.4540.0: TRACE:ms:Send a http message to net, SCO
index=1023
```

A more complex log is generated by `TMTRACE=msg:ulog`, used in `WS-ReliableMessaging` communication. All the application and infrastructure messages are sent to `ULOG`. [Listing 2-2](#) shows a `ULOG` file example containing `WS-ReliableMessaging` `TMTRACE` messages.

Listing 2-2 WS-ReliableMessaging TMTRACE Messages

```
184706.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:A HTTP message is received, SCO
index=1023

184706.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:A HTTP Get request is received, SCO
index=1023

184706.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:Send a http message to net, SCO
index=1023

184710.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:A HTTP message is received, SCO
```


index=1022

184710.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:A SOAP message is received, SCO
index=1022

184710.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:Create a new inbound sequence,
ID=uuid:4F1FEE40-72CB-118C-FFFFF0C0FFFFFA8FFFFFEB010000-1811

184710.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:Create a new outbound sequence,
ID=uuid:f7f76200-f612-11da-990d-9f37c3d14ba7

184710.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:Send CreateSequenceResponse message
for sequence uuid:4F1FEE40-72CB-118C-FFFFF0C0FFFFFA8FFFFFEB010000-1811

184710.BOX1!GWWS.3640.4772.0: TRACE:ms:Send a http message to net, SCO
index=1022

184712.BOX1!GWWS.3640.3260.0: TRACE:ms:A HTTP message is received, SCO
index=1022

184712.BOX1!GWWS.3640.3260.0: TRACE:ms:A SOAP message is received, SCO
index=1022

184712.BOX1!GWWS.3640.3260.0: TRACE:ms:Begin data transformation of request
message, buffer type = STRING, SCO index=1022

184712.BOX1!GWWS.3640.3260.0: TRACE:ms:End of data transformation of
request message, buffer type = STRING, SCO index=1022

184712.BOX1!GWWS.3640.3260.0: TRACE:ms:Received a request message in
sequence uuid:4F1FEE40-72CB-118C-FFFFF0C0FFFFFA8FFFFFEB010000-1811

Checking the ULOG tracing information helps to evaluate GWWS server SOAP message problem status.

Monitoring the GWWS Server

The GWWS server can be monitored with `wsadmin` utility, which is a command line tool. This tool can show the running status of GWWS.

An example is shown in [Listing 2-3](#).

Listing 2-3 Use wsadmin to Monitor GWWS

```
$wsadmin
wsadmin - Copyright (c) 2005-2010 Oracle.
Portions * Copyright 1986-1997 RSA Data Security, Inc.
All Rights Reserved.
Distributed under license by Oracle.
SALT is a registered trademark.

> gwstats -i abcd
GWWS Instance : abcd

Inbound Statistics :
-----
Request Response Succ :      74
Request Response Fail :      32
      Oneway Succ :          0
      Oneway Fail :          0

      Total Succ :          74
      Total Fail :          32

      Avg. Processing Time : 210.726 (ms)
Outbound Statistics :
-----
Request Response Succ :          0
Request Response Fail :          0
      Oneway Succ :          0
      Oneway Fail :          0

      Total Succ :          0
```

```

Total Fail :          0

Avg. Processing Time : 0.000 (ms)
-----
Total request Pending :      0
Outbound request Pending :    0
Active Thread Number :      2

> gws -i out -s getTemp
GWWS Instance : out

Service : getTemp

Outbound Statistics :
-----
Request Response Succ :      333
Request Response Fail :      139
Avg. Processing Time : 143.064 (ms)

>

```

Command `gwstats` (abbreviated as `gws`) can display the statistics data of GWWS server with specific instance ID or of certain service of the GWWS server. The data include the amount of successful and failed request, etc.

Before `wsadmin` is executed, both `TUXCONFIG` and `SALTCONFIG` environment variable must be set. `wsadmin` supports both active mode and in-active mode, which means `wsadmin` is able to launch with/without booting the Oracle Tuxedo domain.

The following table lists `wsadmin` sub-commands.

Table 2-3 wsadmin Sub-Commands

Sub-Command	Description
<code>gwstats(gws)</code>	Displays statistics information of GWWS server

Table 2-3 wsadmin Sub-Commands

<code>configstats(cstat)</code>	Displays configuration information
<code>default(d)</code>	Specifies the default <code>-i</code> option
<code>echo(e)</code>	Switches echo input on/off
<code>forgettrans</code>	Forgets one or all heuristic log records for the named GWWS instance.
<code>printtrans</code>	Prints transaction information for the named GWWS instance.
<code>paginate(page)</code>	Switches paging output on/off
<code>verbose(v)</code>	Switches verbose output on/off
<code>quit(q)</code>	Terminates the program

Troubleshooting Oracle SALT

This section contains the following topics:

- [GWWS Start Up Failure](#)
- [GWWS Rejects SOAP Request](#)
- [WSDL Document Generated Incorrectly or Rejected by SOAP Client Toolkit](#)

GWWS Start Up Failure

If the GWWS server fails to start, check the following:

- Oracle Tuxedo service contract configuration
Check the Oracle Tuxedo service contract definition is correct in the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository and the Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository Server - TMMETADATA - is booted successfully.
- GWWS server license
The GWWS server requires an extra license from Oracle to enable the functionality. Check to make sure it has been installed properly.
- GWWS server HTTP listen port configuration.

Check the GWWS server listen / WS-Addressing endpoints defined in the SALT configuration files. Avoid port conflicts with other applications.

- GWWS instance ID.

Check the GWWS instance ID to make sure the two names defined in UBBCONFIG and SALTDEPLOY file are consistent.

- UBBCONFIG file MAXWSCLIENTS definition.

Make sure that MAXWSCLIENTS is defined in the *MACHINE section of UBBCONFIG file on the computer where GWWS server is deployed.

- RESTART=Y and REPLYQ=Y parameters.

If the GWWS server is set to RESTART=Y in the UBBCONFIG file, REPLYQ=Y must also be defined.

- SALTCONFIG file.

Make sure the binary version SALTCONFIG file is compiled successfully and the environment variable SALTCONFIG is set correctly for the GWWS server.

GWWS Rejects SOAP Request

In some cases, the GWWS server may reject SOAP requests. The most common causes are:

- The WSDL document is outdated.

The WSDL document used by SOAP clients is out of date and some services may not be available.

- The GWWS server environment variables are not set correctly.

When exporting an Oracle Tuxedo service with FML/VIEW buffers to a Web service, make sure the related GWWS environment variables are set with valid values. The GWWS server needs this information for the data mapping conversion.

- Violated Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository restrictions.

Check the SOAP client data and make sure Oracle Tuxedo Service Metadata Repository restrictions are not violated.

- Unavailable Oracle Tuxedo service.

Make sure the Oracle Tuxedo service you want exported as a Web service is available.

WSDL Document Generated Incorrectly or Rejected by SOAP Client Toolkit

If the WSDL document is rejected by the Web Service client toolkit, do the following:

- Try to use the `document/literal` message style and SOAP 1.1 to define native Oracle Tuxedo WSDL file. This is also the default behavior.
- Use `tmwsdlgen` to generate the WSDL document manually and compare with the one downloaded by the GWWS server. If the `TMMETADATA` server is not started when the GWWS server booted, the GWWS server cannot obtain the correct service contract information. Therefore, the downloaded WSDL document does not contain the correct type definitions.

See Also

- [tmadmin](#)
- [tmtrace](#)
- [Configuring an Oracle SALT Application](#)
- [Oracle SALT Programming](#)
- [Oracle SALT Command Reference](#)